

PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF HAMILTON.

REPORTS OF 1898 AND 1899 COMPARED.

	1898.	1899.
Conferences reporting.....	4	4
Number of members.....	83	89
Average attendance.....	53	56
Number of families relieved.....	86	65
" of persons relieved.....	241	255
Receipts for the year	\$1,236 92	\$1,205 16
Contributed by members.....	350 35	372 77
Total relief for the year.....	1,149 66	1,066 15
Balance on hand	683 44	792 69

The Conference of St. Patrick visits the hospitals every Sunday and distributes reading. This Conference also purchased a quantity of materials for a basket-maker, enabling him to carry on his business and earn a living.

The Conference of St. Joseph had a case of great hardship to attend to during the year. An aged couple were discovered in an outhouse where their poverty had compelled them to take refuge, and the misery and squallor of which cannot be described. A room was secured by the Conference and partly furnished, and the old couple removed to it. They are now in comparative comfort, as the place they had left was not fit for cattle, and has since been torn down.