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REPORT.

THE Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in presenting this, their twelfth Annual Report, feel that the objects of this Society are so well known to the general public as to require but little explanation.

The chief aim of the Association is to afford relief to the needy poor, independent of color or creed, and to promote the moral welfare of those to whom it extends its helping hands; to relieve the poor, and at the same time to assist them in aiding themselves.

To save the funds of the Society from being wasted on those who are able and willing to work, a stone shed was established, which has now been in operation for some years, with what good results the appended report of its Superintendent, W. H. Neal, Esq., fully shows. The Association cannot repress a feeling of pride at the success with which this branch of relief has been attended, since from its very commencement it has been self-supporting, and has at the same time furnished our city with a large and much needed quantity of broken stone at a rate lower than it could be supplied even by the inmates of Rockhead.

The present winter sets in upon this community with a much larger number of men out of employment than at any previous period within the recollection of men now living. This is, no doubt, the result of the universal stagnation and depression in every branch of trade and industry. The announcement of this well known fact should alone be a sufficient appeal to those who have it in their power to aid the distressed.

The Association is indebted to the widely known liberality of the late William L. Black, for the handsome sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

This Association has also gratefully to acknowledge the generous bequest of Two Hundred Dollars, by the late Michael J. Cochran, Esq.

His Excellency, the Governor-General, has set an example of generosity to the wealthy in our midst, in his donation of Four Hundred Dollars for the benefit of the Poor of Halifax. Of this sum Fifty Dollars have been allotted to this Society for distribution.

Ever since its organization this Association has been supported almost entirely by voluntary contributions. Its next subscription list will need to be much larger than in former years, in order that it may be in its power to supply the wants of the destitute, whose numbers will this winter be largely increased.

That the citizens generally will respond to the call for relief to those who have not been equally blessed with themselves in the distribution of this world's goods, is the earnest prayer of all interested in this charitable work.

JOHN DOULL,

President.

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THE following table shows the amount of the various articles named, distributed during the months of January, February and March, 1878:—

January.....	Bushels of Coal.....	1105	
February....	“ “	1169	
March.....	“ “	964	
		—	3238 Bushels.
January.....	Loaves of Bread	681	
February....	“ “	979	
March.....	“ “	827	
		—	2487 Loaves.
January.....	Lbs. Corn Meal.....	799	
February....	“ “ “	536	
March.....	“ “ “	465	
		—	1800 Lbs.
January.....	Lbs. Oat Meal	641	
February....	“ “ “	1185	
March.....	“ “ “	887	
		—	2713 Lbs.
January.....	Quarts Molasses.....	398	
February....	“ “	571	
March.....	“ “	260	
		—	1229 Quarts.
January.....	Quarts Soup.....	312	
February....	“ “	197	
March.....	“ “	142	
		—	651 Quarts.

SICK POOR.

Tea.
21¼ lbs.

Flour.
3 bls.

Sugar.
26¾ lbs.

Rice.
36 lbs.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DR. Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in acct. with W. S. STIRLING, Treasurer. CR.

To purchase of Stone, Stone-breaking, Blacksmith's work, Implements, &c.....	\$3048 27	By balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1877.....	\$ 182 35
Mr. Potter, (Soup Kitchen).....	18 58	Donations.....	1431 00
Interest on Bank advances, to 31st July.....	57 80	Interest on the A. K. Doull bequest.....	118 00
Nova Scotia Printing Company.....	31 50	Bequest late W. L. Black, Esq.....	500 00
Mr. Lindsay, (Rug Frames).....	4 50	Balance on Shirts sold.....	36 00
District No. 1.....	\$ 96 15	Balance due Union Bank of Halifax, Nov. 1, 1878.....	2089 97
" No. 2.....	323 13		
" No. 3.....	419 50		
" No. 4.....	357 89		
	1196 67		
	<u>\$4357 32</u>		<u>\$4357 32</u>
1878.			
Nov. 1. To balance brought down.....	\$2089 97		

W. S. STIRLING, Hon. Secretary.

MEMO.—Since closing of account, the amount due by the city for broken stone has been paid.

DR. 1878.	CR.
Financial Statement—Stone Shed.	
To cash advanced by Union Bank in Jan., Feb. and March.....	\$3048 27
" Int. on same to December 31, 1878.....	116 00
	<u>\$3164 27</u>
By cash received from city for purchase of broken stone, December 31, 1878.....	3061 40
" Balance loss on stone supplied.....	102 87
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ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE ASSOCIATION IS TO BE GOVERNED.

1. To consider each applicant for relief as entitled to charity until a careful examination proves the contrary.
2. To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case, by visitation and enquiry.
3. To relieve no one except through the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives.
4. To give necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary.
5. To give what is least susceptible of abuse.
6. To give only in small quantities, and in proportion only to immediate need; and of coarser quality than might be procured by labour, except in cases of sickness.
7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond the duration of the necessity which calls for it; but to extend, restrict, and modify relief according to that necessity.
8. To require of each beneficiary abstinence from intoxicating liquors as a drink; of such as have young children of a proper age that they be kept at school, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances; and that those of suitable years be apprenticed to some trade, or sent to service. The design being to make the poor parties to their own improvement and elevation, the wilful violation or disregard of these rules, shall debar them from further relief.
9. To give no aid to persons who, from infirmity, imbecility, old age or any other cause, are likely to continue unable to earn their own support, and consequently to be permanently dependent, except in extreme cases, for two or three days, or until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the poor, or to the Churches to which they belong.

10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support, and who further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of the Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitors, they will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be their duty, moreover, to render a written report of their labors, and also an account of their disbursements, to their respective committees, at the stated monthly meeting. No visitors neglecting these duties will be allowed to draw on the funds of the Association.

Most of the Rules will, doubtless, commend themselves at once to approval. As it respects others, the property of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered.

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependant are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary objects—the elevation of the moral and physical condition of the Poor—be defeated. Such persons should become a public charge, which is far preferable to reliance on incidental relief.

The 10th Rule refers to those who have become so pauperized in spirit by long-continued vagrancy or gratuitous relief, or so debased by other causes, that there is no hope of inciting them to self-support and to aid whom would encourage sin and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

The complaints of unrelieved applicants who have been sent to the Association should not be listened to, until they have produced a card from the visitor, *for a card assigning the reason of refusal should always be given to the unrelieved applicants*, which if produced, will show why he was not relieved; and, if unproduced, a proof that he has been attended to. In either case, the member will thus be made acquainted with the action of the visitor, and the reason for it.

LIST OF VISITORS—1879.

DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—W. H. NEAL, A. H. CROWE.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, 1 to 39.....	Charles E. Putner.	Dispensary.
Argyle street, 1 to 33, 2 to 23.....		
Grafton street, 1 to Sackville.....	John Ritchie.	80 Pleasant Street.
Sackville street, south side.....		
Albert street and Gas Lane.....	David King.	27½ Barrington Street.
Pleasant street, 1 to 103, 2 to 43.....		
South Hollis st., Victoria st.....	A. H. Crowe.	139 South Park Street.
Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40.....		
Blowers and Fawson streets.....	Chas. Stayner.	179 South Park Street.
Granville street, 1 to Sackville.....		
Hollis street, 1 to Sackville.....	Wm. Lawson.	Victoria Road.
Salter and Wallace streets.....		
Birmingham, Park and Queen streets..	James Oxley.	35 Bedford Row.
Spring Garden Road.....		
Brenton street, Briar Lane, Dresden Row, Rottenburg street.....	Jno. McInnis.	McIntosh & McInnis' whf.
Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent and Morris sts., and Victoria Road.		
Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water streets, east side.....	C. Franklyn.	Lovett House.
Lower Water street, west side.....		
Tower Road, Inglis street, and all the district south of Inglis street.....	S. M. Brookfield.	Spring Garden Road.
Quinpool and Studley Boads.....		

DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

EDWARD SMITH, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—J. W. ALLISON, K. J. MATHESON, JAMES FORREST.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Address.
Albermarle street, 49 to 177.....	Jas. M. Oxley.	35 Bedford Row.
do. 10 " 140.....	A. Stephen, Jr.	103 Barrington Street.
do. 179 " 209.....	Thomas Goudge.	60 Bedford Row.
do. 142 " 176.....	Joseph Carman.	23 Bedford Row.
do. 211 " 259.....	C. J. Spike.	156 Hollis Street.
do. 173 " 214.....		
Argyle street, from Sackville st., to end.	James Forrest.	173 Hollis Street.
Brunswick st., from Sackville to Jacob sts	K. J. Matheson.	116 Argyle Street.
Barrington st., " " " " " " " "	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
Bedford Row.....		
Bell's Lane.....	H. W. Barnes.	Sackville, cor. Granville St.
Buckingham street.....	R. J. Sweet.	Cor. Duke and Hollis Sts.
Duke street.....		
George street.....	K. J. Matheson.	116 Argyle Street.
Granville street, from Sackville to end.		
Grafton street, 59 to 133.....	P. J. Kuhn.	143 Barrington Street.
do. 86 " 108.....		
do. 135 " 245.....	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
do. 110 " 213.....		
Jacob street, south side.....	Lewis Payzant.	Cor. Bedford Row and Sackville Street.
Prince Street.....		
Sackville street, north side.....		
L'r Wa er st. from Sackville to Jacob st		

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DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

T. H. PETERS, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—E. C. NEWBERRY, JOHN GRIERSON.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West streets.....	G. G. Gray.	5 Moren Street.
William and Garrick streets.....	John Irwin.	5 Chesnut Place.
James and John streets.....	M. J. McCurdy.	39 Bauer Street.
Cunard street and John's Lane.....	Geo. Gowans.	185 Creighton Street.
Maynard, from Cogswell to Cunard and Falkland streets.....	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Creighton and North Park streets.....	R. J. Reid.	17 Cogswell Street.
Cornwallis, from Park to Gottingen sts.	T. V. Woolrich.	82 Brunswick Street.
Cornwallis, from Gottingen to Water sts.	Wm. Lynch.	190 Albermarle Street.
Gottingen, from Cogswell to Gerrish.....	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Maitland and Prince William streets...}	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Brunswick Lane.....	T. W. Offen.	O'Connor's Wharf.
Brunswick, from Jacob to Gerrish sts..}		
Gerrish street, south side.....		
Jacob street, north side.....		
Proctor's Lane.....		
Hurd's Lane, Starr street.....		
Barrington street, north from Jacob...}		
Lockman st, from Cornwallis to Gerrish }		
Gray's Lane.....		
Upper Water street.....		

DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

CAPTAIN COFFIN, Chairman.

Advisory Committee.—CAPT. HUNTER, JAS. FARQUHAR.

Auditing Committee.—JOSEPH BELL, D. H. STARR.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water street to Knight's Road....	Henry D. Blackadar.	107 Lockman Street.
Lockman street, Gerrish to North.....	Jas. B. Cormack.	198 Lockman Street.
Brunswick street, Gerrish to North....}	D. M. Story.	411 Brunswick Street.
Gottingen street, Gerrish to North.....	Matthew Morrissey.	138 Brunswick Street.
Creighton street, Gerrish to North.....	D. Henry Starr.	377 Brunswick Street.
Maynard street, Gerrish to North.....	James Farquhar.	185 Lockman Street.
Gerrish street, north side.....	James Rosborough.	68 North Street.
Artz Lane, both sides.....	John Eckersley.	46 Russell Street.
North street, Water to Agricola streets..		
Almon, Bilby, Mary and McCara sts...}		
South of Duffus st., east end of Russell }		
Gottingen and North of Russell streets }		

DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three Mile House.....	John A. Bell.	City Auditor.
All the Settlements lying to the north of Knight's Road along the line of Railway, including Africville, to Three Mile House.....	Geo. McKinlay.	Western Counties Freight Depot, Richmond.
West of Kempt road, north of North st., East of Kline's Road, extending northward to the Dutch Village....	Major Theakston.	11 Agricola Street.
Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dutch Village.....		

STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1878.

For week ending	No. of men breaking stone.	No. of loads of stone used.	Bushels of stone broken.	Paid for stone.	Paid for breaking stone.	Total paid weekly.
January 11	91	170	2036	\$ 30 54	\$ 75 08	\$ 105 62
18	101	454	5452	81 78	181 06	262 84
25	103	462	5544	83 16	184 32	267 48
February 1	104	436	5236	78 54	175 08	253 62
8	98	531	6366	95 49	208 98	304 47
15	106	525	6304	94 56	206 62	301 18
22	94	511	6032	91 98	201 96	293 94
March 1	93	502	6020	90 30	198 60	288 90
8	90	459	5510	82 65	183 30	265 95
15	86	456	5474	82 11	181 97	264 08
22	80	390	4678	70 17	158 34	228 51
29	54	215	2576	37 14	90 23	127 42
			61228	\$918 42	\$2045 59	\$2964 01

From the above returns, it will be seen, that about ninety-two men on an average, received employment daily at the Shed in breaking stone, while some ten or fifteen men, with their horses and carts, were found in work, hauling the seventy to eighty loads of stone used on an average every day. Most of the men employed have families depending upon them, and when the shed is crowded, a preference has always been given to those so situated. The average rate of wages earned by each man was about thirty-one cents per day; but some do not work continually, but only when nothing better is to be had. Fifty cents per day is regularly earned by many of the men who have worked in the shed previously, and after a little practice this sum can be earned by almost any one so disposed.

I would again recommend that an application be again made to the City Council to have a separate appropriation made for the purpose of affording this employment to those

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO

"Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor,"

1877-78.

Bequest of late Chas. Roche.....	\$100 00	W. Hedley.....	\$ 10 00
Friend	50 00	Mrs. C. E. Wiswell.....	10 00
J. A. Moren.....	50 00	Thos. Ritchie.....	10 00
Doull & Miller.....	50 00	George Thomson.....	10 00
A. McLeod & Co.....	50 00	Henry Pryor.....	10 00
Lord Bishop.....	50 00	W. & C. Silver.....	10 00
J. Gibson.....	50 00	Bohemian Candy Co.....	10 00
Thanksgiving, 1st., A. B.....	50 00	T. B. Akins.....	10 00
B. H. Collins.....	50 00	C. J. Gibson.....	10 00
"Better late than never"	40 00	R. W. Fraser.....	10 00
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Thos. A. Ritchie	25 00	Mrs. Harry King.....	5 00
Edwd. Smith.....	25 00	Judge Marshall.....	5 00
M. P. Black.....	25 00	Miss C. H. Black.....	3 00
J. Butler & Co.....	25 00	P. S.....	5 00
J. C. Haliburton	25 00	C. A. Creighton.....	5 00
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W. S. Stirling.....	20 00	Alderman Fraser.....	5 00
Charles Roche.....	20 00	James Farquhar	5 00
H. Hesslein & Sons	20 00	H. B. Paulin	5 00
I. S. Murray & Co.....	20 00	Dr. A. P. Reid.....	5 00
Judge Ritchie.....	20 00	F. M. L.....	5 00
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W. L. Black.....	20 00	Blank Cover.....	4 00
M. H. Richey.....	20 00	Mrs. Wilson-(Alma).....	4 00
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Lawson, Harrington & Co.....	20 00	S.....	4 00
"Better late than never".....	20 00	D. McG.....	4 00
S. A. White.....	20 00	J. J. Hamilton.....	2 00
D. W. Ross.....	10 00		
Mrs. Newton Binney.....	10 00		\$1431 00
M. S. Brown.....	10 00	Inst. A. K. Doull's Bequest.....	118 00
Mrs. W. Fairbanks.....	10 00		
P. Lynch.....	10 00		\$1549 00