

REPORT
OF THE
CHARITABLE COMMITTEE
OF
THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY
OF
QUEBEC,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON THE 5TH JANUARY, 1887.

THE Charitable Committee in laying before the St. George's Society, the first Annual Report of their proceedings, have much satisfaction in stating that they have been enabled to hold stedfastly in view the objects proposed by their appointment, the relief, viz.: of such persons of English and Welch extraction as having no claim either upon the funds of the Parish, or upon those of the Emigrant Society, have, from poverty and distress, been induced to seek the aid of your Committee. In no case of real distress have your Committee been slow to extend to their distressed countrymen those means of relief which the liberality of the Society has placed at their disposal. The aged have been comforted—the sick relieved—the widow and the fatherless have been restored to their native homes to enjoy the comfort and support of friends and relatives—the emigrant has been sent on his way rejoicing—modest and retiring poverty has met with sympathy and relief, to as large an extent as prudence and a careful regard to the wants of others would warrant—and those who, by fraud or ignorance, had been diverted from their intended places of destination and cast upon our shores have been furnished with the means of returning to their anxious families.

In the subjoined statement of the Treasurer's disbursements, on account of the Committee, care has

has been had to give a detailed statement in each case of the circumstances under which relief has been granted. In only two of the instances there mentioned, viz. :—those of B. Spillsbury and widow Welch, has your Committee any just reason to regret the assistance they have been the means of affording. They are, however, pained to state, that in those cases they were misled by deceptive artifices, and they have consequently, in the subsequent formation of a code of rules for their guidance, endeavoured, as far as possible, to provide against the recurrence of similar frauds.

From the tenour of the latter part of the 9th Article of the Constitution, which states that the interest of the funded property of the Society "shall be applied, together with two-thirds of the Annual Subscriptions, to the expenses and benevolent objects of the Society," much difficulty has occurred to your Committee, it having never been in their power to ascertain what actual sums were available for charitable purposes, inasmuch as those only appear to be so applicable which remain after paying the current charges of the Society. These, it is evident, can only be known at the close of the year, and your Committee has consequently been obliged throughout to act upon a vague calculation of the probable expences of the Society—disposing only of such sums as it was likely would remain after their discharge. Your Committee has, in consequence, been much crippled in its exertions, and, with a view to facilitate measures to all future Committees, would respectfully suggest that a specific sum should be annually laid aside for the benefit of their distressed countrymen, and would further recommend that the sum so appropriated should be, *at the least*, one half of the monies available for general disbursements.

All of which is nevertheless humbly submitted,

HENRY D. SEWELL,

Actg. Chairman of the C. Com.

Quebec, 24th December, 1836.

CHAIRMAN

ST. GEORGE

I. The Committee and Secretary.

II. In accordance with the attention of the Committee directed solely to the extraction, not to the

III. Monthly meeting held on the first of December, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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RULES

FOR THE

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE

OF

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY,
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I. The Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary.

II. In accordance with the rules of the Society, the attention of the Charitable Committee, shall be directed solely to persons of English and Welch extraction, not otherwise provided for.

III. Monthly meetings of the Committee shall be held on the first Friday in every month, at three o'clock, P. M. at the Albion Hotel.

IV. At each Monthly meeting, an account in writing, of the state of the charitable fund, as correct as circumstances will admit of, shall be laid before the Committee, by the Treasurer.

V. On the application of any two members of the Committee, Special Meetings shall be called by the Chairman, or of himself, if he should deem it expedient.

VI. At all meetings, three members, one of whom shall be the Chairman or Treasurer, shall form a quorum.

VII. In cases of great emergency, and in such cases only, the Chairman with the Treasurer shall be empowered conjointly to expend in each case, a sum not exceeding twenty shillings ; such expenditure to be ratified at the meeting next immediately following.

VIII. All applications for relief shall be in writing, and recommended by at least two members of the Society ; every such recommendation to be accompanied by satisfactory statements of the birth and circumstances of the petitioners.

IX. A list of the names of such persons as shall apply for passages to England, and be approved of by the Committee, shall be put up during the summer months, in the Exchange Room, Lower Town, under the following heading :—“ List of persons of English and Welch extraction, recommended by the Charitable Committee of the St. George's Society of Quebec, to the benevolently disposed of the members of that Society and others—Captains, Ship owners, and Charterers of Vessels, for a free passage home, the Committee undertaking to provide them with suitable provisions, &c. for the passage ;” such list to be ratified by the Chairman and Treasurer.

The above rules were passed in Committee, on the 10th December, 1836.

HENRY D. SEWELL,
Acting Chairman of the Charitable
Committee St. George's Society.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.

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