

PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF TORONTO.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT 1898 AND 1899.

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Conferences reporting.....	10	10
Number of members.....	194	158
Average attendance.....	92	88.
Number of families relieved.....	341	388
Number of persons relieved.....	1,226	1,259
Number of visits made.....	4,112	3 108
Receipts for the year.....	\$2,544.53	\$2 850 89
Contributed by members.....	334.68	306 84
Total relief for the year.....	2,589.51	2,505.69
Balances on hand.....	864.74	1,197.85

The conference of St. Patrick reports on two special works which have been managed by the conference for some years—the Parish Library which now contains over one thousand volumes. It is kept open every Sunday afternoon by two of the members.

The Conference has charge of a building which is used as a house of refuge for five or six aged and destitute widows. They have apartments therein, rent free, and the Conference keeps the house in repair and pays the water rates besides granting relief to such of the inmates as are in need.

The Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes has assisted in placing three children in the Orphanage, and has also collected a quantity of clothing which has been distributed amongst the poor families.

The Conference of St. Basil has a library in the church porch which is open every Sunday and managed by two of the members. It now contains 1,552 volumes. The Conference also supplies the children of the Sunday school with a semi-monthly paper.

The Hospital Board, composed of representatives from five of the Conferences, visits the General Hospital every Sunday afternoon. During the year it expended \$49.08 in providing prayer books and interesting reading matter for the patients in the General and St. Michael's Hospitals, for the boys in St. Nicholas' Institute and in the St. John's Industrial School, and also for the children in the Sacred