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OF THE

HALIFAX METHODIST

Female Benevolent Society.

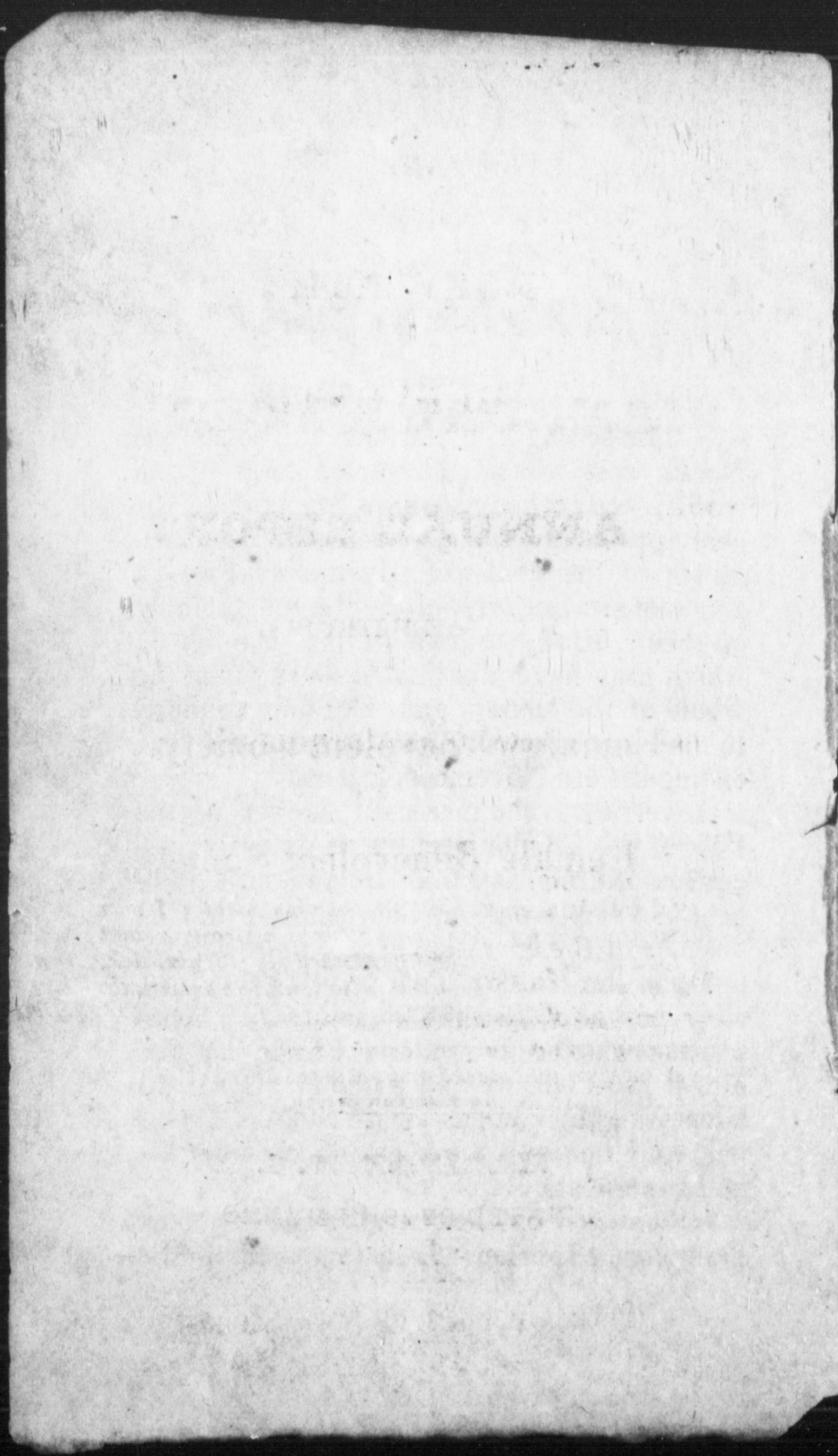
"I was hungered, and ye gave me meat ; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink ; I was a stranger, and ye took me in ; naked and ye clothed me ; I was sick, and ye visited me ; I was in prison, and ye came unto me."—Matt. 25 chap. 35, 36.

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REPORT, &C.



THE setting in of the keen and boisterous North west winds, the varied hues of the woods, and other presages announcing the near approach of winter, admonish the Committee of the HALIFAX METHODIST FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, of the duty incumbent on them, briefly to exhibit the manner in which they have distributed and applied the whole of the money and clothing confided to their management in the course of the year ending the 5th November, instant.

Adverting to the increased number of the Poor of this Community, by an extensive accession of Emigrants from Ireland, cast indigent and sickly on our Shores, and in the absence of the operation of a kindred Institution in the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society, now abolished, the Committee feel themselves prompted to renewed efforts, by making a most earnest and pathetic appeal, in addressing the compassionate feelings, good will, and benevolence of a kind, considerate, and generous Public.

Imboldened by the liberality and succours heretofore experienced from many of the In-

habitants, and some of them moving in the first circles, who are not only possessed of the means of doing good, but are also endowed with warm emotions of philanthropy, strongly inciting them to contribute of their abundance towards mitigating the sufferings, and alleviating the miseries of their fellow creatures, the poor and needy among us, and to ameliorate their painful and abject condition. frequently arising from sickness combined with poverty, the Committee beg leave again humbly to solicit patronage and assistance for lessening, in some considerable degree at least, the deprivations and distresses of not a few of the deeply afflicted of the human family, whose pressing necessities force them to our doors, or on our notice in passing along the streets, while some objects of charity are prevented by modesty from letting the knowledge of their trying, and necessitous circumstances reach the public ear, or address the feeling heart; and many are subjected to the dire effects of a raging and desolating visitation arising from diseases termed Small Pox, Typhus Fever, &c. By the operating principle of sympathy we enjoy the comforts of this life with a higher relish, when we reflect that we have not wholly shut up our bowels of compassion by hardening our hearts against the needy, or eaten our morsel alone; but have contributed, say a pittance only, towards relieving

the pinching penury of others, by bestowing on them, as the Lord has seen fit, to prosper the Donors.

“ He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.”

“ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich.” He was so destitute that he wrought a miracle to obtain the means of paying the accustomed tribute : he says “ the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.” Thus by his example he has sanctified poverty and made it honourable, and teaches the miserable lessons of humility, patience, and resignation.

The balance in hand, as stated in the Treasurer's Account of last year, was £8 8s. 3½d. and the total of the subscriptions and donations received during the like period ending the 5th November instant, is £59 15s. 2d. The Treasurer has disbursed in the course of the said year, under the direction and by the authority of the Committee, to the amount of 66l. 9s. 2d. which leaves a balance in the hands of their Treasurer of 1l. 14s. 3½d. as set forth in the statement annexed : the cothing made up *gratis*, and distributed in the said period amounts in the whole to three hundred

garments and upwards, consisting of a variety of sorts and sizes to meet the most urgent necessities of the poor.

At the Eleventh Annual Meeting, held in the Wesleyan Sunday School House, on Wednesday, the 21st November, 1827, the Rev. *Stephen Bamford*, in the Chair, it was resolved :

1—That the Report which has now been read to this Meeting be received, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

2—That this Society rejoices in the success of similar institutions, and views every exertion made to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity, with the most cordial satisfaction.

3—That the most heartfelt acknowledgements of this Society are owing to His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT, G. C. B. our venerated Governor, for the patronage he has condescended to confer on this humble institution; and also to those other honourable and distinguished characters, and generally to all the individuals who have been pleased in any manner to aid its funds; and that a continuance of their beneficence is hereby most earnestly and very respectfully solicited.

4—That the following persons do compose the Committee of Management for the present year :

Mrs. DESIAH STARR,	Mrs. ESTHER GRANT,
“ MARIA MORRIS,	“ J. BAMFORD,
“ ANN BELL, Senr.	“ M. S. STARR,
“ ANN BELL, junr.	“ MARY BARRY,
“ MARY LIVINGSTON	“ LAVINIA STARR
“ REBECCA BLACK.	

Mrs. ANNE ANDERSON, Treasurer.
 “ MARY LOVELAND, Secretary.

5—That the Rev. Wm. Black be requested to accept the cordial thanks of this Society for his unremitting attention and liberality to its concerns and interests.

6.—That the thanks of this Society be presented to Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Grant for their zeal and persevering exertions in soliciting and receiving donations from the mercantile interest and others, in money, cloth, or any other articles, including worn apparel, which may further the benevolent views and wishes of the Committee, and that they be entreated to renew their efforts in the same praiseworthy pursuit.

7.—That Mr. J. H. White is entitled to the thanks of this Society for printing gratuitously the Tenth Annual Report of the Committee.

