

PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF LONDON.

REPORTS FOR 1898 AND 1899 COMPARED.

	1898.	1899.
Conferences reporting	2	2
Number of members	37	59
Average attendance	24	27
Number of families relieved	39	51
“ of persons relieved	194	279
“ of visits made	640	682
Receipts for the year	\$755 51	\$1,266 64
Contributed by members	126 95	143 78
Total relief for the year	676 53	1,259 61
Balances on hand	200 26	209 11

The Council of London reports, that they have been very fortunate in receiving from a lady benefactor a bequest of a piece of property which has been disposed of, and the funds used in carrying on the works of the Conferences. The Council has appointed a committee to meet periodically with a similar body belonging to the Children of Mary, for conference and exchange of notes relative to the poor families helped by both Societies. They have found these conferences very beneficial, as they are supplied with valuable information not otherwise obtainable. The Council has also representatives on the Children's Aid Society of London and the Associated Charities, a city organization, whose object is to prevent imposture, to provide work for those in need, and procure plots of land and a supply of seed for those who are willing to cultivate and raise vegetables. During the last summer 49 persons secured plots for raising potatoes, and their efforts were very successful, as their harvest averaged over 25 bushels each. This appears to be a work similar to one referred to in the last General Report of the Society in France called "Gardens for Workmen." It has already been taken up by several of the French Conferences.