

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Report of the Central Council of Toronto
FOR THE YEAR 1899.

During the past year one new Conference was organized and aggregated to the Society—St. Peter-in-Chains of Trenton, in the Diocese of Kingston (aggregated 4th December, 1899). At the close of the year the number of Conferences was 29, and of these, all have reported except three. Two Conferences that were in abeyance the previous year have revived, and two are still in abeyance. One of the non-reporting Conferences—Our Lady of Brantford—has been interrupted in its work by the long and serious illness of the President and other changes in the officers, but succeeded in reorganizing towards the close of the year, and it is hoped that it will not be missing from the next Annual Report. The following pages, therefore, contain reports from three Councils and twenty-six Conferences.

The number of active members at the end of 1899 was 486, and the average attendance at meetings 245. The number of families relieved was 596, and the total number of persons relieved, 2,155.

The receipts for the year, exclusive of the balances from previous year, amounted to \$6,727.47, and of this amount \$1,139.78 was contributed by the members at their weekly meetings. The expenditure for the year amounted to \$6,190.95, and the balances on hand on the 31st December, 1899, were \$2,512.78—only one Conference showing a deficit.

In order to secure uniformity in the Annual Reports, the Central Council has, since its institution, sent blank forms to the Councils and Conferences of the circumscription, and it is expected that they will be used, and two at least promptly returned to the Council, properly filled up. The form used for the last report has been adapted from