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REPORT.

The objects of the St. George's District Visiting Society are such as to induce the Committee to expect the continued support of their subscribers. By personally visiting the sick and the poor in their own homes, the visitors seek to aid only real cases of distress. They aim to spread the knowledge of the Gospel, to 'promote' attendance at the house of God, and day and Sabbath schools; to point out to the sick and dying the Friend of sinners—our merciful Saviour—as the way, the truth, and the life, and by personal sympathy, words, and deeds of Christian love, to bear the burdens of others, and so fulfil the law of Christ by following His example who went about doing good.

They are conscious how imperfectly this work of Christian charity has been carried out by them, and they would call the attention of their friends to the need of more labourers coming forward, so as to enable them to increase the number of districts and lessen their extent, and thus more thoroughly visit them.

Knowing how often gifts of money are wasted, much aid has been provided in giving food, articles of clothing, bedding, and fuel.

They would acknowledge how much they are indebted to the zeal, industry, perseverance, and business habits which the Committee for the Employment of Poor Women have manifested, in so successfully carrying out the attempt to help the poor to help themselves. With a capital of but £28 18s. 8½d., the Employment Committee paid for

work to poor women £31 8s. 11d., and for selling the work, £5 9s. 3d., and owing to persevering efforts to sell the work, the Committee have in hand in cash £22 18s. 10½d., besides goods made up worth £6 12s. 8., and goods sold, not yet paid for, worth £0 18s. 6d. The Committee trust that the ladies of other congregations will, in a similar way, assist in providing employment for the poor. They ask their friends and subscribers to read the report of the Employment Committee, and the statement of their accounts, and they will be happy to receive special donations for the employment fund.

They were glad to avail themselves of the Soup Kitchen established by Mr. Stairs last winter, and they hope this useful institution will be maintained this year and extensively supported.

They acknowledge the benefits which the poor in their districts received, in many instances, from the efforts of the visitors of the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

The Committee feel that Christians are called not only to relieve suffering, but to do all they can to remove the causes of poverty; and they feel it their duty to state, that the spread of vital religion, of education, of habits of temperance, and frugality, will do much to lessen the poverty existing among us, and among other agencies for these purposes they ask their supporters to extend the influence of the St. George's Total Abstinence Society, which holds its meeting on the second Monday of every month at the Parochial School-room, in Brunswick street, at 8 P. M., and the Penny Savings Bank which is open every Saturday evening in the old Dutch Church, at half-past seven o'clock, under the direction of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. As already there are more than four hundred inmates in the

than to receive."

**Cash Account of St. George's District Visiting Society,
from Nov. 1st, 1866, to Oct. 31st, 1867.**

Dr.	
Balance from 1866.....	£0 5 2
By moiety of Collection in St. George's Church on Thanksgiving Day.....	10 8 5
Donation from Warrant Officers of H. M. S. <i>Duncan</i> , by Captain Gibson.....	11 5 0
Contributions and Collections by visitors.....	54 5 7½
	<hr/> £76 4 2½

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Paid Messrs. Bowes & Sons for Printing Reports.....	£ 1 5 0
" for condemned Barrack bedding.....	6 5 0
Amount expended by visitors in food, fuel, clothing, &c.	68 10 6
Balance to new account.....	10 3 8½
	<hr/> £76 4 2½

R. F. UNIACKE, *Treasurer.*

FOSTER ALMON, *Secretary.*

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY FOR EMPLOY- MENT OF POOR WOMEN.

In presenting their First Annual Report of this Society, the Committee beg to say, that by the blessing of Divine Providence, they have been enabled to do an amount of good, which the limited means at their disposal in commencing would hardly have warranted them in anticipating.

The Society commenced its work on the 15th November, 1866, and continued in active operation the whole of the winter months, during which time the sum of £36 18s. 2d. was paid to thirty-three women for labour performed in making and selling the garments, which were cut and fitted by the Committee. The number of women employed, ranged from eight the first week, to thirty-one at the close of its operations in the spring; each earning by her labour from 9d. to 2s. 6d. a week; the average being about 1s. 6d. per week per head.

Annexed is a detailed statement of the quantity of materials used; the amount paid for the same; and for labour in making and selling; the amount of donations, and the sum at present in hand, with an account of the number and description of garments made.

DETAILED STATEMENT.

QUANTITY AND COST OF MATERIALS.

909 yds of Striped Shirting.....	£38	5	10½
733½ " Grey Cotton.....	23	19	10
524 " Grey and Brown Linsey.....	29	12	5½
65 " Fancy Flannel.....	4	11	7
107½ " White Cotton.....	4	3	7
28 " Fancy Shirting.....	1	5	4
24 " White Flannel.....	2	8	0
10 " Fancy Print.....	0	8	8
305 " Blue Serge.....	26	9	0½
Buttons, thread, cotton reels, tape.....	4	10	9

—£135 15 1½

Paid for labour making garments.....	31	8	11
Do do selling.....	5	9	3
	—£36 18 2		

AMOUNT OF DONATIONS TO FUNDS OF SOCIETY.

Mrs. William Cunard.....	£	2	0	0
Mrs. Fitzgerald Uniacke.....		2	10	0
Do in goods.....		1	5	4
District Visiting Society.....		5	0	0
From St. George's Church Collection on Thanksgiving Day.....		10	0	0
Rev. R. F. Uniacke.....		0	11	3
In goods from a lady.....		3	10	0
C. H. Fife.....		1	5	0
Charles H. Black.....		0	10	0
Mrs. James Woodill.....		0	8	9
Miss Marvin.....		0	3	9
Mrs. Hamilton.....		0	3	14
Mrs. Pickford.....		0	2	6
Mrs. Humphrey.....		0	2	6
Mrs. Elias Marshall.....		0	2	6
Mrs. A. C. Fife.....		0	2	6
Miss Coyle.....		0	2	6
Mrs. Sweet.....		0	5	0
Miss Eltee.....		0	5	0
Interest on deposit at Savings' Bank..		0	4	0
	—£28 13 8½			

ON HAND IN CASH AND GOODS AFTER PAYMENT OF ALL AMOUNTS,

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	£22	18	10½
5 pair Drawers worth 6s. 3d. each.....	1	11	3
1 Flannel Shirt.....	0	5	0
12 Youth's Shirts, 2s. 6d.	1	10	0
23 Men's do 3s. 0d.	3	6	0
	—£29 11 1½		
Goods sold and not paid for.....		0	18 6

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF GARMENTS MADE.

300 Striped Cotton Shirts.			
81 Blue Serge do			
143 Grey and Brown Linsey Shirts.			
16 Fancy Flannel Shirts.			
22 do Cotton Shirts.			
6 pair white Flannel Drawers.			
259 assorted women's under garments.			
86 Children's do do			

915

Halifax, 18th November, 1867.