

## REPORT.

In presenting the reports of the Conferences of Toronto for the year 1890, we consider that there are good grounds for encouragement and gratitude. Like all the other charitable organizations of the city, the calls made upon the resources of the Society during the winter were unusually large, and considerably in excess of previous years, yet the summary of receipts shows that by the activity and zeal of the members sufficient moneys were collected to meet those calls, and in most cases to leave small balances at the end of the season. While rejoicing at the progress made on the whole we are obliged to admit that two of our oldest conferences are dwindling—not apparently from any want of zeal on the part of the members, but from lack of interest in their work on the part of the community amongst whom they are laboring.

Temporary reasons may exist for this state of affairs, and our brothers should not feel despondent, but possess their souls in patience and continue their labors until those reasons disappear. We hope that by the time the next season's operations are resumed these conferences will have reorganized, and be ready to proceed with renewed activity and strength.

We are not in a position to report any new foundations or aggregations during the year. The conference of St. Helen, as will be seen by the report printed further on, is now fully established in the parish, and the necessary application for aggregation has been forwarded through the Superior Council of Quebec, and it is expected it will be accorded in a short time.

In acknowledgment of the receipt of our last Annual Report the President General was pleased to address us the following letter :

(Translation.)

PARIS, 9th October, 1890.

SIR AND DEAR BROTHER—I have to thank you for the interesting Report which you have sent me, and which exhibits once more the favorable position of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Toronto.