

REPORT.

In presenting the reports of the Conferences of Toronto for the year 1890, we consider that there are good grounds for encouragement and gratitude. Like all the other charitable organizations of the city, the calls made upon the resources of the Society during the winter were unusually large, and considerably in excess of previous years, yet the summary of receipts shows that by the activity and zeal of the members sufficient moneys were collected to meet those calls, and in most cases to leave small balances at the end of the season. While rejoicing at the progress made on the whole we are obliged to admit that two of our oldest conferences are dwindling—not apparently from any want of zeal on the part of the members, but from lack of interest in their work on the part of the community amongst whom they are laboring.

Temporary reasons may exist for this state of affairs, and our brothers should not feel despondent, but possess their souls in patience and continue their labors until those reasons disappear. We hope that by the time the next season's operations are resumed these conferences will have reorganized, and be ready to proceed with renewed activity and strength.

We are not in a position to report any new foundations or aggregations during the year. The conference of St. Helen, as will be seen by the report printed further on, is now fully established in the parish, and the necessary application for aggregation has been forwarded through the Superior Council of Quebec, and it is expected it will be accorded in a short time.

In acknowledgment of the receipt of our last Annual Report the President General was pleased to address us the following letter :

(Translation.)

PARIS, 9th October, 1890.

SIR AND DEAR BROTHER—I have to thank you for the interesting Report which you have sent me, and which exhibits once more the favorable position of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Toronto.

Forty years have elapsed since your first conference was founded. I hope you may have the happiness to celebrate its 50th anniversary, and between now and then to add new conferences to those which have been doing so much good under your direction.

The Superior Council of Canada are beginning to anticipate the difficulty of supervising the large extent of territory committed to its care, and the General Council here is of opinion also that it would be well to relieve the Superior Council of part of its burden, by associating with it Central Councils, which could take charge of part of its duties in so far as regards the preparation of business as well as the extension of the Society in new directions, but remaining otherwise subordinate to it.

I do not know whether Mr. Hamel has yet mentioned the project to you, but before long the question will be brought before you, and I wish you to consider it, and also the limits which it would be convenient to fix, in case the project is carried out, for the circumscription of the Council. This may comprise either the Diocese itself, or the whole ecclesiastical Province.

The General Council is rejoiced to learn that your new Archbishop was an old member of the Society. I have to request that you will avail yourself of the first favorable opportunity to present to His Grace our very respectful homage.

Accept sir and Dear Brother the assurance of our affectionate attachment.

(Signed) A. PAGES,

Pres. Genl.

With regard to the establishment of a Central Council, we find that provision was made in the rules of the Society many years ago, for such organizations and their usefulness appears to be attracting more attention lately, as it is observed by reports in the Bulletin that during the last two years several have been established in Ireland, England and the United States. A Central Council is intended to have a more extended jurisdiction than a Particular Council, and to unite the Particular Councils and Conferences within its circumscription—as for instance within a province, an archdiocese or a diocese; and also to be the channel of correspondence between these Particular Councils and Conferences, and the head of the Society, but through the Superior Council of the country, where one

exists. The Superior Council of Quebec now has jurisdiction over the Society in the Dominion of Canada, a charge that must entail a vast amount of labor for several reasons—the large area which it has to supervise, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and also the extra work entailed by difference in language. The President General therefore considers that it would be for the advantage of the Society here if a Central Council were established in Toronto. It would relieve Quebec of the work of collecting and collating reports, and conducting the correspondence connected with the councils and conferences within the Province of Ontario, or the Archdiocese of Toronto, if considered more advisable. The suggestion has not taken any definite shape yet, and our Particular Council while admitting the necessity of such a body, is afraid that the working material which it has at present would hardly warrant the undertaking of more extensive duties. When, however, a direct proposal is made, the conferences will have an opportunity of giving an expression of opinion upon it.

As a general rule the conferences give nothing but the bare statistical reports of the work they do. Those items relating to special cases and incidents which occur during the year, and which relieve the dreary record of columns of figures, and make an annual report so much more interesting, are wanting. This is no doubt due to remissness. The practice should be introduced of immediately making a note of such cases when they occur, either in the minute book or some other record kept expressly for the purpose; and thus preserve them for the annual report, and the general edification of the Society.

There are a few special cases mentioned which we have separated from the Conference reports in order to give them the prominence they deserve.

The Conference of St. Mary reports that the members have raised the sum of one hundred dollars, by private subscription amongst themselves, to defray the expense of a stained glass window, representing our Patron, St. Vincent de Paul, in the new St. Mary's church.

A case of great hardship was brought under the notice of this conference during the year. A widow with three young children was in such destitute circumstances that she was obliged to part with them, and place them in dif-

ferent families. When relieved by the Conference she desired to get control of her children, and two of them were given up, and through the influence of the members were placed in the Sunnyside Orphanage and House of Providence respectively. The person who had the third child refused to part with it, and the conference was obliged to retain a lawyer to enforce the mother's rights. Mr. Nicholas Murphy, barrister, took legal proceedings and succeeded in getting a decision from the court in her favor, and as he gave his services gratuitously, the only expense the conference had to bear was the actual disbursements of the case. The mother placed the child in charge of the Sisters of the House of Providence.

The Conference of St. Mary has had a very laborious year—the expenses amounting to the large sum of \$734.00 but they were generously helped to carry on their work by priest and people—the receipts during the year being \$912.00.

In the Conference of St. Basil several members of the Conference assist in teaching Sunday School, and the Conference also supplies the children regularly with a Sunday School paper—the Young Catholic Messenger. At Christmas extra relief was granted to the poor families on the list by a distribution of geese and turkeys, so as to enable them to celebrate the coming of our Lord in their own chosen manner. The Library conducted by the Conference for the use of the parish has increased its books to 1,083 volumes.

The Conference of St. Patrick has two special works—the Library, which appears to be making steady progress, and has now over 900 volumes on the shelves, and the Wardrobe Committee. This committee collected a large amount of clothing during the winter, and distributed it to the poor twice a week. Their charity was not confined to the poor of the parish.

The Hospital Board has kept up the work which they first undertook, by visiting the Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Gaol regularly, and distributing prayer books, and moral and entertaining reading. They buried one poor man whose family was in destitute circumstances, and in receipt of relief from the Conference of Our Lady. At Christmas the inmates of the Hospital were remembered

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by a supply of fruit, and the old men in the House of Providence received a present of Tobacco.

The Libraries in the Hospital and Gaol have been replenished, donations of books made to the Libraries in the House of Providence and Sunnyside Orphanage, and a new library started in the St. Nicholas Home for boys. Two little musical entertainments with a distribution of light refreshments were gotten up for the children in the House of Providence and Sunnyside during the Christmas season. Those who took part in the entertainments were chiefly members of the Society, and many of the clergy of the city showed their approval by being present.

This branch of the work done by the Hospital Board is certainly deserving of commendation and encouragement. Taking an interest in the children and endeavouring to attract them towards virtue and religion is the constant theme of the instructions given to us by the heads of the Society. It is a work than which none is more needed and more urgent, particularly in a large city like this, where there are snares of all sorts to snatch them from us. In the reports we receive from our brothers in Britain, Ireland and the United States this work figures prominently. Every conference makes it a point to state what efforts are being made to help the children, and in a circular issued last year by the Superior Council of New York to the Presidents of Councils and Conferences, the following appeal is made which we cannot do better than repeat to our brothers of Toronto.

"We especially call your attention to the children. Never permit your patience to be exhausted when the souls of the little ones are at stake, never lose sight of them while there is the slightest hope of preserving them in the Faith. The number of children lost to the Church each year is frightful to consider. This is particularly noticeable in our large cities. It is our duty to use every influence to prevent this loss. Our familiarity with the condition and habits of the poor, will be of great assistance in this work. Wherever there is a family of little ones exposed to this danger, redouble your care and attention. Induce the parents to send them to the parochial schools or the Sunday School. Spend some spare time teaching them religion. Interest yourself in their studies and show them the attractive side of religion. Let the parents see how our Holy Mother Church carefully watches over them and provides

means to smooth their pathway through life. Each Conference could make a special work of caring for the little ones. Too often it seems almost a hopeless task to make an impression on some people, hardened as they have been by adversity and at war with the world, because of its apparent want of sympathy, but with the children our efforts will generally meet with better success."

We are pleased to note that in devising means to replenish our treasuries, nearly all the conferences have adopted the poor-box in the churches. This is a method now generally in use in the old country, and which was strongly recommended by the General Meeting of the Society held in Washington in 1886, as the safest and the best means of obtaining money for the poor. It was then reported that this plan had always worked well when it had been aided by earnest and periodical recommendations from the pulpit. It was pure charity, and whilst it supplied the Conference with funds and relieved them of much trouble and anxious uncertainty as to the means of keeping the treasury supplied, it was also free from all objections that might be alleged against some methods which might bring reproach upon the Society. This opinion is borne out by the experience of one of our city conferences, which reported last year that the box collections had for several years been sufficient to keep up the funds without having recourse to any of the other projects usually adopted—charity sermons, lectures, pic-nics—and that the members of the congregation had become accustomed to the poor-box and contributed regularly. This was no doubt due to the action of the pastor who constantly kept drawing the attention of the congregation to it as a means of complying with the precept of charity.

While speaking of the funds of the Society, a few remarks upon the necessity of keeping faith with our benefactors may not be amiss. A considerable portion of our resources consists of gifts from friends not members of the Society, and sometimes not even members of the Church. This money is given with the understanding expressed or implied, that it be devoted to the general purposes of the Society only. It would therefore be an abuse to apply it to any other object, however legitimate or meritorious. Last winter the President of the Council was asked by the Secretary of a recently established Conference if two well-known institutions were needy. The reply was both

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are needy and deserving, but they do not require aid from your Conference. Each has its own staff of friends and supporters and with their assistance is generally able to meet all demands in a satisfactory manner. If you have too much money for your present wants, keep it until you need it, or return it with thanks to the donors or hand it over to some poorer conference. At any rate do not employ it for any other object than that for which it was given without the knowledge or consent of those who gave it. Were it suspected that this Society obtained money for one purpose and expended it for another, the result would be most disastrous. The writer can quote from his own recollection two instances where the misapplication of money was attended by very unsatisfactory consequences. In 1847, being then one of the three church wardens, he saw interred in the old church of St. Joseph, Kingston, whence they were removed a short time ago, the remains of the Rev. Father Nealan. The circumstances attending the death of this young, talented and zealous priest, cut off at the commencement of his career by that fell-destroyer, ship-fever, were so touching that it was resolved to erect forthwith a monument to his memory. A collection was accordingly made to which the writer contributed, and prepared besides an inscription, approved by competent authority; but the monument was never erected, and to this day—44 years after the death of Father Nealan—the question “what became of the funds” still awaits, so far as the writer knows, a satisfactory answer.

The other instance occurred nearer home. Some forty years ago, or during the fifties, the *Bona Mors* Society was established in St. Michael's parish in this city. For membership in this society a small contribution (25 cents a year) was required, also a daily recitation of certain prayers. Its objects were the care of the sick poor, and the furnishing of a decent funeral for those who died destitute. The society went on very well for a time, and had accumulated a small fund with which it was intended to procure gradually, vestments, candlesticks, and other accessories of divine worship to be used exclusively at the obsequies of its beneficiaries. One day, when the chief officers were absent, a venerable member, highly esteemed as a citizen but rather crotchety, and perhaps imbued with the idea that people did not die fast enough to keep the funds of the society actively employed, rose up in meeting and

exclaimed, "What do we want with this money, better give it to so and so." It was given to "so and so," but, unfortunately, the responsibility assumed by the *Bona Mors* society was not transferred with it. The result was the immediate and utter collapse of the latter. It never held another meeting, and all the good it might have accomplished perished in *embryo*. These two examples may serve as a warning. Others might be adduced.

The Society has sustained a great loss in the death of the Very Rev. J. M. Laurent, Vicar-General of the diocese, and Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral. Father Laurent was a constant and earnest friend and benefactor of the Society during his career in this city, and showed his interest in our work by attending our General Meetings. The last time he appeared in public was at our General Meeting for the 8th December last—only a few days before his sudden and untimely death. The Society showed their respect for him by attending his funeral services in a body.

The Society has lost another benefactor by the death of Mr. Joseph Goulding, who took a great interest in the Hospital work, and from its inception became a regular monthly subscriber to the funds of the Hospital Board. The Board had a Requiem Mass said in St. Patrick's church for our deceased benefactor, to which his family were invited.

We have to acknowledge receipt during the year of several particular donations. The late Vicar-General Laurent left two bequests of \$500 each to the Conferences of Our Lady and St. Patrick—the two Conferences with which he had been most intimately connected—and the late N. Carlin, another old benefactor of the Society, left a bequest of \$50 to the Particular Council. The Society has seldom had the opportunity of reporting the receipt of moneys in this manner, although no other charity organization should be more entitled to a remembrance from those who have money to will, and who desire that it should be expended in works of charity after death.

We have again to thank Dr. Goldwin Smith, not only for a renewal of his annual gift of \$100, but for an additional \$50 generously given towards the end of the winter. These amounts were distributed amongst the Conferences of the city.

We are pleased to be able to report that attendance at the General Meetings has been much better than in former

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years. This improvement is no doubt to be attributed to the lively interest taken in our work by His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, who encourages the members by presiding on these occasions. At the General Meeting for the 8th of December His Grace presided, and in his address to the meeting suggested that instead of holding these General Meetings in St. Vincent's Hall we should do so in some of the churches, as was the case in former years. This would attract more of the Catholics of the city, and give them an opportunity of getting acquainted with the work we were doing. He was also kind enough to invite the Society to hold the next General Meeting in St. Michael's Cathedral.

The General Meeting on the 2nd Sunday after Easter was accordingly held in St. Michael's, and there was a very large attendance. His Grace presided, and was accompanied by his new Vicar-General, Very Rev. Father McCann.

It will be observed that the reports do not make any reference to the night school in St. Nicholas Home, a work which has been maintained by the Society during the winter months for some years past. The school was not opened last winter, not, however, on account of any want of support on the part of the Society, for the Conferences decided in due time to provide the necessary funds. It was occasioned by the resignation of the gentleman who had charge of the boys in the institution, and the delay in securing a successor, thus making it inconvenient to have the night school until the season was too far advanced. The Hospital Board have now adopted this as part of their work, and for the future will give it their direct attention.

As announced in our last Annual Report, the Society in Toronto completed the 40th year of its existence in November last, and at our General Meeting in December the anniversary was kept in a quiet way. For the information and entertainment of the members the Vice-President had collected from the first minute books of the Society, some reminiscences of its early days, and it was suggested that they be included in this Report.



ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY IN TORONTO.

It was announced in our last Annual Report that on the 10th November, 1890, the Society would have completed the 40th year of its existence in Toronto. This event has occurred, and we are keeping the anniversary to-day, without noise or display, but as becomes a society like ours, with thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has blessed, sustained, and increased our works.

When a traveller who is engaged in a long and tedious journey, reaches the summit of a mountain or high land that falls within his course, he looks back with satisfaction over the road he has traversed and the difficulties he has overcome, and with new heart resumes his journey and proceeds towards the end. Upon an anniversary like this we cannot do better than imitate him, and look back over the forty years that have elapsed since our little Society was founded. The example left by those who have preceded us should encourage us to redouble our zeal and charity; and to never give way to discouragement, when difficulties present themselves—remembering the remark of our founder Ozonam, “we are at best but unprofitable servants, but we serve a master who is absolutely economical, who lets nothing go to waste, not a drop of the sweat of our brows, any more than a drop of his heavenly dew.”

On the 10th November, 1850, the first Conference of Charity of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ontario was founded here by seven Catholic gentlemen, and we are happy in having still amongst us one of these first founders, the Chevalier Macdonell, President of the Particular Council. The President had hoped to be present with us to-day, and the members will be sorry to hear that an attack of illness has disappointed him and us in his expectations; but although failing health has deprived him of much of his activity, he is still able to preside over and direct the affairs of the Society, and give us the benefit of his long experience. I am certain that all will join in the hope expressed in the letter of our President-General, Mr. Pages—read to you a few moments ago—that he may be spared to celebrate with us his Golden Jubilee in the Society.

Thanks to Mr. Macdonell's carefulness the Minute Book of the first Conference has been preserved. It contains the proceedings of the Conference for nearly three years, and is full of interesting details of the efforts of our first mem-

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bers to carry out the fundamental principle of the Society laid down by Frederick Ozonam—"Maintaining themselves strong in the Catholic faith, and propagating it amongst others by the practice of charity." For the edification of the meeting I will make some extracts from this Minute Book, commencing with the first meeting.

At a meeting held in the Sacristy of St. Joseph's Chapel, in the Cathedral of St. Michael at 7 o'clock p.m., 25th Sunday after Pentecost, being the 10th day of November 1850, for the purpose of forming a Conference of Charity to be united to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were present.

George Manly Muir, Thomas Hayes, Charles Robertson, Denis Kelly Feehan, Samuel Goodenough Lynn, William John MacDonell.

Mr. Muir read the opening prayers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The following motions were then made and carried.

1st Mr. Muir moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonell—That a Conference of Charity be formed in this City, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin and of St. Vincent de Paul, and that it be called "The Conference of Charity, of Our Lady of Toronto."

2nd. Mr. Muir moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson—That the following persons do unite themselves into and form the said Conference, namely, Mr. Thomas Hayes, Mr. Charles Robertson, Mr. Samuel Goodenough Lynn, Mr. John Elmsley, Mr. William John Macdonell, Mr. Denis Kelly Feehan, and Mr. George Manly Muir.

3rd. Mr. Feehan moved, seconded by Mr. Lynn—That Mr. G. M. Muir, who is a member of the Council of Canada, of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul be the President of the Conference.

4th. The following persons being nominated by the President, signified their acceptance of the undermentioned offices.

Vice-President..... Thomas Hayes.
Secretary..... William John Macdonell.
Treasurer..... Charles Robertson.
Assistant Secretary..... Denis Kelly Feehan.
Assistant Treasurer.. Samuel Goodenough Lynn.

Mr. President, in the absence of Mr. John Elmsley, notified the latter's acceptance of the office of Keeper of the Vestibule.

5th. Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Feehan—That this Conference adopts for its guidance, the Rules and Regulations of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, at Quebec.

6th. Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Feehan—That this Conference is desirous of participating in the Indulgences and other spiritual blessings granted by the Church, to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

7th. Mr. Hayes moved, seconded by Mr. Feehan—That Mr. President be authorized to communicate the forgoing Resolutions to the Council of Canada, of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to solicit our admission into its ranks under the denomination of the "Conference of Charity of Our Lady of Toronto."

8th. Mr. President proposed that our venerated Bishop, the Right Reverend Francis Mary de Charbonnel, be solicited to grant to this Conference his approbation and his blessing, and also that His Lordship be requested to accept the title of Patron of our Society, and that all the Clergymen of this Diocese be Honorary Members of this Conference.

9th. Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Lynn—That the poor

families relieved by this Conference be divided into four classes, and that the standing allowance granted to each class be as follows, viz:

- First Class*—Bread, 12 lbs.
Oatmeal, 3 lbs. or 2 lbs. of Barley.
Second Class—Bread, 8 lbs.
Oatmeal, 3 lbs. or 2 lbs. of Barley.
Third Class—Bread, 6 lbs.
Oatmeal, 1½ lbs. or 1 lb. of Barley.
Fourth Class—Bread, 4 lbs.

At this stage of the proceedings His Lordship the Bishop, entered the Sacristy, accompanied by the Reverend Mr. Kirwan.

Mr. President acquainted His Lordship with the object of the meeting and requested him, in the name of the Conference to grant them his approbation and his blessing, and that he would do them the favor of accepting the title of Patron of their Society in this Diocese.

His Lordship was graciously pleased to express himself satisfied with the object of the Society, of which he much approved and stated that when in France, he had been an Honorary Member of one of the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In the course of an instruction which he addressed to the Conference, His Lordship earnestly recommended the practice of abnegation of self, of humility, of union among the members of the Society, a careful selection of candidates for admission as members, on which the success of the Society will greatly depend, together with Christian prudence and a cautious avoidance of giving unnecessary publicity to the acts of charity performed by them. After which His Lordship gave the members the customary Episcopal benediction and then withdrew.

Mr. President then informed the Conference that His Lordship had very kindly offered for the sittings of the Conference, the school house on Stanley Street, formerly a Baptist Chapel; or the upper school room in the Orphan Asylum, and also the use of an apartment in the latter building as a place of deposit for their stores and provisions.

Whereupon it was resolved, that this Conference accept the use of the school house on Stanley Street, for their sittings, and authorize Mr. President to convey to His Lordship our grateful thanks for the same. And also that the future meetings of this Conference be held in said school house on Sundays, immediately after vespers.

Resolved, that this Conference accept the offer now made by Mr. Vice-President of a room in the rear of his premises on King Street, wherein to place their stores and provisions, and they tender their thanks to him for the use of the same.

Mr. Treasurer stated to the Conference that he had called upon Mr. Cleal, baker, King Street, and had proposed to him to furnish bread for this Society, which Mr. Cleal agreed to do at one half penny per loaf less than the market price.

Whereupon it was resolved, that this Conference authorize Mr. Treasurer to accept Mr. Cleal's terms and make arrangements with him to furnish bread for the poor relieved by this Conference, in accordance with the same.

A collection was then made amounting to one pound, five shillings and three half pence.

Mr. President closed the meeting with the prayers said by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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Mr. Macdonell has told us in one of his Annual Reports that although the resolutions just read were moved by various persons, they were prepared by the Chevalier Muir, who was the actual founder of the Conference. Mr. Muir was already a member of the Society in Quebec, and was making a sojourn in Toronto during the session of the Canadian Parliament, of which body he was clerk.

From the time of the introduction of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul into Canada, until a short time before his death, George Manly Muir was the most striking figure connected with it, as well as its most devoted member. He was a model of charity, piety and Christian benevolence, and to his active zeal and devotedness, while a member of the Particular Council of Quebec and President of the Superior Council of Canada, may be attributed, under Providence, the success the Society has attained in the Dominion. He was a son of Major A. C. Muir, of the 41st Regiment of Foot, and was born at Amherstburg, Upper Canada, on the 16th April, 1807. Like Frederick Ozonam he studied law and was called to the bar of Lower Canada, but abandoned that career for a position in the Legislative Assembly, in 1831. After the union of the Provinces he was appointed one of the joint clerks of the Legislative Assembly, which position he retained until Confederation, when he accepted a similar position in the Local House at Quebec. Mr. Muir made his home in that city, but while the old system of moving the seat of Government about from place to place was in vogue, he was obliged to reside at the capital during the sittings of the Legislature, and he always availed himself of these occasions to propagate his beloved Society, and inspire his associates with his love of the poor. Thus we find that besides *our* first Conference, he helped to found the first Conference in Montreal, he established the Particular Council of Ottawa, also the work of the Patronage of Children in Quebec, and several other works of charity in that city which still survive him.

While distinguished for his great charity and affection for the poor, Mr. Muir was very particular in observing the rules of the society and in carrying out the counsels recommended by them. In visiting the poor families helped by the Conference he endeavoured to impress upon them the necessity of attending to their religious duties and keeping their dwellings clean and neat. This seems to

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have been a strong point with him, and the Minute Book contains several instances where he recommended that the alms be reduced or deferred for a week in order to compel the mothers of families to be more particular in keeping their dwellings and children clean.

We find, also, that shortly after the Conference was aggregated, he commenced, in accordance with another recommendation of our rules, a fraternal correspondence with the nearest Conference, which at that time was in Buffalo, and in reply he received the following beautiful letter from the late Bishop Timon of that place.

BUFFALO, APRIL 24TH, 1851.

DEAR AND RESPECTED SIR,

I rejoice to hear of a Conference so near, and under so sweet and blessed a name. We are yet beginning, you who start later are already ahead of us. God be praised! it will stir us up to emulation. But lately, to urge on so holy a work I accepted the office of President; the Rules you sent will be useful, as more ample than those we have. I pray you to send over by the first safe conveyance, fifty copies, for which I send the amount. We have about forty members, most of them recently added to the Conference, I am now trying to have the Society established in other churches, we will then have a Council, etc. Though with very limited means, we have been able to do much good for the poor and ignorant and friendless. We have as yet no publication of our operations which I could transmit in grateful return for your courtesy. Soon with God's help, we will be able to reciprocate. Humbly recommending myself and our good work to your charitable prayers and to those of our dear brethren in Toronto, I remain with respect and esteem

Your devoted friend and brother in Christ,

† JOHN
Bishop of Buffalo.

By a reference in the Minutes of one of the Meetings, we find that in those early days a question arose which very often puzzles the minds of members now—whether the Society should not refuse assistance to persons who lead irregular lives. Upon being appealed to for guidance the President of the Superior Council of Quebec, decided that the Society should not neglect applicants for assistance on account of defects in their moral characters; and he considered that with such persons it was peculiarly the duty of the Society to extend relief and to attempt by kindness and good treatment, their moral and religious improvement. "As long as you did it to one of these my *least* brethren, you did it to Me."

Mr. Muir continued in charge of the Conference for the nine months he remained in Toronto, and upon his re-

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removal the following correspondence passed between him and the Conference. His letter of resignation contains much valuable advice—as useful to-day as it was then.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Conference of Our Lady of Toronto.

31ST. AUGUST. 1851.

GENTLEMEN AND CONFREERES :

My approaching departure from Toronto occasioned by the removal of the seat of Government to Quebec, makes it incumbent on me to resign the office of President of this Conference, to which I was called by your suffrages. I therefore now return into your hands the power you have been pleased to honor me with, since the 10th of November last. It is but just that in separating from Confreres with whom I have had the happiness to perform under the guidance of the regulations of our Society, the pleasing and consoling duties of charity, inculcated by our Holy Religion, I should respectfully tender to them my heartfelt and sincere thanks for the indulgence they have always shown to me, and the patient attention they have given to my suggestions and recommendations for the furtherance of charity, the object of our Society. If in the discharge of those duties which my office imposed on me, and when differing in opinion with my confreres, I have at any time used expressions that have given them pain, or have appeared unnecessarily harsh I here humbly solicit their forgiveness, and beg they will attribute my faults to a conscientious desire to induce a compliance with the spirit of the Society, and not to a want of personal respect for them. I likewise take leave on this occasion to add a few words more, to those confreres who first united with me, and who have founded this Conference. I would say—that as the elder Brothers they owe to those who entered after them, the example of the more perfect practice of the virtues of our Holy Patron, and the strict observance of the regulations of the Society, to which they bound themselves when they became members and undertook to establish a Conference of Charity, the neglect of which would lower it to the level of a mere mendicity society for the sole distribution of alms.

And to the Confreres who, following the example of their elders, have enrolled themselves in the Conference, I would most earnestly recommend a vigilant observance of its rules and the performance of all their religious duties, bearing constantly in mind that it is of imperative obligation on the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to edify their Catholic Brethren by the constant practice of all the Catholic virtues, and that a member of the Society who does not frequent the Sacraments, has not obtained the blessing of being imbued with the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, and cannot flatter himself that he is a deserving son of our Holy Patron, whose admirable life he does not endeavour to imitate. But the generous spirit of self-abnegation and unity that has pervaded the proceedings of the Conference since its commencement, gives the hopeful promise that brotherly love and emulation will continue to endear it to its members, and afford a guarantee of its stability and permanency.

I will here repeat from the Manual of the Society the frequent recommendation of the General Council in nearly all its circulars and bulletins—"The visit of the poor is our principal work, it must above all occupy our time as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The patronage of the children has, it is true, received a great development in the Society, but this patronage is a natural, a necessary con-

sequence of the conscientious and christian visit made to the poor. How can we not feel moved for the salvation and future prospects of their children—of those little and interesting creatures of God,—who are, humanely considered, so forsaken, and to the assistance of whom, Heaven itself appears to call us, when we cross the thresholds of the dismal and dreary dwellings of their parents. If to the visit of the poor religiously and regularly made, we unite the true spirit of charity toward one another, the advancement and stability of the Society is assured, and God will grant us His blessings."

I cannot terminate without calling your attention to the particular devotion we owe to our Blessed Lady, under whose especial protection this Conference was founded, and to whom we are all so much indebted for the many blessings this Good Mother daily obtains for us from God. Let us then constantly invoke the aid of the "Help of Christians," and we may rest assured of leading a christian life and making a happy death.

In conclusion gentlemen, I earnestly beg of you to remember me in your prayers to the throne of Grace, and believe me

Your most humble and most obedient servant

G. M. MUIR.

In accepting Mr. Muir's resignation the Conference addressed to him the following letter.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Conference of Our Lady of Toronto.

14TH SEPTEMBER, 1851.

DEAR SIR AND CONFRERE:

In accepting your resignation of the office of President, we cannot avoid expressing deep regret at parting with a Confrere whose exemplary devotedness to the duties of that station has been so beneficial to the poor, and edifying to the Conference. To you, Dear Sir, are we indebted, under God, for the establishment of this Conference, and consequently for the many blessings, spiritual and corporal, that flow from its labors in the holy cause of charity—blessings in which not only the Conference but the entire Catholic Community of Toronto, are, to a certain extent, participators. The unwearied zeal you have so uniformly displayed—the liberality manifested on so many occasions, particularly in your late munificent donation of books, merit our sincere thanks; and we heartily pray you may receive in this world a hundred-fold recompense, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

With regard to ourselves, we hope that the kind Providence who has hitherto watched over our infant Society, will continue His protection, and raise up in your place another "guide and familiar," qualified for the arduous duties he will be expected to fulfil. Whoever he may be, we are convinced a better model cannot be proposed for his imitation than the highly efficient officer whose removal we unfeignedly regret.

For yourself, we doubt not your course will continue to be marked, as it has ever been, by unremitting diligence in the service of God and your neighbour. Members of the same Society, and of that mystical Body of which Christ is the head, we shall share in your good works, trusting your example will incite us to renewed exertion, by strict observance of our rules, fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother of God and earnest endeavours to imitate the virtues of our Holy Patron, St. Vincent de Paul. We recommend you to these powerful advocates; confidently hoping that the Conference of Our Lady of Toronto will always be re-

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On behalf of the Conference.

W. J. MACDONELL,

Secretary.

While Mr. Muir's name was ever held in veneration by the early members of the Conference he founded, he, on his part, always took a warm interest in its welfare, and lost no opportunity of expressing his pleasure at its advancement and recalling his early connection with it.

In 1859 he was appointed President of the Particular Council of Quebec, and became an invaluable assistant to Mr. Gauthier in the Direction of the Society. At length when that gentleman retired from the presidency of the Superior Council of Canada in 1866, Mr. Muir was elected his successor. For fifteen years he filled this important position with a devotedness truly admirable, directing and inspiring with the true spirit of charity our Society all over this Dominion, and leaving a precious example to those who succeeded him. In recognition of his activity and zeal in the cause of charity the late Holy Father Pope Pius IX. appointed him a Knight of the order of St. Gregory the Great, in 1869.

Advanced in years and feeble in health, he was forced to tender his resignation of the presidency towards the end of 1880. It was accepted very reluctantly, and his successor, Mr. P. E. Smith, was elected on the 7th of April, 1881. Mr. Muir did not survive his resignation very long—he died on the 8th July, 1882.

The Conference of Our Lady continued to increase in numbers, in resources, and in works for upwards of two years, when it was felt that the time for a change had arrived. At a special meeting called for the 6th January, 1853, for the purpose of considering the question of establishing a new Conference, it was decided unanimously that such action was necessary in view of the time occupied in transacting business at the sittings, and on the 23rd January, 1853, the following proceedings are recorded in the minutes.

“It being deemed expedient to establish a new Conference for the Eastern end of the city, it was decided that said Conference be formed forthwith, to be composed of the fol-

lowing members residing in that section, and to assume charge of all applicants from the eastern side of Nelson street to the city limit: Messrs. Lynn, Feehan, Kehoe, Shea, M. Conners, A. O'Neil, W. Paterson, W. Halley, Barry, Fitzgerald, Sullivan and Alexander McCarthy. The members present, Messrs. Lynn, Shea, Fitzgerald, Paterson, Kehoe and Halley then proceeded to elect a president for the new Conference. Mr. W. J. Macdonell having recited the *Veni Creator* in the chapel, the electors returned to the conference room, where the election was made in the form observed, at the election of President for the old Conference, on the 14th September, 1851. The votes being collected by Mr. Mulvey, were scrutinized by Mr. Lennon and Mr. W. J. Macdonell, who announced two for Mr. S. G. Lynn, and four for Mr. D. K. Feehan.

Mr. Feehan having a majority of votes was declared duly elected President of the new Conference."

In an address delivered by Frederick Ozonam at a General meeting of the Society, he made use of the following words:

"Of all the benefits which could give encouragement to the beginnings of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the most desirable is the protection of the episcopacy. We sought for it as a sign from heaven, as an honor in the Church—above all as a safeguard against ourselves."

The beginning of the Society in Toronto was signally favored in this respect. Our first Conference was cradled in the Cathedral, and had the head of the diocese for sponsor. The minutes contain numerous references to the lively interest taken in its welfare and progress by the Right Reverend Bishop de Charbonnel, and it was by his fostering care and material assistance, that in several instances, the Conference was enabled to tide over difficulties and carry on its work.

The following letters addressed by the Bishop to the President have fortunately been preserved:

TORONTO, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1850.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I read the rules of your Society and the proceedings of your first Conference with the greatest interest. I found in the latter a truly good spirit, the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. This spirit of humble, prudent and lively charity shall increase more and more amongst you, if the former are always better and better kept, for "whosoever shall keep this

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Your most devoted servant in Christ,

Armd. Fr. M. Bishop of Toronto.

The following is the formal letter of approbation of the establishment
of the Society in the Diocese.

TORONTO, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1851.

My Dear Sir:

Your Conference of St. Vincent de Paul has not only my full appro-
bation; but also my best wishes. It is calculated to do an immense
good in the city and the diocese of Toronto. May it be blessed with all
the benedictions of Him whose name is charity.

Your devoted servant in Christ,

† Armd. Fr. M. Bishop of Toronto.

His Lordship gave much encouragement to the members
by visiting the Conference during the meetings. On the
24th April, 1851, he was present accompanied by the Rev.
Mr. Maloney, and after an address bestowed his benedic-
tion; and on a feast of the Society shortly afterwards, the
general communion of the members took place at the
Bishop's Mass in his own private chapel, after which he
addressed them.

At another visit after addressing some encouraging
words and approving of past operations, he commended a
strict observance of the rules of the Society, and suggested
holding meetings in public once or twice a year, as a means
of impressing people with a sense of the utility of the
Society, and thereby increasing the funds.

And the following minute shows that His Lordship
interest was not one of sentiment only. It is recorded that
on the 24th of July, 1853, His Lordship visited the meet-
ing and expressed great interest in the proceedings of the
Conference, made enquiry relative to the number of mem-
bers &c., and consulted with the members as to the best
method of exciting a more general and lively interest in
its welfare. He then observed that he understood the Con-
ference was in debt and enquired the amount. The Presi-
dent replied that he thought the sum owing was about five
pounds. His Lordship blessed the Conference and with-
drew, but soon after returned and presented the President
with the five pounds as a mark of his approval and good-
will to the Society.

The following letter accompanied by a liberal donation
to the funds of the Society was addressed to Mr. Macdonell,
the President, from Montreal when the Bishop was on his
way to Rome.

17 JULY. 1856.

My dear President:

I make haste to be in Toronto at your next General Meeting, at least with a token of my affection towards your Conferences, and of my devotion to their holy patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

On the day of his Festival, day of my departure for England, with all my heart, I will recommend to that great apostle of charity his three Conferences of Toronto, their presidents and members, celebrating Mass in Quebec at the altar of Our Lady of Victories.

I recommend to your prayers, Dear President,

Your unworthy but devoted father in Christ.

† Armd. Fr. M. Bishop of Toronto.

The relations between the Society and the other members of the clergy were no less cordial. In the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd May, 1853, we find the following item: "On motion of Mr. Elmsley a committee consisting of Mr. Thomas Hays and the mover was appointed on behalf of the conference to wait upon the Rev. Messrs. Flannery and Vincent, ordained this morning to the holy office of the Priesthood. The reverend gentlemen soon afterwards entered the conference room, and after a few words relative to the works of the Society in France imparted their blessings to the members."

These are only a few instances of the kindly interest shown by our ecclesiastical superiors—always speaking words of encouragement and suggesting new lines in which good was to be done. And we invariably find that this interest on their part is almost a necessity to the growth and welfare of our conferences. Where it is wanting the attendance and the zeal of the members soon begin to flag.

Aided and encouraged by the clergy, the society in Toronto, notwithstanding many shortcomings, and though few in numbers when we consider the size of the city, has made a steady progress, and the several works adopted at first, or which have been taken up since, have not been allowed to lapse.

Relying upon a continuation of this interest and encouragement, of which we have had assurances from His Grace—our present archbishop—who has kindly consented to become patron of the society, and who honored us by presiding at our annual meeting last year, and again to-day, we may hope to carry on our works more efficiently in the future, and to build the Society upon a firm and lasting foundation not only in Toronto but in this Province.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
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PARTICULAR COUNCIL.

- W. J. MACDONELL,.....President.
House of Providence.
- J. J. MURPHY,Vice-President.
Dept. of Crown Lands.
- MATTHEW MEYERTreasurer.
- ALEX. MACDONELL,.....Secretary.
123 Huron St.
- JAMES RYAN.....Assistant Secretary.

Besides the above, the Council comprises the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the respective Conferences, and also the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of special works connected with the Society, numbering in all 26.

The Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month, in St. Vincents Hall, corner of Shuter and Victoria Streets.

PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF TORONTO.

CASH ACCOUNT

From 1st April, 1890 to 31st March, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Report.....	\$219.83
Offering from Conferences:	
Our Lady.....	\$ 13 39
St. Paul.....	9 05
St. Mary.....	37 67
St. Basil.....	20 34
St. Patrick.....	20 66
St. Peter.....	8 64
Sacred Heart.....	3 15
Our Lady of Lourdes.....	5 45
Donations from Dr. Goldwin Smith.....	150 00
Rules sold.....	3 60
Bulletin Account.....	26 00
Castle Garden Mission Fund.....	15 00
St. Vincent's Hall, borrowed money re- turned.....	130 20
Collections at Council Meetings.....	10 43
Collections at General Meetings.....	24 82
Sundries.....	8 00
Bank Interest.....	9 45
	495 85
Total Receipts.....	\$715 68

EXPENSES.

Printing Reports and Forms.....	\$65 10
Donation to Superior Council, Quebec...	15 00
Bulletin Account, 1891.....	27 30
Donation from Dr. Smith, distributed...	149 83
Castle Garden Mission Fund.....	15 00
Postage.....	4 30
Furniture etc. for Hall.....	13 25
Borrowed for St. Vincent's Hall.....	65 00
Sundries.....	3 25
Total Expenses.....	\$358 03
Balance.....	\$357 65

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ST. VINCENT'S HALL.

Cash Account for the year ending 31st March, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Report.....		\$38 10.
Rents.....	\$441 00	
Donation from Estate of N. Carlin.....	50 00	
Borrowed from Current Account.....	65 00	
Bank Interest.....	1 75	
	<u> </u>	\$557 75
Total Receipts.....		\$595 85

EXPENSES.

Interest on Mortgage.....	\$130 00	
Insurance.....	8 00	
Taxes.....	57 50	
Gas.....	10 17	
Water.....	8 40	
Fuel.....	30 70	
Repairs.....	19 06	
Caretaker.....	72 00	
Returned Amount borrowed from Current Account.....	130 20	
Sundries.....	2 35	
	<u> </u>	\$468 38
Total Expenses.....		\$468 38
Balance.....		\$127 47

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE DEBT.

Borrowed from Western Loan & Savings Co.....	\$5000 00
Refunded at sundry times.....	3000 00
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Still owing.....	\$2000 00

Interest payable 1st February and 1st August.

MATTHEW MEYER,

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Summary of the Conference Returns 1890.

CONFERENCES.	Mem- bers	Average At- tendance	No. of Mem- bers	No. of Families	No. of Persons	RECEIPTS.							EXPENDITURE.					Balance on hand March 91	Deficit
						Balance on hand April 1890	Collections from Members at Meetings	Collections in Boxes at Church	Charity Ser- mons etc.	Total Receipts	Pounds.	Cost	Cords Wood	Tons Coal	Cost	Other Relief	Total Expenses		
Our Lady.....	16	9	39	158	\$ 23 51	\$ 47 15	\$140 47	\$ 87 11	\$298 24	735	21 97	304	63	\$220 05	\$ 73 71	\$320 08	.....	\$30 84
St. Paul.....	30	17	26	111	108 94	86 65	.....	109 76	305 35	2632	64 95	304	..	168 71	70 17	303 83	.....	.....
St. Mary.....	71	30	93	505	160 98	82 14	209 64	459 95	912 71	5486	141 13	404	244	344 11	249 40	734 64	.....	.....
St. Basil.....	25	10	35	140	21 39	41 01	244 85	107 24	414 49	1960	61 29	114	22	191 70	153 81	406 80	.....	.....
St. Patrick.....	47	17	57	138	200 27	158 97	46 15	217 54	622 93	3046	93 18	234	4	181 13	216 65	490 96	.....	.....
St. Peter.....	11	6	11	57	.....	19 63	15 17	141 99	176 79	602	17 92	4	7	66 00	35 73	70 58	.....	.....
Sacred Heart.....	31	10	4	21	26 25	35 90	8 75	22 66	93 56	124	14 95	14	2	19 90	71 60	91 09	.....	.....
Lady of Lourdes..	27	15	12	51	4 85	69 29	21 30	17 66	113 10	.....	.....	84	23	19 49	76 71	127 11	.....	.....
St. Helen.....	25	12	25	92	19 87	42 57	26 36	105 27	194 07	.....	.....	.....	24	50 40	.....	418 25	.....	.....
Hospital Board.....	66 70	509 79
Total.....	283	126	302	1273	612 76	583 31	712 69	1269 18	3651 03	14605	415 39	1504	734	1261 39	982 89	3091 37	580 49	30 84	
Total for 1889.....	248	..	265	1012	1936 23	2470 82	545 75

CONFERENCE OF OUR LADY.

Aggregated 6th January, 1851.

From 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday after High Mass, in St. Vincent's Hall.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....	E. F. Wheaton.	Secretary,	Thos. Winterberry.
1st Vice-President,	W. Dineen.	Asst. Secretary,	...M. Phelan.
2nd Vic-President,	M. Keilty.	Treasurer,	...Alex. Thomson.
Hospital Committee		...J. Bondidier,	A. Thomson

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO 31ST MARCH, 1891.

Number of active members.....	16
Number of benefactors or subscribers.....	6
Average attendance	9

List of members admitted within period named.

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List of members retired.

Ambrose Kite (left parish), John McCormick (left parish).

Statement of Poor Relieved.

Number of families	39
Number of Widows, 45, and their children, 37.....	82
Number of persons relieved: adults, 78, children 80	158

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.		
Balance on hand from pre- ceding year.....\$ 23 51	Bread, 735 lbs.....\$ 21 97		
Weekly Collections	47 15	Wood, 30½ cords.....	182 91
Box Collections	140 47	Coal, 6¾ tons	37 14
Subscriptions	71 11	Clothing, boots	3 25
Particular and private donations.....	16 00	Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicines, etc.	6 85
		Relief in cash.....	31 00
		Furniture, stove	10 00
		Patronage of schools.....	7 00
		Patronage of hospitals, prisons, etc	14 00
		Funeral expenses and masses	1 00
		Offerings to the Council ..	13 35
		Stationery, etc	61
Total	\$298 24	Total	\$329 08

Summary.

Total receipts, as above	\$298 24
Total expenses, as above	329 08

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ALEX. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

E. F. WHEATON,
President,

CONFERENCE OF ST. PAUL.

Aggregated 19th December. 1853.

From 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, in St. Paul's School House.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....	J. J. Mallon,	2nd Vice-Pres't, Chas. Burns.
	309 Wilton Ave.	Secretary,.....M. E. Hynes.
1st Vice-President, J. Wilson.		Ass't. Secretary Patrick Hynes.
Treasurer.....	Thos. Wright.	
Hospital Committee.....	P. Hynes, J. Conroy, W. Tallon.	

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO MARCH 31ST, 1891.

Number of active members.....	30
Number of benefactors or subscribers.....	6
Mrs. Crawford, Dr. Wallace, P. O'Connor, C. McCaffery, N. Carlin, A. Belmore.	
Average attendance	17

List of members admitted within period named.

William Dunn, re-admitted.

List of members retired.

Jn. Clancy, P. Mahony, Jno. Daley, Jno. Flanagan,
E. F. Kelly, Jos. Thornton, E. P. Klein.

Statement of poor relieved.

Number of families	26
Number of widows, 10, and their children, 22	32
Number of persons relieved: adults, 48, children, 85	133

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand from preceding year.....	Bread, 2,652 lbs.....
\$108 94	\$ 64 95
Weekly Collections	Wood, 30½ cords.....
86 65	168 71
Particular and private donations.....	Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc.
28 66	7 92
Sermons	Relief in cash.....
69 88	27 50
Returned or refunded	Furniture
6 50	5 50
Interest on deposits	Patronage of hospitals, schools, etc
4 72	12 00
	Offerings to the Council ..
	8 95
	Stationery, bulletins.....
	5 30
	Sundry expenses, being other than relief to the poor
	3 00
Total	Total
\$305 35	\$303 83

Summary.

Total receipts, as above	\$305 35
Total expenses, as above	303 83

Balance.....	\$1 52
THOS. WRIGHT,	JAMES J. MALLON,
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CONFERENCE OF ST. MARY.

Aggregated 13th June, 1859.

From the 1st April, 1890, to the 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., in St. Mary's Church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....	Martin J. Burns 649 Queen st. West.	Asst. Secretary	J. J. Murphy
Vice-President,	C. Lefrancois	Treasurer.....	R. Thompson
Secretary.....	W. J. Louney	Asst. Treasurer.....	M. Carten
Hospital Committee.....	(M. J. Burns, R. Thompson, J. J. Murphy, M. Carten		

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO MARCH 31st, 1891.

Number of active members.....71
 Number of subscribers or benefactors..... 8
 Rev. F. Cruise, J. Minnehan, W. Clark, Mrs. Crawford, V. M. Risch, W. A. Lee, Mrs. McFarlane, Cosgrave, and Maune Estate.
 Average attendance.....30

List of members admitted within period named.

Thomas Baker, John, Brennan, M. Duffy, C. Herbert, John J. Burns, Thomas Burns, J. Collins, J. Queenan, M. Donohue, John Wright, M. J. Knox, C. Broderick, M. Power, John Doyle, C. Gormaly.

Statement of poor relieved:

Number of families.....93
 Number of widows, 15, and their children, 25.....40
 Number of persons relieved: 201 adults, 304 children.....505

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.
 Balance on hand from preceding year.....\$160 98
 Weekly collections..... 82 14
 Box collections..... 209 64
 Extraordinary collections.. 278 14
 Particular and private donations..... 181 81
 Total.....\$912 71

EXPENDITURE.
 Bread, 5,486 lbs.....\$141 13
 Wood, 40½ cords 210 49
 Coal, 24½ tons..... 133 62
 Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc. 63 09
 Relief in cash..... 60 25
 House rent..... 18 70
 Patronage of Hospitals, Prisons, etc..... 12 00
 Offerings to the Council... 37 36
 Offerings to the other Charitable or Religious Institutions..... 40 00
 Sundry expenses, being other than relief to the poor..... 18 00
 Total.....\$734 64

Summary.

Total receipts, as above.....\$912 71
 Total expenses, as above..... 734 64

Balance.....\$178 07
 R. THOMPSON, Treasurer. M. J. BURNS, President.

CONFERENCE OF ST. BASIL.

Aggregated 31st October, 1859.

From the 1st April, 1890, to the 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday, at 12.30 o'clock, in the Societies' Room, St. Basil's Church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President...Joseph J. Murphy, 30 Bernard Ave.	Secretary,....William Moylan, Treasurer,.....J. J. Crottie, Librarian,.....Wm. O'Connor.
Vice-President.....M. Costello,	
Hospital Committee.....	Wm. O'Connor, J. J. Crottie.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO 31ST MARCH, 1891.

Number of active members.....25
 Number of benefactors or subscribers..... 9
 Rev. E. Murray, Mrs. Frank Smith, Edward McKeown, C.
 Cashman, Mrs. John Smith, Miss Smith, Miss I. Smith,
 Miss M. Smith, George Kiely.

Average attendance.....10

List of Members admitted within period named.

D. Millar, Thos. Kirby, Wm. Iering, James P. Hynes, J. J. Crottie, Thos. Bennett.

List of Members retired.

Wm. McBrady (removed to Port Arthur), J. C. Robertson (to California).

Statement of Poor relieved.

Number of families.....35
 Number of widows, 11, and their children, 23.....34
 Number of persons relieved: 49 adults, 91 children.....140
 Number of orphans under patronage of Conference..... 6
 Number of scholars under patronage of Conference.....190
 Number of sick visited..... 5

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from pre- ceding year.....	\$21 39
Weekly collections.....	41 01
Pox collections.....	244 85
Particular and private do- nations.....	38 66
Sermons.....	67 25
Interest on deposits.....	1 33
Total.....	\$414 49

EXPENDITURE.

Bread, 1,960 lbs.....	\$61 29
Wood, 11½ Cords.....	63 50
Coal, 22 Tons.....	128 20
Clothing.....	1 50
Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc..	37 08
Relief in cash.....	11 00
House rent.....	44 00
Patronage of schools.....	18 00
Patronage of hospitals, pri- sons, etc.....	12 00
Offerings to the Council...	19 44
Stationery, etc., rules, bul- letins, and binding.....	4 20
Sundry expenses, being other than relief to the poor.....	6 59
Total.....	\$406 80

Summary.

Total receipts, as above.....	\$414 49
Total expenses, as above.....	406 80

Balance..... \$7.69

J. J. CROTTIE,
Treasurer.

JOSEPH J. MURPHY,
President.

CONFERENCE OF ST. BASIL.

LIBRARY REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	\$28 35	
Donations, etc.....	12 12	
		\$40 47

EXPENSES.

Paid for 57 volumes.....	\$36 17	
“ “ Binding.....	4 10	
		\$40 27

Balance.....		20
Number of Volumes at last Report..	1019	
“ “ acquired since.....	64	

		1083
Number of subscribers on list at present.....	40	
Number of of books taken out during the year.....	886	

JOSEPH J. MURPHY,

Librarian.

CONFERENCE OF ST. PATRICK.

Aggregated 29th February, 1864

From the 1st April, 1890 to the 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday after High Mass, in the Vestry of the Church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....	W. Burns	Secretary.....	Alex Macdonell
	165 Richmond St. West	Assistant Secy....	T. H. Cruise
Vice-President.....	J. J. Dutton	Treasurer.....	M. Meyer
Librarians....	T. H. Cruise, J. J. Roe, J. Kinch, J. Travers		
Wardrobe Committee	{	E. A. Cullerton, T. H. Cruise, J. Kinch,	
		M. Meyer, L. Lalonde, W. K. Murphy.	
Hospital Committee	{	L. Lalonde, E. A. Cullerton, M. Meyer,	
		W. K. Murphy.	

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO 31ST MARCH, 1891.

Number of active members.....	47
Number of benefactors or subscribers Prof. Goldwin Smith and Mrs. Crawford.....	2
Average attendance.....	17

List of members admitted within period named.

Bonifacio Stafani, Peter Haffey, William Ray, Clementi Zaroni, John Cahill, Joseph O'Hara, J. Forbes, William Pegg, Frederick B. Downey. From the Conference of St. Mary, Patrick Connors, John McHenry, J. Duffy.

List of members retired.

Those who have ceased to attend Meetings of the Conference for some time back, without intimating any reason therefor, are presumed to have retired—about 8.

List of Members Deceased.

Thomas McDonald a very old and highly esteemed member and one of the most regular attendants at the meetings of the Conference.

Statement of Poor Relieved.

Number of Families.....	57
Number of Widows, 24 and their Children 14.....	38
Number of persons relieved, 85, adults 53.....	138

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from preceding year.....	\$200 27
Weekly Collections	158 97
Box Collections	46 15
Particular and Private Donations	22 05
Excursions	185 45
Returned or refunded.....	1 00
Interest on Deposits.....	9 04

Total.....\$622 93

EXPENDITURE.

Bread 3,046 lbs.....	\$ 93 18
Fuel { Wood 23½ Cords } ..	181 13
{ Coal 6¼ Tons } ..	
Clothing.....	13 00
Relief in Flour, Provisions	
Groceries, Medicine, etc.	4 00
Relief in Cash.....	58 45
House Rent.....	61 20
Patronage of Hospitals,	
Prisons, etc.....	14 00
Funeral expenses & Masses	19 00
Offerings to the Council..	20 65
" House of Providence	
\$10, Sacred Heart \$5,	
Holy Rosary \$5	20 00
Stationery, etc	4 00
Sundry expenses, being	
other than relief to the	
poor.....	2 35

Total.....\$490 96

Summary.

Total Receipts.....	\$622 93
" Expenses	490 96

Balance.....\$131 97

M. MEYER,
Treasurer.

WM. BURNS,
President.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

From April 1st 1890, to March 31st 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 1 65
Receipts from subscribers.....	53 67
	—————\$55 32

EXPENDITURE.

42 Volumes for Library cost.....	\$32 41
Binding 17 volumes.....	4 70
	—————\$37 11

Balance cash on hand.....	\$18 21
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Number of volumes in Library at last report.....	888
Number of volumes worn out or lost since.....	14
	—————874
Number of volumes purchased since.....	42
Total number of volumes in library.....	916
Number of volumes in circulation.....	80

THOS. H. CRUISE, JOHN KINCH, J. I. TRAVERS.

REPORT OF THE WARDROBE COMMITTEE.

The Committee beg to state that they opened the Wardrobe at the Crawford house, Richmond St., on the first Wednesday of December 1890, and began to distribute clothing to the poor of the parish, and also to some who came from other parishes with recommendations, and continued every Wednesday and Friday of each week until March 25th, 1891.

The following is a list of clothing distributed, 15 suits mens' clothes, 3 prs. mens' socks, 7 prs. mens' boots, 21 suits boys' clothes, 27 prs. boys' socks, 11 prs. boys' boots, 8 prs. rubbers and overshoes, 2 overcoats, 5 girls jackets, 3 womens' dresses, 11 suits mens' underclothing, 17 odd pieces, a number of hats and other articles, 1 bedstead and bedding to a poor widow woman. Most of the clothing was quite clean and in good order and a credit to the donators, to whom the committee wish to tender their thanks.

This list does not include a number of pairs of new boots given by the Conference on the recommendation of the visitors, and shown in the general report.

JOHN KINCH, M. MEYER, L. LALONE, W. K. MURPHY.

CONFERENCE OF ST. PETER.

Aggregated 23 May, 1887.

From 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday after 10.30 o'clock Mass in the Church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....	John Rodgers 27 Major St.	Secretary,.....	Michael T. Lee
Vice-President,....	Maxamillian Ritt.	Treasurer,.....	Samuel Dunbar
		Asst. Treasurer...	John Dunbar

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO 31st MARCH, 1891.

Number of active members.....11
 Number of benefactors or subscribers..... 2
 Average attendance 6

List of members deceased.

Michael Kennedy.

Statement of Poor Relieved.

Number of families 11
 Number of Widows, 7, and their children, 21..... 28
 Number of persons relieved: adults. 19, children 38 57

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.

Weekly Collections \$19 63
 Box Collections 15 17
 Particular and private
 donations 17 66
 Picnic..... 85 00
 Sermons 39 33
 Total \$176 79

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit of the preceding year \$19 25
 Bread, 602 lbs..... 17 92
 Wood, 4 cords..... 24 00
 Coal, 7 tons..... 42 00
 Relief in flour, provisions,
 groceries, medicines, etc. 6 97
 Offerings to the Council .. 8 89
 Total \$119 03

Summary.

Total receipts, as above\$176 79
 Total expenses, as above 119 03

Balance.....\$57 76

SAMUEL DUNBAR,
Treasurer.

JOHN RODGERS,
President.

CONFERENCE OF THE SACRED HEART.

Aggregated 16th November, 1889

From the 1st April, 1890, to the 31st March, 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday, after Mass in the basement of church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President	P. Jobin	Secretary,.....	J. B. Gauthier
	111 Richmond St. West	Treasurer,	A. Gendron
Vice-President, ...	Theo. Trudel		
Hospital Committee.....	Messrs. Trudell, Gauthier and Thomas		

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO 31ST MARCH, 1891.

Number of active members.....	30
Number of aspirant members.....	1——31
Number of benefactors or subscribers.....	2
Average attendance	10

List of Members admitted within period named.

Geo. Trudeau, Saurioelle, Monette.

Statement of Poor relieved.

Number of families.....	4
Number of persons relieved: 6 adults, 15 children..	21
Number of scholars under patronage of Conference.....	4

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance on hand from preceding year	\$26 25	Bread, 124 lbs	\$14 95
Weekly collections.....	35 90	Wood, 1½ Cords	7 90
Box collections.....	8 75	Coal, 2 Tons	12 00
Particular and private donations.....	22 66	Clothing	4 00
		Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc..	6 00
		Relief in cash.....	5 00
		Patronage of hospitals, prisons, etc.....	12 00
		Offerings to the Council...	2 73
		“ other charitable or religious institutions	1 00
		Funeral Expenses.....	5 00
Total.....	\$93 56	Total.....	\$ 70 58

Summary.

Total receipts, as above.....	\$ 93 56
Total expenses, as above.....	70 58

Balance.....	\$22 98
A. GENDRON,	PHILEAS JOBIN
<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>President</i>

CONFERENCE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

Aggregated 6th November, 1889.

From the 1st April 1890, to the 31st March 1891.

The Conference meets every Sunday after High Mass in sacristy of church.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Chaplain,...	Rev. James Walsh	2nd Vice-Pres. Commader Law	
President	Patrick Hughes	Secretary.....	M. J. Hynes
1st Vice-Pres., J. A. Gorman	18 Glen Road	Treasurer,...	J. R. McDermott
Hospital Committee.....	{	Asst. Treasurer, J. McMahan	
	{	John McDermott. James Lydon,	
	{	Thos. P. Long.	

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO MARCH 31st, 1891.

Number of active members.....	27
Number of subscribers or benefactors.....	2
Prof. Goldwin Smith, R. Emsley, Esq.	
Average attendance.....	15

List of members admitted within period named.

Magloire D. E. Laplant, Rev. James Walsh, Chas. F. Long, P.
F. Cronin, John Coffee (from St. Paul's), Thomas Coolican,
John McCormack (from Conference of Our Lady.)

List of members retired.

Thomas Coolican (gone to St. Helen's Conference.)

List of members deceased.

Richard G. Baigent, formerly President of St. Basil's Conference.

Statement of poor relieved.

Number of families.....	12
Number of widows, 2, and their children, 6.....	8
Number of persons relieved: 19 adults, 32 children.....	51

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand from pre- ceding year. \$ 4 85	Wood, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord \$ 3 00
Weekly collections 69 29	Coal, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons 16 49
Box collections 21 30	Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc. ... 7 75
Subscriptions 17 66	Relief in cash..... 34 50
Total \$113 10	Furniture 3 00
	Patronage of Hospitals, Pri- sons, etc..... 12 00
	Funeral expenses and Masses 1 00
	Offerings to the Council.... 5 45
	Offerings to the Misson of Holy Rosary, New York, and other Charitable or Re- ligious Institutions 5 00
	Stationery, bulletins, books of rules..... 2 90
	Total \$91 09

Summary.

Total receipts, as above.....	\$113 10
Total expenses, as above.....	91 09
Balance on hand,.....	\$22 01

JOHN R. McDERMOTT,
Treasurer.

JAMES A. GORMAN,
Vice-President.

CONFERENCE OF ST. HELEN.

Not Aggregated

*From 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.*The Conference meets every Sunday after late mass in vestry
of church .

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....Vincent P. Fayle, 273 Lansdowne Ave.
 Vice-President, Jas J. Mullen | Treasurer, John Woods
 Secretary Allan S. Macdonell |

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS TO MARCH 31ST, 1891.

Number of active members.....25
 Average attendance12

List of members admitted within period named.

Charles Murphy, Charles Howell, Geo. P. Magann.

Statement of poor relieved.

Number of families 25
 Number of widows. 4, and their children, 11 15
 Number of persons relieved: adults, 29, children, 63 92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance on hand from pre- ceding year.....	\$19 87	Wood, 8½ cords.....	35 50
Weekly Collections	42 57	2½ tons.....	14 90
Box Collections.....	26 36	Clothing.....	2 00
Sermons	105 27	Relief in flour, provisions, groceries, medicine, etc.	46 31
		Relief in cash.....	4 00
		Offerings to charitable or religious institutions....	20 00
		Sundry expenses, being other than relief to the poor	4 40
Total	\$194 07	Total	\$127 11

Summary.

Total receipts, as above\$194 07
 Total expenses, as above 127 11

Balance..... \$66 96

JOHN WOODS
Treasurer.

V. P. FAYLE
President.



Obituary.

Of your Charity pray for the repose of the souls of

THE MOST REV. ARMAND FRANCIS MARIE, COUNT DE CHARBONNEL, who came here in 1850 as second Bishop of Toronto, retired in 1860 and in 1869 was appointed Archbishop of Sozopolis and auxiliary to the Archbishop of Lyons, and died 29th March, 1891. Our Society was established in this city under his administration, and with his cordial approval, and he was its sincere friend and liberal benefactor.

THE VERY REV. JOSEPH MARIE LAURENT, Vicar-General of the archdiocese of Toronto, born 30th March, 1825, at St. Martin de Beauprian, Department of Maine Loire, France, died 19th December, 1890. A great benefactor of the Society.

THOMAS McDONALD, an active member, Conference of St. Patrick.

MICHAEL KENNEDY, an active member, Conference of St. Peter.

RICHARD BAIGENT, an active member, Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes.

JOSEPH GOULDING, a subscriber, N. CARLIN, and IGNATIUS KORMAN, benefactors of the Society.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
rest in peace. Amen.*

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REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

FOUNDED IN JULY, 1884.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

President.....Patrick Hynes, 181 Wilton Ave.
Vice-President.....Martin Burns.
Secretary.....E. A. Cullerton.
Treasurer and Librarian.....Joseph J. Murphy.

VISITORS.

Conference of Our Lady.....Alexander Thomson, James
Spencer, J. Bondidier.
Conference of St. Paul.....Patrick Hynes, John Con-
roy, Wm. Tallon.
Conference of St. Mary.....M. Burns, R. Thompson, J.
Murphy, M. Carten.
Conference of St. Basil.....Wm. O'Connor, J. J. Crottie
Conference of St. Patrick.....E. A. Cullerton, L. Lalonde,
M. Meyers, W. K. Murphy.
Conference of Sacred Heart.....T. Trudelle, J. B. Gauthier,
A. Thomas.
Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes.....J. R. McDermott, James
Lydon and Thos. P. Long.

REGULATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

I.—MEMBERS.

The board is to consist of such members as shall be appointed by the President of the Particular Council and the Presidents of the various contributing conferences.

II.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be—a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian.

The officers shall be elected by ballot, and from amongst the visitors or members of the Board. The election shall be held annually on the last Sunday in August, and shall be subject to the approval of the Particular Council.

III.—MEETINGS

of the Board are to be held on the last Sunday in each month, in St. Vincent's Hall, at 4.30 o'clock p.m., punctually.

4.—VISITORS.

are to appointed at each monthly meeting for the succeeding month, from the several conference, according to the order of their seniority, as follows :

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| 1. Conference of Our Lady. | 5. Conference of St. Patrick. |
| 2. Conference of St. Paul. | 6. Conference of Sacred Heart. |
| 3. Conference of St. Mary. | 7. Conference of Our Lady of |
| 4. Conference of St. Basil. | Lourdes. |

5. The visitors for the month are to have full power to act for the Board in all cases, and must make full returns of their work at the end of their respective terms.

6. The duties of the officers shall be similar to those of the officers of a conference, except that the Treasurer-

Librarian shall, in addition, purchase all supplies for the libraries as directed by the Board.

8.—FINANCIAL.

The funds, or means to meet expenses, are to consist of the allowance agreed to be made by the Particular Council, of an equal proportion with the different conferences out of moneys donated to the Society, and also of the sum of one dollar a month, agreed to be granted by the different conferences, together with further aid in case of necessity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM 1ST APRIL 1890, TO 31ST MARCH, 1891.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Balance from last report.....	\$66 70	Paid Ladies Hospital Visit-	
Subs., Conf. Our Lady,	\$12 00	ing Society share of	
" " St. Paul	12 00	collection	\$100 00
" " St. Mary.....	12 00	" 130 Prayer Books....	13 00
" " St. Basil.....	12 00	" Beads	6 80
" " St. Patrick.....	12 00	" Scapulars	1 05
" " Sacred Heart....	12 00	" Spectacles	6 00
" " Our Lady of		" Catechisms for chaplain	
Lourdes.....	12 00	Central Prison	3 34
The late Joseph Golding....	18 00	" 46 vols. for Hospital	
Hospital Sunday Collection, \$299 43		Library.....	15 15
Donations	16 66	" 85 vols. for Gaol Lib-	
Contributions from 7 Con-		rary	21 22
ferences, for Invalid chair		" 21 vols. for House of	
for House of Providence	20 00	Providence	6 64
Interest on deposit.....	5 00	" 10 vol. for Convent of	
		Precious Blood	10 00
		" Bookcase and books for	
		Sunnyside Orphanage	25 25
		" Bookcase and books for	
		St. Nicholas Home	52 13
		" Magazines and News-	
		papers	26 20
		" Binding.....	13 05
		" Clothing for Hospital	
		Patients.....	3 00
		" Christmas distribution	
		in Hospital	15 00
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		in House of Provid-	
		ence	7 94
		" Organ for Gaol.....	10 00
		" Invalid chair for House	
		of Providence.....	16 00
		" Entertainment for chil-	
		dren at Sunnyside..	15 42
		" Entertainment for chil-	
		at House of Provid-	
		ence	25 50
		" Funeral expenses, etc.	15 00
		" Sundries	10 56
Total Receipts.....	\$709 79	Total expenses.....	\$418 25
Expenses	418 25		
Balance on hand....	91 54		

J. J. MURPHY, Treasurer.

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St. Peter's

The following articles were distributed in the Hospital:

Prayer Books	86	Testaments	3
Beads	144	Spectacles	24
Scapulars	65	Letter Paper and Envelopes..	--

Clothing was procured for four patients, and at Christmas a general distribution of fruit, etc., was made.

Newspapers are distributed and books from the Library changed every Sunday.

Distributed in Toronto Gaol.

Prayer Books	140	Scapulars	12
Beads	96	Spectacles	36

The Board offers their sincere thanks to Stephen W. Healy, Esq., of Florence, Italy, for Italian Catholic papers, which were distributed in the Hospital and amongst the Italian colony in the city; to Joseph Bondidier for Catholic papers every week, and to John Ryan for a quantity of clothing.

The collection authorized by his Grace the Archbishop to be taken up in the churches of the city on the first Sunday in May, in aid of the Hospital and Prison work, was not as successful this year as last. The following amounts have been returned up to the present, and the sum of sixty-one dollars has been handed to "The Catholic Ladies Hospital Visiting Society."

St. Michael's Cathedral.....		St. Helen's "	20 00
St. Paul's Church.....	\$11 06	Sacred Heart "	5 00
St. Mary's "	76 20	Our Lady of Lourdes	8 00
St. Basil's "	23 55	St. Joseph's church	8 75
St. Patrick's "	38 56		
St. Peter's "	—	Total	\$191 06



ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNCILS AND CONFERENCES.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

(Corrected from the latest authorities.)

ENGLAND.

- London* Provincial Council } Prest., George Blount; residence,
London " } 28 Old Burlington st., London W.
 Secretary: B. F. C. Costelloe, 33 Chancery Lane, London,
 W. C.
Bath Council.—Prest., A. J. King, 13 Queen square.
Birmingham.—Prest., J. B. Hardman, St. John's, Hunter's
 Road.
 T. Hopwood, 143 Heathfield Rd., Handsworth.
Bristol.—W. Green, Hampden Villa, 12 Cotham Road.
Liverpool.—P. E. I. Hemelyrk—Knowsley Bldgs Tithebarn st.
Manchester.—E. Caulfield, 13 St. Luke's Terrace, Cheetham
 Hill Road.
Banbury District Council.—Rev. C. J. Bowen, St. John's,
 Banbury.
Preston.—T. Heys, Eastcliffe.
Sheffield.—J. Bower Brown, Brookhill.
Tyne District.—John O'Connor, 35 Caroline street, Jarrow-
 on-Tyne.
Plymouth.—H. S. Wilcox, 32 Wyndham Square.
Torquay.—L. B. Bowring, C.S.I., Lavrockbere, St. Luke's
 Road, South.
St. Helier, Jersey.—J. M. Laming, 2 St. Mark's Villas.
Oxford.—Hon. B. J. Stapleton, Aston street, Iffley Road.
Leamington.—A. Newdigate, 27 Clarendon Square.
 The number of Conferences isolated or connected with Councils
 is about 123.

IRELAND.

- Superior Council of Ireland } Judge G. Waters, 50 Upper Sack-
 Particular " } Dublin } ville Street.
Belfast Part. Council.—Wm. Downey, 112 Hughes' Buildings.
Cork Part. Council.—T. Mahoney, J.P., Drumconra, Black-
 rock.
Londonderry Part. Council.—Charles O'Neill, J.P., Great
 James St.
Limerick Part. Council.—William Spillane, 67 George street.
Clonmel Part. Council.—A. St. George, Jervis Place.
 The number of Conferences isolated or connected with Councils
 is about 144.

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SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh with 19 Conferences,—Prest., W. Campbell, 4 Gloucester place, Skerrington, Edinburgh.

Glasgow, with 36 Conferences.—Prest., Fraclcis Henry, 10 Monteith Row.

Dundee, with 3 Conferences.—Prest., T. Leo Fay, 11 Reform street.

The number of Conferences isolated or connected with Councils is about 36.

UNITED STATES.

New York.—Provincial Council, with 20 Particular Councils and 297 Conferences; New York City Particular Council, with 51 Conferences, Pres't., J. Fitzpatrick, 28 and 30 N. Moore street.

Albany.—Seven Conferences, Nicholas Hussey, 340 Madison Ave.

Brooklyn.—Twenty-seven Conferences, T. W. Hynes, 601 Broadway, New York.

Washington.—Twenty Conferences, Pres't, Thos. E. Wagganman, 917 F street, N. W.

Philadelphia.—Thirty-five Conferences, Pres't, J. B. Colahan, 3914 Spruce street.

Pittsburg.—Seven Conferences, E. Houston, 201 2nd Avenue.

Louisville.—Nine Conferences, D. E. Doherty, First and Brook streets.

Dubuque.—Two Conferences, John Keenan, 83 Summit street.

St. Paul.—Seventeen Conferences. M. J. O'Connor, 75 Inglehart street.

Baltimore.—Eighteen Conferences, F. W. Dammann, 731 Lanvale street, W.

Boston.—Thirty-three Conferences, Thomas F. Ring, 141 Franklin street.

Newark.—Five Conferences, John R. Richmond, M.D., 41 Clinton street.

Troy.—Eleven Conferences, Edward Kelley, 143 Third street.

Chicago.—Twenty Conferences, R. C. Gannon 52 Throop St.

Syracuse.—Three Conferences, John McGuire, 310 East Willow street.

Providence.—Eleven Conferences, W. Keily, 45 Cypress street.

Jersey City.—Eight Conferences, John Guilfoyle, 35 Gardner street.

New Haven.—Five Conferences, Hon. W. C. Robinson, 137 Edward street.

Cohoes.—Four Conferences, James O'Hare, 81 Congress street

New Orleans.—Eighteen Conferences, Dr. E. Doumeing, 115 Dumaine street.

- St. Louis*.—Thirty-one Conferences, Pres't, Louis Fusz, 1408 E. Grand Ave. N.
Trenton.—Three Conferences, Prest, Robert Wilson, 177 Broad street.
San Francisco.—Ten Conferences, Pres. Hon. John M. Burnett.

CANADA.

- Quebec*.—Superior Council, 10 Particular Councils, 4 Patronage Works and 92 Conferences, C. N. Hamel, 120 Cote de la Montagne.
Quebec.—Particular Council with 18 Conferences, Prest, F. E. Hudon. Part. Council, St. Patrick, Quebec, 5 Conferences M. O'Leary, 33 Artillery street.
Montreal.—Part. Council, Nineteen Conferences, Prest, R. Bellemare, 42 St. Paul street.
Toronto.—Part. Council, 9 Conferences, Prest., W. J. MacDonell, House of Providence. Librarians: J. J. Murphy, Crown Lands Depart; T. H. Cruise, 26 McCaul street. Prest. Hospital Committee, P. Hynes, 181 Wilton Avenue.
Ottawa.—Two Part. Councils, seven Conferences. Part. Council of Ottawa, John Gorman, Council of St. Louis, Pierre Rivet;
London.—Part. Council, two Conferences, Prest., J. M. Keary, City Hall.
Hamilton.—Part. Council, two Conferences, Prest., H. Arland, 26 King St. E.
Three Rivers.—Part. Council, Ten Conferences, Prest., P. L. Hubert,
Levis.—Part. Council, two Conferences Prest. E. Darvau.
Almonte.—John O'Reilly; Brantford, P. Ryan; *Collingwood*, J. J. Long; *Guelph*, J. E. McElderry; *Lindsay*, O. M. Bigelow; *Newmarket*, P. J. O'Malley; *Peterborough*, A. Vannet; *Pembroke*, M. How; *Stratford*, D. J. O'Connor; *Orillia*, Dr. McDonell; *St. Catharines*, T. C. Dawson; *Dundas*, M. Wardell. *Winnepeg*. N. Bawlf.
Halifax.—Part. Council, 3 Conferences Prest. Lieut. Governor M. B. Daly, Government House
Yarmouth.—Rev. F. Brown.
Prince Edward Island.—John Caven, Charlottetown: J. B. Strong, Summerside.

INDIA.

- Calcutta*.—Council, Rev. Fr. V. Marchal, S. J., 66 Bow Bazaar street.
Bombay, twenty four Conferences, Prest., T. A. Walsh, Fort Convent School.

Sydney.—Six
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Auckland.—

Cape Town.—
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AUSTRALIA.

Sydney.—Sixteen Conferences, Charles O'Neill, M.I.C.E. 200 Cumberland Street.

Adelaide.—Prest, D. J. O'Connell, Angas street.

NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland.—H. Simpson, Church street, Ponsonby,

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town.—Prest. J. M. Crosby, Chief Resident Magistrate, Kloof street.

Grahamstown.—Hon. A. Wilmott, M. C. L.

Port Elizabeth.—Rev. Father Hanton.

Pt. Louis.—(Mauritius) four Conferences, M. V. DeRobillard, St. George Street.

EGYPT.

Gairo.—Prest. M. G. Privat, Conferences also at Alexandria and Tunis.

FRANCE

Paris.—English Conference, Henery Blount, 50 Avenue Hoche

BELGIUM.

Bruges.—M. de Laage de Bellefaye, St. Andre-les Bruges.

Brussels.—M. de Penderanda.

Nieuport.—M. Franz, de Rudder.

Blankenburg.—M. Alphonse Breydel.

Heyst.—M. Leopold Desutter.

Ostende.—M. Van Caillie.

Ghent.—M. A. Verhaegen.

Antwerp.—Louis Pharazyn.

ITALY.

Florence.—S. W. Healy, 6 Piazza d'Azeglio.

Rome.—Monsignor Puyol, Palazzo di S. Luigi.

CHINA.

Shanghai.—H. Jorge, 27 Whangpoc road.

Hong Kong.—Two Conferences, M. Albino da Silveira.

AUSTRIA.

Vienna.—Francis Jop, Wein VII., Hofstall Strasse 5.

Besides those above named there are numerous native Councils and Conferences of various nationalities in almost every part of the world, in all about 4,800, and the number of active members is estimated at 85,000. The total receipts of the Society in 1889 were \$1,977,785, and the total expenses \$1,681,807. The central point for all is the Council General, 6 Rue de Furstenburg, Paris, Mons. Antoine Pages, President-General.