

7926
Public Archives of Nova Scotia

HV
SA2P
1877.

REPORT

OF

ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY
FOR GIRLS.

NO. 100 TOWER ROAD.

Established January, 1867. Opened May 1st, 1867.

HALIFAX, N. S.

PRINTED BY JAS. BOWES & SONS BEDFORD ROW.

1877.

ST. PA

PRINTE

REPORT

OF

ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY FOR GIRLS.

NO. 100 TOWER ROAD.

Established January, 1867. Opened May 1st, 1867.



HALIFAX, N. S.

PRINTED BY JAS. BOWES & SONS BEDFORD ROW.

1877.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

Gentlemen's Committee.

RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S, *Chairman.*
J. C. HALLIBURTON. WM. PRYOR.
JOHN SILVER. E. BINNEY.
S. A. WHITE, *Treasurer,*

Ladies' Committee.

MRS. R. MORROW. MRS. E. BINNEY.
MRS. A. STEVENS. MRS. H. KING.
MRS. P. C. HILL. MISS PURVES.

Chaplain.

REV. GEO. W. HILL.

Surgeon.

DR. SLAYTER.

Secretary.

R. J. WILSON.

THIS
work qu
since th
gone to
have be
tively li
The off
consider
succeed
of one
irksome
twenty
qualities
the duti
Miss La
consider
successo
since, w
Congreg
To tho
St. Paul
to state
but expe
reiterate
intereste
partly, b
city, hav
They v
in view
homeless
of preser
fault, or
of proxim
its depths
are in the
they may
at the san
and are in

REPORT.

THIS Institution, situated on Tower Road, has been doing its work quietly and effectually during the year that has elapsed since the last Report was published. Several of the girls have gone to places either in town or country, and several children have been received into the House. There has been comparatively little sickness, and no death has occurred in the Institution. The office of Teacher having become vacant the committee had considerable difficulty in finding a suitable person to fill it; they succeeded, however, in the month of July, in procuring the services of one whom they thought qualified to discharge the somewhat irksome as well as responsible duties of instructor of five and twenty children varying so much in age, disposition and mental qualities as do those collected in the House of Industry. Finding the duties in some degree different from what she anticipated, Miss Lamb tendered her resignation early in the Autumn, but considerately offered to remain with us until we could hear of a successor. This the Committee failed to do until about a month since, when they appointed Miss Pierce, a member of St. Paul's Congregation, who has now entered upon her duties.

To those familiar with the object and the practical working of the St. Paul's Alms House of Industry for Girls, it may seem needless to state in every report the purposes for which it was established; but experience has taught the Committee that it is necessary to reiterate these every year,—partly, because persons, not much interested in the Establishment, forget its exact object,—and partly, because there are persons who, though resident in the city, have scarcely so much as heard of its existence.

They would, therefore, state again that the object immediately in view is that of providing a home for those who are almost homeless, and of training them to be skilled domestic servants; of preserving young girls whose position—whether through the fault, or only the misfortune of their parents or guardians—is one of proximity to vice, from being drawn into the vortex and lost in its depths; in brief, it is a home for those who in their early years are in the midst of scenes calculated to lead astray—a home in which they may be trained in the duties of household servants, while at the same time they are taught reading, writing and arithmetic, and are instructed in the great truths of the Gospel of our Lord

and Saviour Jesus Christ. Now the Committee can happily say with a clean conscience that the intentions of the founders of the Institution,—the majority of whom are still living—have been fully executed. The children are comfortably clothed, all wearing precisely the same apparel in order that there may be no distinction as well as that there may be the greatest economy in the purchase of material; they are carefully instructed in those daily duties which a domestic servant is called upon to discharge, such as sweeping, baking, cooking, washing, scrubbing, knife cleaning, waiting at table; they are assembled daily in the school room where a resident teacher employs them in learning the rudimentary branches already enumerated, and the art of sewing and knitting; and, finally, they are specially taught on every Sunday afternoon those blessed truths which are recorded in the pages of the Sacred Volume. The committee feel bold to say that no Institution in the Province works more harmoniously and successfully than St. Paul's Alms House of Industry; and that none has been more practically useful. The only serious difficulties which they have ever experienced have been of a financial character, and these they have in the good Providence of God, been always enabled to surmount, and they are thankful to report that never were they in a better position than now.

A singular blessing has rested upon the work during the year just closed and they thus publicly return their humble and hearty thanks to God the Father of all mercies. Once more the committee repeat "their earnest and cordial invitation to the members of St. Paul's congregation and all others who desire to aid in accomplishing the object which the school has in view, to pay the Institution a visit. Nor do they circumscribe this invitation by stating any particular day or days of the week on which they will be received; in short, there no show days when everything is put in special order for visitors, but every day is alike, and the Committee desire that the school should be seen as it really is at all times, and not in mere holiday dress; and for this reason, they now invite their patrons and friends to call on any day, except Sunday, at any reasonable hour of either morning or afternoon."

The Committee beg to thank Miss Willis for all the time and trouble which she has expended in teaching the children to sing. Miss Braine, Miss Gossip and Miss Crisp, and for their kind and valuable services on the Lord's day; Dr. Slayter for his skillful attendance on those who were ill during the year; Drs. A. C. Cogswell and H. H. Black for their professional services, and W. D. Harrington, Esq., who, as usual, has kindly, and much to the advantage of the school, allowed the muffins to be sent to his store for sale.

The 'C
have been
more spec
year of
thank Hi
ing to ser
effort whi
towards
young gi

The Co
of the cor
is an espe
scription
to mainta
of the In
their hav
intended
again to
friends of
the Lord
Halifa

The Committee acknowledge with gratitude the gifts which have been presented to the Home during the year, and of which more special notice is made on another page. Thus another year of work for the Master has closed, and the Committee thank Him with full hearts that they have had the honor of seeking to serve Him, and pray that His blessing may rest upon the effort which, by His grace, they have been permitted to make towards improving the condition and the prospects of many young girls in this community.

The Committee close their Report by reminding the members of the congregation of St. Paul's that, as the House of Industry is an especial charge which they have assumed, the annual subscription of each one interested in its welfare is required in order to maintain it in its efficiency; and, although the financial position of the Institution is at present satisfactory, it is partly owing to their having used a certain portion of money which they had intended to capitalize. This they trust that they will never have again to do, inasmuch as they hope that for the future the friends of the House of Industry will give liberally of that which the Lord has given them.

Halifax, N. S., May 1877.

In addition to the *Subscriptions* and *Donations* acknowledged on another page, the following *Articles* have been presented to the Institution during the year :

- Mr. E. Binney.*—Money and tarts, 8th Sept. Outfit of sacques (\$53.60), 2 bbls apples, 1 box raisins, 1 box figs, at Christmas.
Mrs. E Binney.—Goose, pr chickens, and tarts, at Christmas; sweets and money for the girls at New Year.
Miss Furlong.—Half bush. apples.
Mrs. R. Morrow.—3 blankets, 7 pinafores, 2 pcs tweed for dresses; jelly in February.
Mrs. Stevens.—Crockeryware.
Miss S. M. Jost.—2 pewter teapots, 1 ladle.
Messrs Wallace & Balcom.—Dishes.
Mr. J. C. Halliburton.—1 bbl apples at Christmas.
Messrs H. Hesslein & Sons.—3 geese at Christmas.
Mr. H. Cook.—Boar's head at Christmas.
Mrs. Bazelgette.—2 dozen clouds (\$5.00) at Christmas.
Miss Sophy Cogswell.—20 prs rubbers, 20 prs mits, (\$10.00) at Christmas.
The Gentlemen of the Committee.—Christmas dinner.
The Ladies of the Committee.—Christmas tree.
Miss Mary Archibald.—Christmas cards; oranges at Easter.
Mr. Sinclair.—2 cans peaches, 1 cake.
Miss Willis.—Box handkerchiefs.
Miss Claire Tremaine.—Doll's cradle
R. Currie.—36 lbs Mutton
Dr. Furlong.—1 ch. coal.
Mrs. J. Duffus.—Waterproof cloak, books and sweets.
Arch Bayer.—1 doz primers, bell for dining room.
Miss Purves.—2 loaf cakes at Easter, waterproof cloak.
A Friend.—\$1.00.
Miss Hodggers.—4 sponge cakes at Easter.
Mrs. H. King.—17 lbs beef at Easter, 8 yards dress material, 7 yards factory cotton.
Miss Emily Cogswell.—Photograph of the Memorial tablet erected in St. Paul's to the memory of the late Miss I. B. Cogswell.
John Snow.—His account at New Year, receipted (\$3.60.)

St. PAUL'S

To Groceries
 " Salaries
 " Clothing
 " Fuel ..
 " Cow ..
 " Fodder
 " Fire Ins
 " Gas ...
 " Water.
 " Funeral
 " Sundry
 " Balance

By balance.

" "
 " Subscrip
 " Earned a
 W
 * I

" Interest
 On

" Board of

* Of this a
 and credited
 amount earn
 Muffins, \$14
 disposed of,
 remainder, to

(7)

ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY in account with S. A. WHITE
Treasurer, from May 1876 to May 1877.

DR.

To Groceries, provisions, etc.....	\$809.53
" Salaries	307.50
" Clothing	111.88
" Fuel	82.08
" Cow	45.00
" Fodder and pasturage	67.59
" Fire Insurance	18.75
" Gas	85.10
" Water	26.00
" Funeral expenses	16.00
" Sundry expenses, including repairs, printing, etc.....	124.40
" Balance in hand.....	482.11
	<hr/>
	2125.89

CR.

By balance.....	\$95.21
" " additional.....	6.58
" Subscriptions, donations and guarantees.....	848.75
" Earned at the house, viz.,	
Washing &c.....	\$ 123.70
* Muffins.....	204.59
	<hr/>
	328.29
" Interest, viz	
On Collins bequest	116.80
Harvey fund.....	85.26
Musher fund.....	500.00
	<hr/>
	702.06
" Board of Birt children	145.00
	<hr/>
	\$2125.89

* Of this amount, \$62.42 was earned previous to date of last report, and credited by Mr. Harrington on account then running. The net amount earned this year has therefore been, washing, \$123.70; Muffins, \$142.17; total \$265.87. Of the \$204.59 worth of Muffins disposed of, Mr. W. D. Harrington's sales amounted to \$119.37: the remainder, to the value of \$85.22, were sold from the house.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS AND GUARANTEES
TO
Saint Paul's Alms House of Industry for Girls,
From May 1876 to May 1877.

Albro, E.	\$ 20.00	Hill, Hon. P. C.	40.00
Allison, Mrs. F.	20.00	" Mrs. P. C.	40.00
Archibald, Lt. Gov.	5.00	Hodgers, Miss	2.00
" Miss Lilly.	3.00	Johnson, Professor	2.00
Anonymous	2.90	King, Mrs.	40.00
Binney, E., 2 yrs.	80.00	Lordly, E. J.	4.00
" Special	3.60	Mahon, J. C.	2.00
" Mrs. E.	10.00	" E. T.	2.00
Bland, Mrs.	40.00	Morrow, Mrs. R.	20.00
Bourke, Mrs.	1.00	" Mrs. J. B.	4.00
Brown, T. A.	40.00	McIntosh, D.	1.00
Clarke, N.	5.00	Neal, T. M.	4.00
Cogswell, Miss E.	40.00	Purves, Miss	20.00
Dean, Mrs.	1.00	Ritchie, T. A.	10.00
DesBarres, Hon. Judge.	4.00	Ritchie, Master James D.	1.00
Donaldson, Mrs. Jas.	20.00	St. Paul's Sunday School.	80.00
Dunbar, W.	2.00	Shey, Mrs.	20.00
Eagar, M. F.	1.00	Silver, Jno	20.00
Forsyth, A.	4.00	Smith, Mrs. Judge.	1.00
Friend	5.00	Tremain, Mrs. Jas.	10.00
Friend	1.50	" Miss Jane	10.00
Friends through Miss Clara		" Miss Claire.	0.50
Townsend.	4.25	Wallace Mrs.	5.00
Halliburton, J. C.	40.00	White, S. A.	40.00
" Special.	20.00	Wilcox, G.	1.00
Henderson, G.	1.00	Wolesley, Dr.	5.00
Hicks, J.	10.00		
Hill, Rev. Geo. W.	40.00		
" Mrs. Geo. W.	40.00		
			\$848.75