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OF THE

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR 1876.

WITH A

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.

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REPORT.

The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor was organized ten years ago, has been in active operation ever since, and last year did more than in any previous year. The idea at the bottom of it is simply the systematic relief of the poor. The city, including the suburban districts, is sub-divided into nearly fifty sub-sections, with a visitor appointed to each. Every member has a list of the visitors and their districts, and is thus enabled to refer beggars or the poor to the visitor of their locality. If every householder were a member, begging from door to door would be unknown; but as membership involves the payment of \$4 a year, a very small proportion even of our well-to-do people enroll themselves. However, the neglect of some is made up for by the generosity of others. Every year from \$1,500 to \$2,500 have been sent to the Treasurer by thoughtful and liberal friends of the poor to be spent on necessary articles of food and fuel. The Association is supported entirely by these voluntary contributions, and from year to year the revenue flows in with almost the regularity of the civic or national revenue.

Before the Association had been long in existence it was found that there must be a test to distinguish the idle from those who were willing to work, and the department of stone-breaking was instituted. On account of the depression in business last winter, a class of men applied for this rough work who had never needed it before. Fortunately, the city authorities had foreseen the necessity, and a special assessment of \$4,000 was asked for and obtained. The city came thus into possession of an amount of broken stone, much needed last summer to cover up the street rails and to renew the

covering of many streets that traffic had worn down to the bone. The continued depression in business makes it certain that there will be as many applicants for admission to the stone shed as there were last winter, and as this is really the only employment that a class of the population can get, it should be provided for them, on the ground of economy as well as of humanity. It is much better, too, that the sum needed for broken stone should be provided by a special assessment, as the money cannot be taken for any other purpose. We refer the readers of this report, for fuller information about the stone shed, to the memo. of Mr. Neal, No one can get work until he receives a ticket from the Chairman of the Stone Shed Department; no more than two can be taken on the list from any one family; no one can earn more than fifty cents a day; and when there is a special press of applicants those who have had the work longest give way for a time to the new comers.

The stone-breaking clears itself financially. So also does another department instituted last winter—the soup kitchen -under the management of Mr. Potter. To give a quart of excellent nourishing soup for three cents and conduct the operation on a self-sustaining basis is a feat, the difficulty of which will be appreciated by those who know anything about the matter. Last winter the depot was in the basement of the Brunswick Street Mission House, kindly lent by Mr. Jost for the purpose. This year it is in Mr. Potter's Workingmen's Refreshment Rooms, on the Dartmouth Ferry or Market wharf. Three branch depots have also been established: one at the South end, one at the North, and one in Albermarle Street. We would call the attention of persons, who are not members of the Association, to this fact, that they may provide themselves with a dollar's worth of soup tickets even if they have not the tickets of the Association. They should know that if they give a beggar a soup ticket it not only entitles him to the soup but that Mr. Potter allows the soup to be eaten in his establishment.

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| Tea. | Sugar. | Rice. | Beef. |
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In the absence of John Doull, Esq., the President, the Association would gladly take the opportunity of expressing its great indebtedness to him for time and money ungrudgingly given. He has been repeatedly appointed President of the Association against his own wish, and it is impossible to speak too highly of his long service and the hearty and intelligent interest he has ever taken in the cause of the poor and suffering.

In view of the fact that there is likely to be a greater amount of destitution this winter than the average, the citizens generally are earnestly appealed to for aid, and the visitors of the Association are requested to exercise discrimination in giving relief. Unless personally acquainted with the circumstances of a new applicant, the visitor should, after relieving his or her immediate wants, ask for and get a certificate of recommendation from some clergyman, doctor or respectable citizen and no one should be relieved who uses strong drink.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. NEAL, Vice-President.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in account with W. S. Stirling, Treasurer.

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Memo. \$2000 of this balance has since been paid off. City still owes \$1609.90 which will about pay off all outstanding charges, and allow the Association to commence operation in 1877 free from debt.

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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 labours, 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 propriety of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered.

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependent 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 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.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing rules deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the Even and car munity the Co Second but so for who such he portant and the

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to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who obstinately persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a resource in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supersede existing charities, but so far as is practicable, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

Visitors, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct their attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify them for an intelligent and judicious discharge of their highly important

and responsible duties.

The attention of members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitors most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

VISITORS-1877.

DISTRICT ONE. WARD ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

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

| Streets. | Visitor's Name. | Visitor's Residence. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Albermarie street, 1 to 39 | Charles E. Putner. | Dispensary. |
| Albert street and Gas Lane | John Ritchie. | 80 Pleasant Street. |
| Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40 Blowers and Fawson streets | David King. | 27 Barrington Street. |
| Salter and Wallace streets | A. H. Crowe | 139 South Park Street. |
| Spring Garden Road | Chas. Stayner. | 179 South Park Street. |
| Rottenburg street | Wm. Lawson. | Victoria Road. |
| Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water | G. W. Hart. | Bremner and Hart's whf. |
| streets, east side | Jno. McInnis. | McIntosh & McInnis' whf. |
| Tower Road, Inglis street, and all the dis- | C. Franklyn | Lovett House. |
| trict south of Inglis street | W. H. Neal. | Spring Garden Road. |

DISTRICT TWO. WARD THREE AND FOUR. J. WALTER ALLISON, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-S. WADDELL, K. J. MATHESON, JAMES FORREST.

| Streets. | Visitor's Name. | Visitor's Address. |
|---|--|---|
| Albermarle street, 49 to 177 | A. Stephen, Jr. James Forrest. T. Robertson. | 98 Argyle Street. 151 Granville Street. 35 Bedford Row. 28 Bedford Row. Doull and Miller's. 35 Bedford Row. Sackville cor. Granville St 103 Barrington Street. 173 Hollis Street. 98 Argyle Street. |
| Bedford Row | C. J. Spike. R. B. Wilch. | 47 Bedford Row. 103 Upper Water Street. |
| Buckingham street | T. B. Cotter. | Govt. Savings Bank. |
| Granville street, from Sackville st., to end. | K. J. Matheson. | 151 Granville Street. |
| Grafton street, 59 to 133 | S. Waddell. | J. S. MacLean & Co. |
| do. 135 " 245 | R. S. Fitch. | 139 Argyle Street. |
| do. 110 " 218 | R. B. Wilch. C. J. Spike. | 103 Upper Water Street. 47 Bedford Row. |
| Sackville street, north side | Selwin H. Shreve. | Muir and Scott's whf. |

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DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

T. S. Peters, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—R. J. Sweet, J. R. Ronald. Lady Associates-MRS. T. S. PETERS.

| Streets. | Visitor's Name. | Visitor's Residence. |
|---|------------------|--|
| Agricola and West streets | H. H. Bell. | 405 Brunswick Street. |
| Cunard street and Johns' Lane | A. J. Smith. | 109 Maynard Street. |
| Maynard street from Cogswell to Cunard Bauer and Falkland streets | M. J. McCurdy. | 39 Bauer Street. |
| Creighton and North Park streets | G. G. Gray. | 3 Moran Street. 96 Cornwallis Street. |
| Gottingen street, from Cogswell to Gerrish. | Jas. Pennington. | 16 Fawson Street. |
| Maitland and Prince William streets | Jas. Morrow. | 259 Brunswick Street. |
| Brunswick street, from Jacob to Gerrish Gerrish street, south side | T. V. Woolrich. | 84 Brunswick Street. |
| Proctor's Lane | E. Jost. | 263 Brunswick Street. |
| Barrington street, north from Jacob Lockman st., from Cornwallis to Gerrish. Grays Lane | Jas. Morrow. | 259 Brunswick Street. |
| | E. C. Newberry. | 3 Artillery Place. |

DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

CAPTAIN COFFIN, Chairman.

Advisory Committee—Capt. Hunter, Henry D. Blackadar. Auditing Committee-Joseph Bell, D. H. Starr.

| Streets. | Visitor's Name. | Visitor's Residence. |
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| Upper Water street to Knight's Road Lockman street, Gerrish to North | John S. Smith. Jas. B. Cormack. | 240 Lockman Street. 198 Lockman Street. |
| Brunswick street, Gerrish to North | Thos. Peters. | 68 Gerrish Street. |
| Creighton street, Gerrish to North | Thos. Conran. C. Houseman. Thos. Peters. Jas. Farquhar. John S. Smith John Eckersley. | 381 Brunswick Street. 64 North Street. 68 Gerrish Street. 185 Lockman Street. 240 Lockman Street. 46 Russell Street. |

DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

| Streets. | Visitor's Name. | Visitor's Residence. |
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| Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three Mile House All the Settlements lying to the north of Knight's Road along the line of Rail- way, including Africville, to Three | John Bell. | City Auditor. |
| Mile House West of Kempt Road, north of North st., East of Kline's Road, extending northward to the Dutch Village Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dutch Village. | - Samuel Ayers. | Quinpool Road, nearly opposite Industrial School. |

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REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN STONE SHED.

Memo. of Labour and Expenditure at the Stone Shed on Common, from Jan. 2 to April 1, 1876.

| Record for week ending. | No. Men hauling Stone. | No. Men breaking Stone. | Weekly total employed. | Loads of Stone hauled. | Stone broken. | Amount paid | Stone. | Amount paid weekly for | breaking. | Total amount expended | each week. |
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| Jan'y 8 | 20 | 79 | 99 | 513 | 3538 | \$ 91 | 34 | \$140 | 68 | \$232 | 02 |
| 15 | 23 | 89 | 112 | 642 | 6047 | 115 | 56 | 229 | 64 | 345 | 20 |
| 22 | 26 | 98 | 118 | 752 | 7298 | 135 | 36 | 259 | 54 | 394 | 90 |
| 29 | 27 | 96 | 123 | 351 | 6122 | 63 | 18 | 218 | 51 | 281 | 69 |
| Feb'y 5 | 20 | 96 | 119 | 427 | 5692 | 76 | 86 | 205 | 89 | 282 | 75 |
| 12 | 23 | 97 | 120 | 647 | 6219 | 116 | 46 | 223 | 22 | 339 | 68 |
| 19 | 23 | 103 | 126 | 633 | 6531 | 113 | 94 | 232 | 23 | 346 | 17 |
| 25 | 17 | 89 | 106 | 266 | 5018 | 47 | 88 | 183 | 25 | 231 | 13 |
| Mar. 3 | 14 | 79 | 93 | 471 | 4314 | 84 | 78 | 165 | 29 | 250 | 07 |
| 10 | 12 | 82 | 94 | 413 | 4456 | 74 | 34 | 166 | 96 | 241 | 30 |
| 17 | 11 | 85 | 96 | 314 | 4486 | 56 | 52 | 168 | 17 | 224 | 69 |
| 24 | 7 | 81 | 88 | 239 | 3108 | 43 | 02 | 161 | 72 | 204 | 74 |
| April 1 | 3 | 54 | 57 | 65 | 2988 | 11 | 70 | 13 | 52 | 125 | 22 |
| | | | | 5733 | 65,817 | \$1030 | 94 | \$2468 | 62 | \$3499 | 56 |

This record shews a larger number of men employed than last year with a corresponding larger expenditure, as each year there is an increasing number of applicants who are desirous of obtaining employment, and gladly avail themselves of the Stone Shed when nothing better can be obtained. In the middle of February there were more seeking this work than the Shed could find room for, and 20 men who had nearly constant work since the opening had to be discharged for a time to allow others to come in, and in order to make the sum at our disposal to afford as much relief as possible, no man was allowed to earn over fifty cents a day, almost any one after a little experience being able if so disposed to obtain this rate.

The record kept shows that a large majority of the men employed are married with families depending upon them, and who find the Stone Shed a very great help during the winter months, when there is such a scarcity of employment no matter how industriously disposed a man may be.

It is recommended an application be made to the City Council to again purchase the stone in same manner as last year.

W. H. NEAL.

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HALIFAX, Dec. 1, 1876.

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| Doull & Miller | | | W. L. Black | 20 | 00 |
| The Mayor | 100 | 00 | Senator Northup | 20 | 00 |
| Sir Edward Kenny | 80 | 00 | F. Allison | 20 | 00 |
| The Lord Bishop | 50 | 00 | J. B. Morrow | 20 | 00 |
| J. A. Moren | 50 | 00 | N. L. West (2nd donation) | | 00 |
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