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## COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

### GENTLEMEN'S COMMITTEE.

RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S, *Chairman.*

J. C. HALLIBURTON.

W. PRYOR.

JOHN SILVER.

B. H. COLLINS, *Sec'y & Treas.*

S. A. WHITE.

### LADIES' COMMITTEE.

MISS COGSWELL.

MRS. GEORGE W. HILL.

MRS. ROBT. MORROW.

MRS. E. BINNEY.

MRS. STEVENS.

MRS. B. H. COLLINS.

MRS. P. C. HILL.

MRS. JOHN SILVER.

### CHAPLAIN.

REV. GEORGE W. HILL.

### SURGEON.

DR. GOSSIP.

### MATRON.

MRS. PARKER.

### TEACHER OF SCHOOL.

MISS GOSSIP.

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## ST. PAUL'S Alms House of Industry for Girls.

THIS institution was founded a little more than a year ago. It was then originated by a few members of St. Paul's Church as an experiment. That experiment has been so far successful. A fair trial during the period of twelve months past warrants the belief that it will in a large measure accomplish the end in view; and the promoters of the establishment, satisfied by experience, now feel themselves at liberty to make it known to their fellow-parishioners and to ask for their co-operation.

It is proposed to give in the following statements a simple, brief, and clear outline of the origin of the House of Industry, the mode of its support, its design, and its management, so that all who are appealed to for aid may be able to judge for themselves whether it be worthy of their countenance and assistance; whether that class of persons for whose benefit it is specially designed have any just claim upon their sympathy; and whether this be a practical and efficient way of putting that sympathy into exercise.

ORIGIN.—Some who are engaged in benevolent enterprises,—such as district visiting, providing work by sewing for poor women, clothing children that they might be able to attend Sunday and day schools,—were brought into contact with a large number of young girls who were growing up in the midst of the most baneful influences. They had constantly pressed upon their notice the terrible moral dangers to which these children, by the force of circumstances, were exposed, and found that the efforts made for their improvement in schools and by visits were, to a great extent, if not altogether, neutralized by what was seen and heard in their places of abode. The Rector of the parish,—often consulting and being consulted as to the best method of endeavouring to meet the evil, at last—in concurrence with the opinion of some equally interested friends—invited a few members of the congregation to meet in the vestry on Friday, January 21st, 1867. To this invitation there was an almost unanimous response. On assembling, the design was set before the meeting, and by all most heartily entered into.

**MODE OF SUPPORT.**—At that meeting the institution was founded, and in this way — twelve persons gave each the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00)—in all, four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480.00)—in order to provide for one year a house, a matron, fuel, light and water. Here then was the institution itself. This was termed the plant or foundation.\* But, as will be perceived, no provision was made by this first-subscribed sum for the maintenance of any girls who might be brought in. How then, were the inmates, when obtained, to be supported? In this way any person desiring to put a girl into the institution would be required to pay forty dollars in advance for the maintenance of such girl during that year, and a like sum for every succeeding year that the child should remain at the Home. The question now arises, Will the sum of \$40.00 fully meet the expenses of the child? No. The actual cost of feeding and clothing each girl is, as nearly as possible, (\$55.00) fifty-five dollars per annum, or a trifle over (1.00) one dollar per week. We therefore need the balance of (15.00) fifteen dollars per annum for each girl in the house—that being the difference between the money paid for each girl and the actual cost of her maintenance. To the parishioners, therefore, an appeal is made that this sum may be collected. (At the close of the report a clear financial statement of the establishment will be found.)

**DESIGN.**—A word or two will suffice to explain the design. The aim of the institution is to preserve young girls whose position, whether through the fault or only the misfortune of their guardians, is one of proximity to vice, from being ruined by the noxious influences surrounding them. It is not a House of Refuge for those who have already fallen, but a home for such as in early life are in the midst of temptation, and in which they may be trained in habits of industry, be taught to read, write, and learn the rudiments of arithmetic, and be instructed in the great truths of Christianity.

**THE MANAGEMENT.**—The management of the institution is in the hands of the following committee: The Rector of St. Paul's, Messrs. S. A. White, B. H. Collins, John Silver, W. Pryor, J. C. Haliburton; the Rector of St. Paul's being chairman, Mr. Collins, secretary and treasurer. The ladies' committee consists of Miss Cogswell, Mrs. George W. Hill, Mrs. John Silver, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. P. C. Hill, Mrs. Robert Morrow, Mrs. Edward Binney, Mrs. B. H. Collins. The committee of gentlemen take charge of the finances; the ladies of the internal economy of the institution—a special department being assigned

\* It may be stated here that the house was furnished by contributions of furniture specially made.

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to each for supervision; one overseeing the dormitories, another the kitchen, a third the clothing, and so on throughout. Each lady, as a rule, visits the institution once a week, and inspects her own department. On the last Monday 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 approved. The children are taught in all the branches of work appertaining to a thorough household servant—cooking, sweeping, scrubbing, baking, knife and boot cleaning, &c., &c., &c. From 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock a competent mistress—whose services the managers have been fortunate in obtaining—instructs them in reading, writing, and arithmetic. The hours are specified for rising and retiring, for meals and work, so that all is done with systematic regularity. The girls, accompanied by the matron, attend Divine Service at St. Paul's on each Sunday, and Mrs. George W. Hill teaches them a part of the afternoon of that day.

GENERAL.—There have been during the year seventeen girls at the House of Industry, two of whom were removed by their mother in consequence of proper correction administered by the matron for some fault, one retired with a matron who resigned her office, and a fourth was allowed to return to her parents who were anxious to have their only child at home, and who stated that they were about to remove from Halifax. Thus thirteen are now inmates, and making marked improvement. The managers of the home have further to state that they are indebted to Dr. Gossip for gratuitously rendering his valuable professional services whenever needed, and connecting himself with the institution as its physician. They also are indebted to Doctors Cogswell and Mackey for their kind offer to act as Dentists, an offer which several times they have gratefully availed themselves of.

Such, then, is the House of Industry for Girls in its design, management and support. Its promoters are satisfied that great good must be the result. If their fellow parishioners will consider the object and weigh the importance of rescuing from ruin some of the unhappily circumstanced children in whose behalf the work is undertaken, they will, no doubt, lend generous aid. These children are our care; Christ died for them as for us. Let us seek to save them from destruction. By a timely effort we may do so. They have not yet been carried over the falls; but they are in the rapids—every moment the current grows stronger—they are drawing nearer and nearer to the edge; should they

go over, a thousand to one but they are lost in the turbid vortex. Shall we put out hand and voice before it is too late? We stand upon the bank as they sweep past; let us seize them and, by God's help, pull them out of the rushing tide, and place them on that rock upon which we believe ourselves to be secure.

ST. PAUL'S HOUSE OF INDUSTRY FOR GIRLS *in account with*  
B. H. COLLINS, *Treasurer, to April 30, 1868.*

To paid for	Fuel.....	\$73.15
"	Provisions.....	357.33½
"	Clothing.....	235.04½
"	Furniture and repairs.....	107.89
"	Salary of Matron.....	103.33
"	Boys' Industrial School for boots made and repaired, and for carpenters' work....	116.34
"	Bad half-sovereign.....	2.50
"	Three quarters rent for house.....	150.00
"	Water rate to May 1st, 1868.....	10.00
"	Gas bill.....	13.80
	Balance in hand towards bills still unpaid.....	33.51
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By subscriptions, donations, &c. received to date....\$1202 90

BRENTON H. COLLINS,  
*Treasurer.*

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO

# St. Paul's House of Industry for Girls,

During the Year ended April 30th, 1868.

Rev. George W. Hill.....	\$40.00
Miss Cogswell.....	40.00
Captain Lyttleton.....	40.00
J. C. Halliburton.....	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Silver..	40.00
S. A. White..	40.00
Hon. M. B. Almon.....	40.00
Mrs. M. B. Almon.....	40.00
William Pryor.....	40.00
P. C. Hill.....	40.00
Mrs. Henning.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bland..	55.00
St. Paul's Sunday School..	40.00
Edward Binney.....	40.00
Alfred Jones.....	40.00
B. H. Collins.....	40.00
William Hare.....	40.00
William Cogswell.....	40.00
The "Musher Fund".....	130.00
Miss Cogswell's Bible Class....	40.00
Thomas A. Brown.....	40.00
Miss Black.....	40.00
Mrs. Judge Ritchie.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Collins....	40.00
Robie Uniacke.....	40.00
Miss Mosse..	2.50
Miss E. J. Cogswell.....	40.00



Amount earned by one of the children.....	.40
Alexander Forsythe.....	10.00
Edward Albro .....	20.00
St. Paul's Sunday School in advance on account of their subscriptions from May 1, 1868, to April 30, 1869...	10.00
Hon. E. Collins .....	40.00
Mrs. Jas. Cogswell .....	40.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1202.90</b>

Of the above contributions, the following persons provided the plant of the Institution by contributing each forty dollars:—

Rev. George W. Hill.	S. A. White.	J. C. Halliburton.
P. C. Hill.	Capt. Lyttleton.	W. Hare.
A. G. Jones.	E. Binney.	T. A. Brown.
B. H. Collins.	Miss Cogswell.	

The following contributed each forty dollars for the maintenance of a girl in the House of Industry:—

St. Paul's Sunday-school girls.....	1.
Mrs. John Silver.....	1.
Hon. M. B. Almon.....	1.
Mrs. M. B. Almon.....	1.
"Musher Fund".....	3.
Miss Black.....	1.
Miss Cogswell's Bible Class.....	1.
Mrs. B. H. Collins.....	1.
Mrs. William Cunard.....	1.
W. Cogswell.....	1.
Mrs. J. C. Cogswell.....	1.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>13</b>

Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Stevens decided to give to the purchase of furniture for the Home, the money that they otherwise would have given towards the plant or the maintenance of a girl.