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## 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.

### *Matron.*

MRS. ARCH. BAYER.

### *Teacher.*

MISS PARMITER.

### *Secretary.*

R. J. WILSON.

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In the year 1867 this Institution was established. It was, at first, merely an experiment: A small house on Tower Road, near the Gardens of the Horticultural Society, was rented, and a few girls, who from circumstances surrounding them seemed to be on the way to ruin, were taken in. The object immediately in view was that of providing a home for those who were almost homeless and training them up to be skilled domestic servants. The Committee desire it to be clearly understood that the aim of the Institution is that of preserving young girls whose position, whether through the fault or only the misfortune of their guardians, is one of proximity to vice, from being destroyed by the noxious influences around them; in short, it is a home for those who in early life are in the midst of temptation, and in which they may be trained in the duties of servants in a household, be taught reading, writing and arithmetic, and be instructed in the doctrines and precepts of Christianity. These intentions have been fully carried out. The school, as we may call it, has from the first been most successful. There were a few difficulties during the period of initiation, but they were comparatively trifling and soon overcome. The number of children gradually increased and the success which accompanied the effort warranted the managers in seeking a larger house. An eligible building, as respects both situation and size, was found and purchased at a moderate sum. Into this the children were moved, and entered upon their duties under the most favorable auspices.

The Institution is managed by a Committee of ladies and a Committee of gentlemen. The latter take charge of the finances; the former of the internal economy—a special department being assigned to each for supervision; one, for example, overseeing the dormitories, another the kitchen, a third the clothing; and so on throughout. On the last Thursday of every month both committees meet at the home, the bills for the past month are presented, and the Treasurer requested to pay them; reports from the matron, through the ladies, are received, and any

necessary alterations in management discussed and, if approved, adopted. The children are taught in all the branches of work appertaining to a thorough household servant—such as cooking, washing, scrubbing, baking, sweeping, attending the door, waiting, etc. In addition to the matron there is a teacher who holds school daily and instructs the children in the elementary branches. The hours for rising and retiring, for meals and work, are specified, so that all is done with regularity.

During the last year the Committee purchased a cow as being not only a necessary appendage to the school in providing healthy diet for the children, but as also being economical. This, however, involved the erection of a stable which cost a sum of two hundred dollars or thereabouts, and helped to involve the Committee in debt. They do not regret the step, notwithstanding this, as the children have no doubt been greatly benefited by having a good supply of fresh and pure milk.

The Committee desire to bring the establishment to the notice of the Parishioners in a more prominent manner than they have hitherto done, as with the increased number under their charge they require more means to conduct it. They are now dependent upon the interest of the Musher and Harvey Funds which does not meet more than one-third of the expense of the maintenance of the school, and so they appeal to the parishioners to give it an enlarged support. If the members of the congregation would only go out and visit it, they could not help taking a deep interest in the valuable work; they would see for themselves one of the most systematically and economically conducted institutions in British North America—one which compares more than favorably with similar establishments in Great Britain. They could not fail to be impressed with the amount of good that has been and is now being done as they looked upon the children whose condition is so changed for the better, and the Committee are sure that they would gladly contribute to the funds for so noble an object as that in view. Will they not respond to the earnest invitation of the Committee and visit the House of Industry at an early day?

Mrs. Bayer, the excellent matron, who has conducted the Home with the most marked success and singular adaptation to the work, and Miss Parmiter, who fulfils her duties in an admirable manner, will be always ready to show the building and the work, and indeed feel greatly encouraged by the countenance of visitors.

During the last year the institution met with a serious loss by the death of that much loved and honored servant of God—Miss Cogswell, and the following resolution was placed on record:—

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worker, the late Miss Isabella Cogswell, in connection with *St. Paul's Alms House of Industry for Girls.* They feel it impossible to express how much they owe to her, as the servant of God, for the singular success which has attended this useful institution. She was one of its founders, entering with ardent zeal into every matter touching its constitution and management, and from the day of its inauguration, so thoroughly identified herself with its interests, that she bore a large part of the burden of its internal guidance. Her strong faith, her simple mode of life and her genial manners exercised a most salutary influence over the girls who were so constantly in her society; they saw in her a remarkable example of the loveliness of a true Christian character of the highest type. Deeply as this Committee feel their great loss, much as they miss her counsel and her work, they cannot but rejoice that she has been called to enter into her rest."

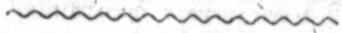
It is not to be wondered at that one who felt so deep an interest in the school should have largely contributed to its maintenance during her life, nor that she should make some provision out of her means for its support after her death. In her will was found, among other liberal bequests to benevolent and religious societies, the handsome sum of two thousand dollars for the use of the school; a gift for which the Committee feel most thankful. Some time previous to her illness she had expressed her intention of presenting to the Institution her own melodeon, and accordingly the instrument was sent to the building and affords great pleasure to the children. In connection with this, the committee have to express their gratitude to Miss Willis for the part she has taken, at no little expense of time and trouble, in teaching the children to sing, especially as her labors so kindly volunteered have been most successful. They are also deeply indebted to Miss Braine for the valuable instruction which she gives to the girls on each Sunday afternoon, when she holds classes for the reading of God's word and imparting to the children a knowledge of divine truth.

It is with great pleasure also the Committee are able to say that Miss Purvés, the intimate personal friend and co-worker of the late Miss Cogswell, has consented to take her place formally on the Committee, for there is no one living who so thoroughly knows what were her views and wishes or her mode of carrying them out.

As the Committee have not issued a report for several years they feel bound to explain their reason for not doing so. It was thought by some that it was an unnecessary expense, as so few people read it when published; but they have learned that a report is a necessity to keep its supporters informed of what is doing, and that many persons who take an interest in the institution have

inquired for an annual statement. It is a gratification to the Committee to hear of these inquiries and with thankfulness to God for His blessing vouchsafed to the work they present this Report.

The financial statement will be found on the opposite page, by which it will appear that immediate assistance is needed, and when it is stated that there are now twenty-three girls in the school and that since its establishment in 1867 seventy-three have passed through it, the Committee cannot doubt that their hands will be sustained, for they believe it to be true and practical work for Christ.



The following articles have been presented to the Institution during the year.

- E. Binney, Esq.*—Money for the girls at New Year and 8th September, 2 barrels apples, 1 box raisins, 5 boxes figs, 1 goose, 1 pair chickens.
- Mrs. E. Binney.*—Money for the girls 24th May, sweetmeats, tarts.
- Mrs. R. Morrow.*—1 dozen blankets, 16 yards osnaburg, 60 yards sheeting, books for the girls.
- Mrs. H. King.*—1 Turkey, 1 goose, dolls and sweetmeats, 11 lbs. roasting beef.
- Mrs. Stevens.*—1 Turkey, sweets, 5 iron bedsteads.
- J. C. Halliburton, Esq.*—1 barrel apples.
- Miss Purves.*—2 Plum cakes, books, toys, 1 flower stand, 14 pots of flowers, 12 fowls.
- H. Hesslein, Esq.*—3 Geese.
- Miss Hodgers.*—3 Sponge cakes.
- Friend.*—12 lbs. beef.

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ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY in account with S. A. WHITE,  
Treasurer, from May 1st, 1874, to May 18th, 1875.

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To balance due Treasurer, May 1-74.....	\$395.68
" paid for Provisions .....	653.41
" " Salaries.....	374.16
" " Fuel .....	117.76
" " Repairs inc. Sewer .....	114.28
" " Stable, on account .....	110.00
" " Clothing.....	63.19
" " Insurance.....	55.00
" " Funeral expenses, 3 girls.....	39.00
" " Gas .....	31.20
" " Water .....	31.00
" " Cow.....	40.00
" " Hay and Straw .....	22.65
" " Pasturage.....	18.00
" " Incidental.....	3.50
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By cash Subscriptions and donations.....	\$555.00
" Collection St. Paul's.....	166.12
" Per Rev. G. W. Hill.....	180.00
" Interest from Musher Fund.....	129.20
" " Harvey Fund.....	42.63
" " Collins' bequest.....	116.80
" Muffins, &c.....	128.04
" Board of Birt Children .....	213.00
" Corpl. Darvell, maintenance.....	89.00
† " Balance due Treasurer .....	499.04
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\*In addition so this amount W. D. Harrington, Esq., has sold \$37.15 worth of muffins, (credited in his account) making total receipts from this source \$215.19.  
†In addition to the balance due the Treasurer, the Institution owes over \$399.00 in unpaid accounts.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS  
TO  
**St. Paul's Alms House of Industry,**  
From May 1st, 1874, to May 18th, 1875.

E. Albro—2 years.....	\$40.00
Anouymous .....	20.00
Miss Archibald .....	2.00
E. Binney .....	44.00
Mrs. Bland .....	10.00
Miss S. Boggs.....	5.00
T. A. Brown.....	40.00
N. Clarke.....	10.00
Miss Cogswell.....	40.00
Henry Cook .....	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Creighton.....	1.00
Mrs. J. Donaldson.....	10.00
M. F. Eagar.....	50
Miss Esson .....	1.00
A. Forsyth .....	4.00
G. E. Francklyn.....	5.00
Friend.....	2.00
Friend, per Miss Parmiter.....	4.00
John Grant .....	1.50
J. C. Halliburton, 2 years....	80.00
John Hicks.....	10.00
Rev. George W. Hill.....	40.00
Hon. P. C. Hill.....	40.00
Mrs. H. King.....	20.00
Col. Laurie.....	25.00
Lieut.-Governor.....	5.00
Mrs. Lloyd.....	5.00
E. J. Lordly.....	5.00
F. C. Mahon.....	2.00
J. C. Mahon.....	2.00
E. T. Mahon.....	2.00
Mrs. R. Morrow.....	20.00
T. M. Neal.....	10.00
Mrs. T. S. Peters.....	5.00
Miss Purves.....	20.00
Dr. Slayter.....	10.00
Mrs. A. Stevens.....	8.00
Mrs. Jas. Tremain.....	5.00

\$555.00