

this kind of assistance. It seems to me that a Central Committee, having its base of operations in Toronto, presided over by a Manager and having a Secretary and Treasurer distinct from those of this Society, might be formed, which committee would be in communication with and receive funds from all the St. Andrew's Societies of Ontario,—such funds to be applied in forwarding parties from one locality to another. If such a scheme were thought possible, the advantages to be derived seem to me to be unbounded. At present, almost the entire burden of supporting and contributing towards the relief of our poorer brethren devolves upon the few existing Societies: the number of these in Ontario being, so far as I have been able to ascertain, only some twenty Societies, having a membership of something near two thousand individuals. From this it will be seen that only a mere handful of our Scotch population contribute towards the funds of any Society; and no doubt many persons who would most willingly contribute, are deprived of the privilege from want of an opportunity. By this scheme, too, many new Societies would be started, and thus the needy in every locality would have a means of relief. And in this way, also, those passing from one place to another could bear with them the recommendation of the Committee, which would in many instances be more acceptable than the individual's own uncertified recommendation. In addition to this a register might be kept by the Committee of Situations Vacant, by which an easy means would be afforded of securing employment for such as are able to work, in the place of giving pecuniary aid. And in general the whole Scotch population would thus be drawn together and made to feel and have a common interest, which in many