

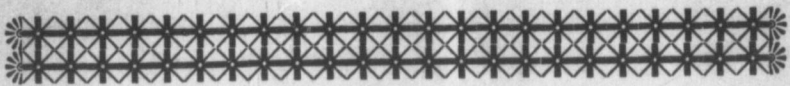
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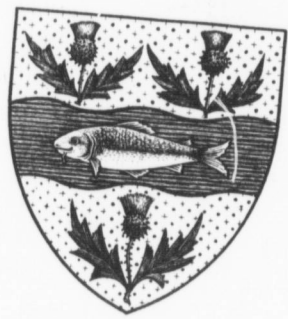
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OF THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION
FOR
Improving the Condition of the Poor,
FOR
1890.

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS, ETC.

ORGANIZED DEC. 27, 1866 · INCORPORATED APRIL 19, 1884.

*FRIENDS WILL PLEASE SEND IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TREASURER,
MR. JAMES FORREST, AT THE OFFICE OF FARQUHAR, FORREST & CO*

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OFFICE-BEARERS.

President :
JOHN DOULL.

Vice-President :
W. H. NEAL.

Superbising Committee :

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| H. P. BURTON, | JOHN H. SYMONS, |
| WM. DUNBAR, | GEORGE E. FAULKNER, |
| E. C. TWINING, | SAUL MOSHER, |
| WM. DENNIS, | E. T. MAHON, |
| JOHN FARQUHARSON, | H. St. CLAIR SILVER, |
| C. C. BLACKADAR, | HARRY TROOP, |
| JAMES FORREST, | |

[With power to add to their number.]

Treasurer :
JAMES FORREST.

Secretary :
RUFUS J. SWEET.

Auditors :
E. C. TWINING, C. C. BLACKADAR.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor begs to submit its Twenty-Fourth Annual Report.

The Treasurer's statement, which is hereto annexed shows that the funds of the Association have been carefully managed and a due regard for economy observed. Comparing it with last year's statement we find a loss of \$200, caused by the death of former contributors, and about \$260 more by subscribers who neglected to send in their amounts. Against this we have \$300 contributed by friends whose names appear for the first time on our list. The number of families relieved during last winter was the same as during the winter preceding, namely 338, of these 133 were new cases. The quantity of the various articles distributed was nearly equal to last year's distribution, and the cost thereof was about \$130 less. Another gratifying feature in the Treasurer's statement is the fact that for the first time in the history of the Association the stone shed paid its way. This was owing to the generous and fair treatment received from the City Council and Board of Works. A bequest is noted by the Treasurer of \$50 from the late Mrs. George Lawson. This is the first of five payments of a like amount, and it is a cause of great satisfaction and gratitude that Mrs. Lawson so generously remembered this Association in her will, leaving to it at least one fifth of one-half of the residue of her estate.

We regret (however) to notice a falling off in the subscriptions for the year, amounting to about \$188. We trust the friends of the poor will ponder over this fact and give us increased support during the coming winter.

We have great pleasure in recording the able and self-denying assistance afforded us during last season by the ladies of the W. C. T. U., and we annex a very interesting report prepared by Mrs. Twining, their corresponding secretary.

The association memorialized the board of health and a deputation waited upon that body and brought to its notice the bad sanitary condition of the city, strongly emphasizing the published report of the health inspector, Mr. Burns, and urged the board to ask for legislative sanction for the borrowing of \$400,000 to complete the sewerage system of the city.

The legislature granted the city council the authority asked for and the expenditure of this amount will cover a period of nearly six years. Facts which have come to light since the board of health was waited upon have warranted the action taken by this association and the efforts made to arouse to action the city authorities,

Much has been accomplished; still a great deal remains to be done, and while poor unfortunates are to be found housed in buildings unfit for human habitation the voice of this association must ever be raised in strong and earnest protest.

We append the report of Mr. Neal, the chairman of the stone shed. It shows an outlay of \$5,162 being the cost of 77,806 bushels or broken stone. We are glad to report a contract agreed to with the board of works for 80,000 bushels to be broken during the coming winter. It is the aim of this society to give employment if possible, and while stone-breaking may be considered by some as rather a hard test of a spirit of industry, yet it is the only one that we can see our way clearly to set up. We regret very much that we have not other sources of employment under our control and management, and would be willing to employ a portion of the funds at our disposal in inaugurating and sustaining some industrial pursuit of a less objectionable character. We are open to suggestions and help in this important matter.

We tender the pupils of the Morris street and Tower road schools thanks for again remembering the poor at Christmas time and donating a liberal supply of apples and vegetables. We also beg to thank William Chisholm, Esq., treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul society, for his kindness and courtesy in the management of the Hugh Elliot estate.

The Old Police Station not having yet been torn down the Board of Works has kindly allowed us the free use of a room for a relief office during the winter. We trust also to be again favored with the services of Mr. Hall, as clerk, and Mr. Brown, as visitor.

In conclusion, we would again urge the claims of this society, but we ask is it necessary to do so? We have been privileged to assist a great number of worthy, though unfortunate persons, and again and again have we been able to minister to the wants of those who have been found penniless in the closing years of their lives, and whose last hours have been brightened by the ministrations of this Association. Verily

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

JOHN DOULL, President.
R. J. SWEET, Secretary.

REPORT.

LADIES' REPORT.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Halifax desire to submit to the Association their report of the work among the poor of the City during the past winter. About 450 visits were made to the homes of those who applied for assistance, and about 100 families were supplied with clothing and bedding. In cases of sickness soup and necessaries were provided either by the members of the Union or from the Coffee Room, about 80 quarts of soup being given away monthly.

We regret to state that in our opinion at least three-fourths of the poverty of the City is caused either directly or indirectly by the use of intoxicating liquors. In many cases parents have been found so demoralized owing to their drinking and thriftless habits that they are totally unfit to train their children to anything useful: the Union would therefore respectfully request the Association that they use their influence in bringing before the Citizens of Halifax the great need there is of providing a training or girls industrial school where girls from the age of 9 to 17, who spend their time on the streets, or in idleness at home, could have some instruction in domestic labor, and learn better ways and modes of life.

Many of the women whom the Union have visited have availed themselves of the Mothers Meetings held every fortnight in the W. C. T. U Building, 32 Grafton St. where they have been supplied with material to make themselves garments, and also a tea once a month, and some of the children have become members of the Band of Hope. These meetings will be kept up throughout the year, and the Union hope to be a help to many of those whose lives have been brought to their notice during the past Winter.

On behalf of the W. C. T. U.

Halifax,
April 17th, '90.

A. L. TWINING, *Cor. Sec.*

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*Synopsis of work at Stone Shed from Jan. 3 to March
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| WEEK ENDING. | BUSHELS STONE BROKEN. | PAID FOR BREAKING | PAID FOR STONE. | OVERSEER AND TALLYMEN. | EXPENSES AND REPAIRS. | TOTAL. |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Jan. 10 | 4588 | \$183 52 | \$ 95 60 | \$23 47 | \$19 26 | \$ 321 82 |
| " 17 | 5531 | 221 24 | 115 25 | 17 00 | 31 04 | 388 53 |
| " 24 | 7346 | 291 68 | 153 00 | 17 00 | 1 17 | 463 43 |
| " 31 | 6638 | 265 52 | 138 31 | 17 00 | 19 10 | 439 93 |
| Feb. 7 | 7546 | 301 84 | 157 20 | 17 00 | 3 00 | 479 04 |
| " 14 | 9254 | 370 76 | 192 58 | 16 00 | 3 89 | 583 63 |
| " 21 | 5731 | 229 24 | 119 38 | 17 00 | 2 20 | 371 82 |
| " 28 | 6584 | 263 36 | 137 16 | 17 00 | 4 05 | 421 57 |
| March 7 | 7646 | 305 84 | 159 28 | 17 00 | 10 43 | 492 55 |
| " 14 | 8210 | 328 40 | 171 09 | 17 00 | 2 00 | 518 40 |
| " 21 | 3802 | 152 08 | 79 20 | 17 00 | 50 | 248 78 |
| " 28 | 9450 | 197 20 | 102 70 | 17 00 | 9 00 | 325 90 |
| | 77806 | \$3110 08 | \$1620 66 | \$210 47 | \$110 22 | \$5055 40 |
| | | Interest on Advances | | | | 139 10 |
| | | | | | | 5194 50 |

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| Amount paid Wages Breaking Stone as above | \$3110 08 |
| " " for Stone and Hauling Stone | 1620 66 |
| " " " Overseer and 2 Tallymen | 210 44 |
| " " " Tools, Repairs and Expenses | 110 22 |
| " " " Interest on Advances | 139 10 |
| " " " Error 100 bushels at 4 cts, Feb. 21 | 4 00 |
| | <u>\$5194 50</u> |

Smallest number of Men employed any week 81
 Highest number of Men employed any week 123
 Weekly average 102
 Not including between 15 and 20 horses and carts with their drivers employed every week
 in hauling stone to the Shed for breaking.

Lowest amount of Stone broken in any week was 3602 bushels
 Highest amount of Stone broken in any week was 9245 "
 Weekly average 6557 "

Lowest amount paid out any week for stone and breaking \$248 78
 Highest amount paid out any week for stone and breaking 583 63
 Paid out on a Weekly average 421 00

W. H. NEAL,
Supt. of Stone Shed

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.
4. To give the 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 labor, except in cases of sickness.
7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond 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 liquor 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 the churches to which they belong.

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10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of this Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitor, he will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It should be his duty moreover, to render a written report of his labors, and also an account of his disbursements to the Supervisors at the office of the Society.

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 object—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 and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing Rule deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the person described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who constantly persist in their vicious courses, and who cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community; still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Com-

missioners of the poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and social bearings on the individual concerned, and the public.

~~18.~~ The visitor, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct his attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify him for an intelligent and judicious discharge of his highly important and responsible duties.

~~19.~~ The attention of Members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitor most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

~~20.~~ It will be noted that relief is granted without distinction of class or creed.

NOTICE.

During the winter the Relief Office (47 Bedford Row.) is open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. daily. The case of each applicant is thoroughly enquired into by the Visitor and a record kept of the information obtained.

TREASURERS' STATEMENT

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

| EXPENDITURE. | | RECEIPTS. | |
|--|-------------|-----------|--|
| To paid Salary Visitor and Clerk | \$ 267.75 | 1889. | By Balance |
| “ Coal Glace Bay Co., | \$ 2.15 | Nov. 15 | “ Dividend on shares in Bank B. N. A. |
| “ Coal S. Cunard and Co., | 895.76 | 1890. | “ Interest Murray Mortgage |
| “ Coal H. C. Tulley and Son, | 48.70 | | “ Interest Kaye Street Church |
| “ Groceries, E. J. Lordly | \$ 92.17 | | “ Elliot property Rent collected by W. Chisholm Esq |
| “ Groceries, North End Tea Store | 110.29 | | “ Trustees Sir Wm. Young Benevolent Fund, 2 payments |
| “ Groceries, 48lbs Tea at 20cts | 9 60 | | “ City of Halifax for Broken Stone |
| “ Bread, Moir Son and Co, | \$ 212.06 | | “ Borrowed of Bank N. S. |
| “ Boots, Robert Taylor | 94.23 | | “ Mrs. Lawson bequest |
| “ Bedding, A. Stephen and Son | 46.95 | | “ Subscriptions |
| “ Printing Reports | 3.25 | | |
| “ Loan to Relieve | 14.00 | | |
| “ Industrial School for Boy | 3.50 | | |
| “ Taxes, Elliot property | 60.00 | | |
| “ Advtg. Recorder | 32.90 | | |
| “ Loan repaid Bank N. S. | 1.50 | | |
| “ Office Expenses, Rent etc | 4000.00 | | |
| “ Interest to Bank on Loan | 50.89 | | |
| “ Stone Shed weekly payments on account broken stone during January, February, and March | 136.55 | | |
| “ Balance | 5055.00 | | |
| | 546.76 | | |
| | \$11,467.35 | | |
| | | 1890. | By Balance |
| | | Nov. 27. | 546.76 |
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Examined and found correct.

E. C. TWINING, } Auditors.
C. C. BLACKADAR. }

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO NOV. 30th, 1890.

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| J. P. Mott and Co..... | \$40 00 | Rev. Dr. Burns..... | 10 00 |
| Archbishop O'Brien..... | 25 00 | C. H. Robertson and Co..... | 10 00 |
| A. and W. Mackinlay..... | 25 00 | Creighton and Marshall..... | 10 00 |
| John Doull..... | 25 00 | J. R. Lithgow 2nd sub..... | 10 00 |
| Hon. Robert Boak..... | 25 00 | M. B. | 10 00 |
| Farquhar Forrest and Co..... | 25 00 | Mrs. A. N. Whitman..... | 10 00 |
| R. H. Brown, N. Sydney..... | 25 00 | W. H. Johnson..... | 10 00 |
| M. P. Black..... | 25 00 | Alpin Grant..... | 10 00 |
| Smith Bros..... | 25 00 | Hon. W. H. O'Dell..... | 10 00 |
| Pickford and Black..... | 25 00 | W. L. Lowell and Co..... | 10 00 |
| Michael Dwyer..... | 25 00 | "Sailor"..... | 10 00 |
| A. and W. Smith and Co..... | 25 00 | W. T. S..... | 10 00 |
| Burns and Murray..... | 25 00 | W. H. B..... | 10 00 |
| Brown and Webb..... | 25 00 | W. G. B..... | 10 00 |
| Thos. Ritchie..... | 20 00 | Mrs. H. Hesslien..... | 8 00 |
| Judge J. W. Ritchie, Belmont. | 20 00 | Rev. Dr. Maury..... | 5 16 |
| P. Lynch..... | 20 00 | "Friend"..... | 5 00 |
| C. C. Blackadar..... | 20 00 | D. H. MacGarvey..... | 5 00 |
| Hon. W. J. Stairs..... | 20 00 | E. D. Adams..... | 5 00 |
| "Sailor"..... | 20 00 | W. Twining..... | 5 00 |
| Thos. S. Reid, Hamilton Ber.. | 20 00 | T. Forhan..... | 5 00 |
| S. Cunard and Co..... | 20 00 | G. E. Faulkner..... | 5 00 |
| D. Cronan..... | 20 00 | Mrs. W. H. Lessel..... | 5 00 |
| Robie Uniacke..... | 20 00 | F. H. Oxley..... | 5 00 |
| Judge J. Norman Ritchie..... | 20 00 | W. J. Fraser..... | 5 00 |
| G. P. Mitchell and Sons..... | 20 00 | Miss Black..... | 5 00 |
| Black Eros..... | 20 00 | Peter Ross..... | 5 00 |
| James Gordon..... | 15 00 | John A. Turnbull..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs J. N. Ritchie..... | 15 00 | "His"..... | 5 00 |
| Mayor McPherson..... | 10 00 | Robt. Baxter..... | 5 00 |
| Ex. Mayor O'Mullin..... | 10 00 | T. C. Allen..... | 5 00 |
| Muir and Blackadar..... | 10 00 | Solon O. Hogg..... | 5 00 |
| Dun Wimsn and Co..... | 10 00 | S. G. Black..... | 5 00 |
| Chadlers Church..... | 10 00 | Prof. Chas Macdonald..... | 5 00 |
| Alex. Dow..... | 10 00 | Dr. A. P. Reid..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Moren..... | 10 00 | Peter Crichton..... | 5 00 |
| F. H. Reynolds..... | 10 00 | Mrs. M. Taylor..... | 5 00 |
| R. W. Fraser..... | 10 00 | Mrs. M. Hamilton..... | 5 00 |
| J. R. Lithgow..... | 10 00 | Wm. Dunbar..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. J. B. Duffus..... | 10 00 | Capt. J. Taylor Wood..... | 5 00 |
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| W. J. Coleman..... | 10 00 | James Roue..... | 5 00 |
| John Farquharson..... | 10 00 | Mrs. Roue..... | 5 00 |
| W. and C. Silver..... | 10 00 | W. H. Fallister..... | 5 00 |
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| John Burgoyne..... | 5 00 | Pool..... | 2 50 |
| C. W. E..... | 5 00 | No 27..... | 2 00 |
| R. Urquhart and son..... | 5 00 | Thos. Duncanson..... | 2 00 |
| "A Friend"..... | 5 00 | C. F. T..... | 2 00 |
| J. H. Symons..... | 5 00 | J. S..... | 2 00 |
| John Stairs and Co..... | 5 00 | No. 27..... | 2 00 |
| "T. T."..... | 5 00 | A. C. G..... | 2 00 |
| W. E. Hyde..... | 5 00 | Found Money..... | 2 00 |
| Ald. W. Dennis..... | 5 00 | F. D. Laurie, Port Hawkesbury | 2 00 |
| "A friend"..... | 4 50 | Harold Oxley..... | 1 00 |
| B..... | 4 00 | Three Children..... | 1 00 |
| Capt. Coffin..... | 4 00 | A widows Mite..... | 1 00 |
| "A Friend"..... | 3 60 | Children of the Sunday School. | 1 00 |
| Stephen Mitchell..... | 3 00 | A Friend..... | 1 00 |
| C. A. Creighton..... | 3 00 | Blackadar Bros..... | 1 50 |
| G. W. J..... | 2 00 | Reilly and Davidson..... | 1 35 |

Subscriptions and Donations ⁶⁹ thankfully received by the Treasurer, at ²⁶ the office of Farquhar, Forrest and Co.


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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

N. S. Printing Co., 2000 relief tickets.
Acadian Recorder, advertisements.
Reilly and Davidson for fixing stoves.
Robert Taylor, small case boots.
Leaman and Co, beef for beef tea.
Pupils of Morris Street school, seven bbls. apples and potatoes.
Mrs. Troop, childrens clothing
Rev. Mr. Laing, bed comforter and clothing.
Mahon Bros., women's apparel.
Barnstead and Sutherland, women's apparel.
Mrs. James Stairs, clothing.
Mrs. J. Hart, "
Mrs. H. Bauld "

 Donations of clothing and other supplies will be thankfully received at the
RELIEF OFFICE, old police building, 47 Bedford Row.

Relief Granted last winter besides Clothing, Boots, &c.

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| 6552 bushels of coal, | 2955 lbs. oatmeal, |
| 1795 loaves bread, | 60 lbs. tea, |
| 956 quarts molasses, | 125 lbs. sugar, |
| besides articles given to sick poor. | |
| 1890 Number of families relieved | 338 or 1352 individuals. |
| 1889 " " " | 338 or 1352 " |
| 1888 " " " | 358 or 1432 " |
| 1887 " " " | 373 or 1492 " |
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| 1885 " " " | 275 or 1100 " |
| 1884 " " " | 325 or 1400 " |

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ASSOCIATION
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OFFICE - 47 BEDFORD ROW.

Open 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. every Week Day, during the
Months of January, February and March.

Cases of Applicants will be attended to at once. Ministers and Subscribers may direct attention to any case requiring aid.

A note from any Citizen pointing out the sick poor will receive attention.

Contributions to the Funds should be sent in at once, as the amount of relief will depend upon Funds at the disposal of the Directors.

Subscribers to the amount of Four Dollars and upwards are Members of the Association, and entitled to refer applicants for relief to the Advisory Committee, by whom their wants will be investigated and proper relief afforded.

Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by MR. JAMES FORREST, the Treasurer of the Association, at the Office of Messrs. Farquhar, Forrest & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Hollis Street. Friends of the Association will not wait to be called upon but kindly and promptly send in their contributions.