

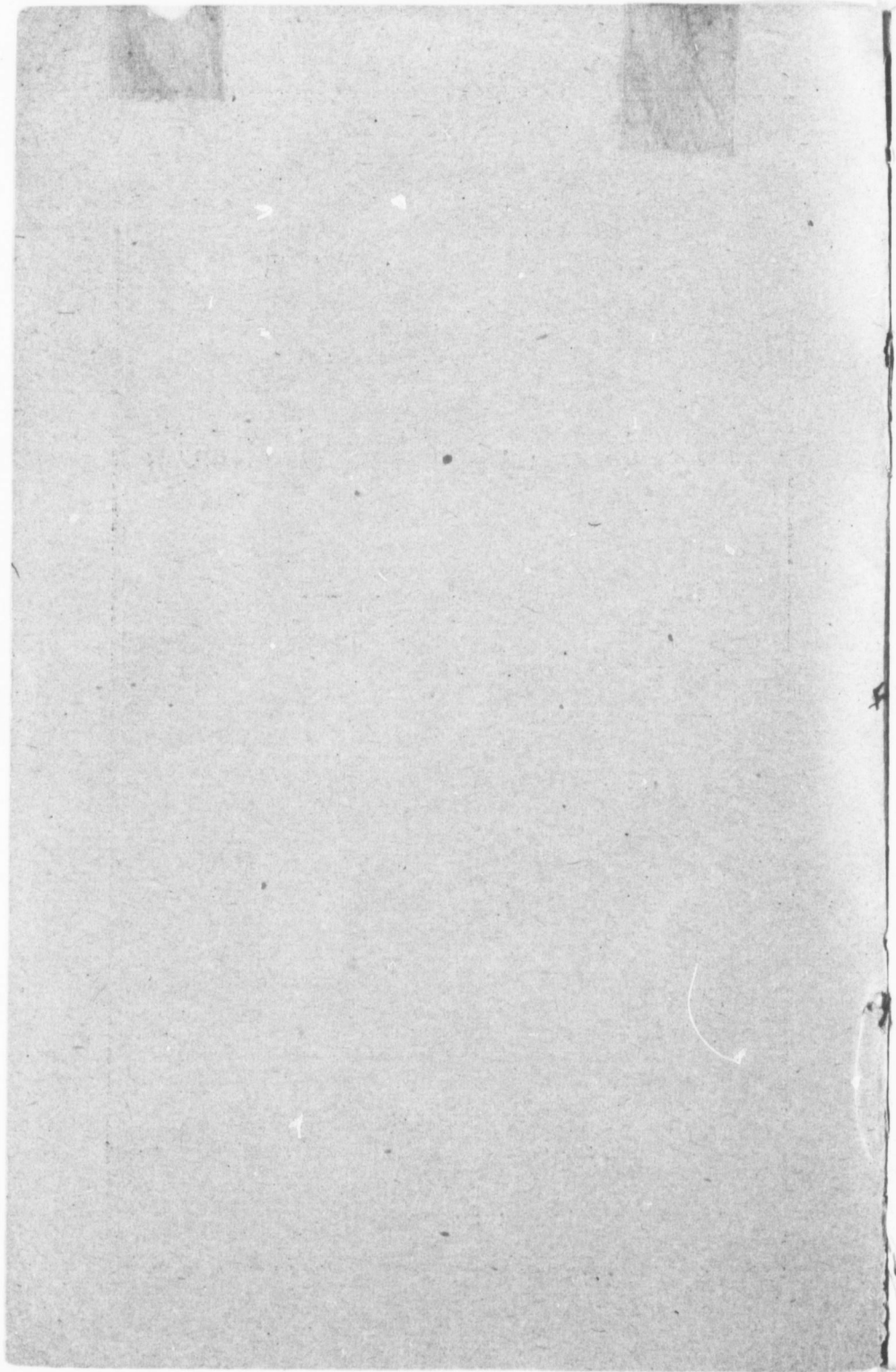


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FORM OF BEQUEST.

The Society has power to receive any amount of money that may be given or bequeathed to it.

It may also receive lands or any interests therein by gift, devise, or bequest.

The clause in the will may be as follows:—

I give to THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL ROOM SOCIETY,
the sum of

or

I give to THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL ROOM SOCIETY,
(describe the land so that it can be identified.)

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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of this Society as set forth in the Act of Incorporation are as follows:—To secure employment for Women and Girls requiring aid; to provide sewing, knitting and other industrial occupations for Women and Girls requiring assistance, and generally to help such Women and Girls in the way of making them industrious instead of pauperizing them by affording gratuitous relief.

List of Officers and Members,

FOR THE YEAR 1893-94.

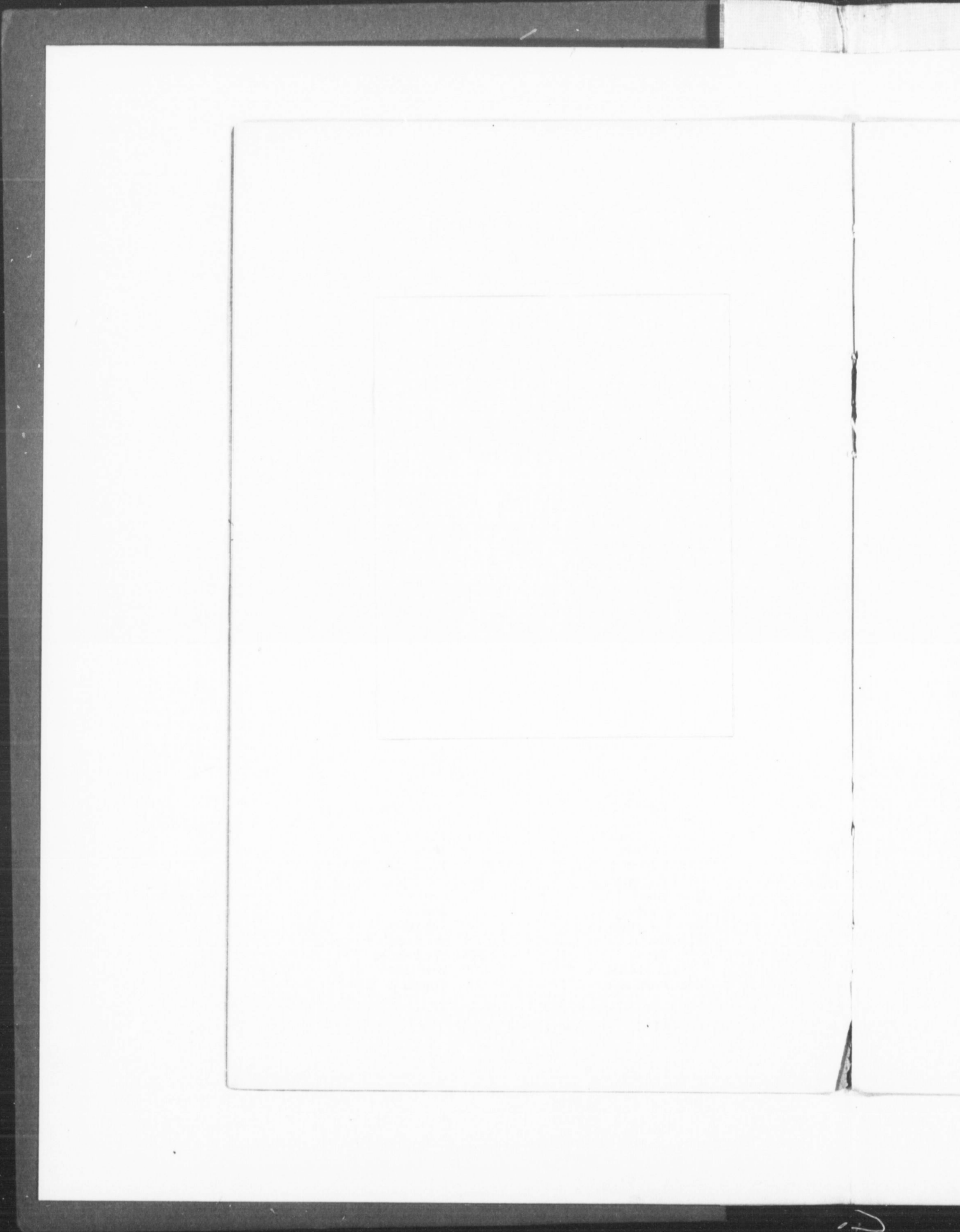
<i>Honorary President</i>	MRS. T. M. THOMSON.
<i>President</i>	MRS. BARNETT, 66 Gloucester St.
<i>First Vice-President</i> ..	“ WINNETT, 198 Beverley St.
<i>Second Vice-President</i> ..	“ SHORTISS, 115 St. George St.
<i>Secretary</i>	“ MACDONNOUGH, 27 Rosedale Rd.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	“ FRED. MOWAT.
<i>Treasurer</i>	“ MACLENNAN, 10 Murray St.

ADVISORY BOARD.

HON. S. H. BLAKE.	ROBERT KILGOUR, Esq.
MR. JUSTICE MACLENNAN.	GEO. A. COX, Esq.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. James.	Mrs. B. Thompson.
“ Wood.	“ Macdonnough.
“ Lillie.	“ Helliwell.
“ Kent.	“ Torrington.
“ Langton.	“ Byrne.
“ Watson.	Miss Mowat.
“ Brunt.	“ Elliot.
“ A. Mason.	“ Wylie.
“ O'Hara.	“ Buik.
“ Hooper.	“ K. Thomson.
“ C. Hutchinson.	“ A. Thomson.
“ Oldright.	“ McArthur.
“ Hodgins.	“ Warnock.
“ Shuttleworth.	“ Joseph.
“ Sydere.	“ Shuttleworth.
“ Parry.	“ Winnett.
“ Bostwick.	Mrs. Hillock.
“ Pearson.	“ R. Brown.
“ Moore.	“ Innis.
“ Gilchrist.	Miss M. Smith.
“ Culbert.	“ Burns.
“ Oliver.	“ Proudfoot.
“ Williamson.	Mrs. McIntyre.
Miss Lash.	“ Guthrie.
“ Stark.	“ Scarfe.
Mrs. Chopiteau.	“ Johnston.
Miss Cavan.	“ Williams.
“ Paton.	Miss Mackenzie.
“ S. Mickle.	“ Bradshaw.
Mrs. Brookman.	“ Foggin.



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INCORPORATED 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1891.

The aim and purpose of this organization, incorporated under the name of "TORONTO INDUSTRIAL ROOM SOCIETY," is to afford opportunity for deserving women needing assistance to receive it ; not by the acceptance of charity's dole, which always lowers self-respect ; but by giving fair value in work, for fair remuneration, thus securing needed relief without forfeiting independence. The belief is held most strongly, that value for value, even in charitable effort, best secures the object sought, besides fostering habits of thrift in a class, many of whom are too ready to spend time aimlessly, relying upon benevolent agencies to relieve pressing want.

In presenting their Second Annual Report as an Incorporated Society, the officers desire to express their belief that much good has resulted from their efforts on behalf of the indigent ; 150 women having been supplied with sewing during the winter. Large, airy rooms in Association Hall, afford excellent accommodation, while the location, central, and easy of access from all points, greatly facilitates sales. Each Thursday morning, from December till May, the ladies of the Board are in attendance for the purpose of selling to the public the work done by the women, and to give out work or receive what has been finished, as well as to arrange the business details of the undertaking.

Cutting out is all done by ladies at their own homes, and great pains are taken to instruct the women so as to

have careful as well as cleanly sewing. On arrival, each applicant is given a number, so that all may be attended to fairly, and in regular turn, without unnecessary delay ; and as most have breakfasted but meagrely, a bowl of nourishing soup is supplied and gratefully partaken of. Not forgetting the injunction to "sow beside all waters," and realizing that food for the soul is as needful as food for the body, the devotional committee, composed of members of the Board, hold a short service of prayer, Scripture reading, hymn singing and exhortation with the waiting ones ; besides conversing with each, hearing her story, and offering words of counsel. (In this connection, it is fitting to convey thanks to Mrs. Eustace, who so kindly assisted the committee in this branch of the work by playing the organ at their services.) It is in order here to say that no woman is given work except on recommendation of some reliable citizen, or on that of the visiting committee, who faithfully, often laboriously, investigate each case. Gratifying improvement is shown in the quality of the work, and when it is explained that members regularly teach these women plain sewing, darning, glove mending, buttonhole making and knitting, admiration is divided between teachers and learners ; for, if it is sometimes hard to acquire knowledge, it is also often difficult to impart it.

The establishment in Toronto of the Needlework Guild has been of advantage to this Society, inasmuch as purchases are frequently made at the Industrial Rooms, for bestowment through the sister charity. Householders, too, in increasing numbers, find their requirements met in under-clothing, aprons, night robes, bed linens, children's dresses, and knitted goods. The sources of supply are donations from many interested patrons, weekly sales, city grant, and Annual Sale, no systematic canvass for contributions being made, as for other charities. The Annual Sale held first week in April, while proving very satisfactory, still left a large amount of stock unsold, and to dispose of this, the Society decided on renting a store for three months, in the Young Men's Christian Association Buildings, in order to realize upon it if possible.

Mention must also be made of the cast-off clothing department, where, for a trifling sum or a few hours work, many a

family has been made comfortable, with garments often but slightly the worse for wear. Instances might be multiplied of want relieved, hearts gladdened, hope awakened, and honest pride aroused, by the help-you-to-help-yourself organization here described ; but, contenting themselves with setting forth only in barest outline the method and scope of this educative charity, the Society would urge its claims upon all in order that employment, and therefore help, may be secured for many needy ones.

Before closing we wish to thank our numerous patrons and donors, and hope this year the Toronto Industrial Room Society will be again remembered by them.

Visitors are always heartily welcomed, and full information cheerfully given.

JESSIE A. PROUDFOOT,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SEWING CLASSES.

One of the rules of the Toronto Industrial Room Society is, that no woman who requires assistance shall be refused work merely because she cannot do it well. As a number of such workers apply every year, it was thought advisable to try to teach them to do better. It was not properly applying the labour test to allow them to bring back their work, week after week, with no attempt at improvement, some of it dirty and unsalable. So, while the women were waiting down stairs to be called in turn to receive their work, those who were willing to do so, were formed into classes to learn plain sewing, and to make buttonholes. They were well paid for what they did, but it had to be done carefully. Some came as often as ten or twelve times before completing a garment. The improvement in many cases was most satisfactory. Some of the women came early every week and staid till the Rooms closed.

Means were provided for washing grimy hands, and after a few hints as to the desirability of such a thing, several of them did it regularly of their own accord. There was a noticeable improvement in this respect, as an inspection of their work will testify.

The Buttonhole Class was taught by a young girl who herself learned in the Rooms last year, and who practised all summer to qualify.

Besides the inferior workers, a number of women who could sew well joined the class. They wished to utilize their time while waiting, and some very good work was done by them. Last year, and this year, ladies wishing to have table linen hemmed by hand, sent it to the Room, and the teachers selected such women as they knew could work well to do it. Eighty-one women in all joined the classes. A few (about seven) came only a few times. The usual attendance, in the busy time was about sixty. The conduct of the women, and the desire of many of them to improve

was such as greatly to encourage the teachers, and to make them take a warm interest in the women and in their work.

They hope the experience gained this year, may enable them to help and sympathise more fully with those (and they are many) who are bearing weary, hopeless burdens, to whom the lines have not fallen in pleasant places, and by whom the morning spent in the Industrial Room is looked forward to as the one bright spot in the week, "like a day's outing," many of them say.

To carry on the work next season, several new teachers are required, teachers who will come regularly and punctually, who will be patient with and considerate for hard-working clumsy hands, and who are strong enough to spend the morning, once a week, in an atmosphere, not perfumed with the otto of roses. There must be many in our midst who could and would do this willingly.

A few of the capable trustworthy women were selected to form a Darning Class, the object of which is stated by the lady who so successfully carried it on, in the appended report.

A. G. LASH.

REPORT OF THE DARNING CLASS.

I beg to report that I took charge of the Darning Class of your Industrial Society on December 15th, 1892, when I found four women in attendance, which number has since increased to seven.

Weekly meetings have been held, and the attendance has been very satisfactory.

The object of the class has been to prepare these women to work by the day, at any kind of mending in ladies' houses, or to undertake any kind of sewing or mending in their own homes. The progress made by the members of the class has been satisfactory. Although only those who could do fine sewing were admitted, there was not one who could darn well when the class began.

Some have made much greater progress than others, and have been able to give samples of each line of work. Besides being taught to darn cashmere, lisle and silk stockings, cashmere and silk dress goods, they have done some very good samples of mending kid gloves and table linen, which have been sent in during the year.

The class was greatly benefited by some lessons given by a tailoress, who taught the women to make buttonholes in cashmere and cloth; and to bind cloth and clean men's clothes, as done in the tailor shops. This latter will, I hope, prove a great help to the women.

ESSIE ELLIOTT.

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOM SOCIETY.

Balance in hand 1st May, 1892	\$ 331 10	By Paid Treasurer of Relief Society in full of all claims..	\$ 327 51
To grant from City Council.....	400 00	" Rent of Room and Gas	80 00
" Proceeds of Afternoon Tea	57 10	" Paid for Work	622 80
" " of sale of Marmalade, 1892-3	40 00	" " for Materials	602 19
" Membership Fees	53 00	" " for Printing Annual Report	14 75
" Subscriptions	360 77	" " for Advertising	18 15
" Cash Sales during Season	605 58	" Postage, Postal Cards and Printing	13 00
" Proceeds of Annual Sale, April, 1893.....	413 01	" Stationery and Delivery Book	2 90
" " of Afternoon Tea, Candy, Dolls and Flow- ers, April, 1893	71 21	" Repairing Locks, etc.....	5 21
" Interest on Bank Account	11 67	" Express Charges	0 75
		" Paid for Awning	10 00
		" Expenses of West End Branch.....	49 50
			<u>\$1,746 76</u>
		Balance 3rd May, 1893	596 68
	<u>\$2,343 44</u>		<u>2,343 44</u>

E. MACLENNAN,
Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Industrial Room Society and found same to be correct, the balance amounting to five hundred and ninety-six ^{U.S.} dollars, being deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce as per certified pass book.

DOUGLAS SIMPSON,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 9th, 1893.

REPORT OF THE NORTH-WEST BRANCH.

MRS. GUTHRIE *President.*
 MRS. INNIS *Vice-President.*
 MRS. SCARF *Treasurer.*
 MISS BRADSHAW *Secretary.*

No. 8 Avenue Chambers, was rented for five months.

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1892. Old members notified, and work divided up. During the Christmas season, few applying for help and the weather being open, it was decided that no meeting should be held till Wednesday, January 11th.

During the season twenty-six applications were made for work. Work was given out, for which liberal payment was made. For those not able to sew, work was found by the day. In all cases where it was possible, families were visited and help given where there was real need.

April, 1893.

MARY BRADSHAW,
Secretary.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF NORTH-WEST BRANCH.

To balance on hand	\$39 66	
“ Cash from Society	60 00	
“ Proceeds of Sales	16 76	
		<u>\$116 42</u>
By paid for Material	\$43 90	
“ “ for Sewing, etc	39 80	
“ “ Rent of Room	20 00	
“ Postage and Express	2 22	
“ Returned to Treasurer of Society	10 50	
		<u>\$116 42</u>

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CONSTITUTION OF TORONTO INDUSTRIAL
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ARTICLES.

I. The officers of the Society shall be elected from amongst the Directors and shall for the present consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

II. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, she shall ex officio be a member of all committees, shall exercise a general supervision over the work of the Society, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to her office by the by-laws of the Society.

III. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, to give notice of all meetings of the Society, keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society and of the Directors, she shall prepare the annual report and keep lists of the members of the Society.

V. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to keep a list of applicants for work, and a separate list of those to whom work is refused, she shall receive reports of visitors and perform such other duties as are incident to her office.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all moneys received, and keep them at some chartered bank. She shall disburse them as directed by the Society or the Directors, shall give an account of receipts and payments out, and shall give, upon being so required, a report of the money on hand. She shall receive and check over the annual statement of each Branch Treasurer, taking charge of any balance on hand, and shall present a statement at annual meeting. The Treasurer's and Branch Treasurer's annual statement shall be audited before the annual meeting by an auditor appointed by the Society.

VII. Candidates for membership shall be proposed at a previous meeting, and the name of any lady wishing to become a member shall be approved of by a two-thirds' majority of the Directors present at a regular meeting of the Directors, the voting being by ballot, and the candidates so approved shall become members of the Society on signing roll and paying annual fee.

VIII. The Society may establish a branch or branches from time to time in any part or parts of the city distant from the main Room.

IX. Each such branch shall be in charge of a Vice-President of the Society, and in each case the Vice-President in charge and a Committee of Directors of the Society (of such a number as may hereafter be fixed by by-law of the Society) shall oversee the work of such Branch.

X. For each such Branch, a Branch Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed from among the members of the Branch Committees.

XI. The Branch Secretary for each such Branch, shall give all necessary notices of the Branch Committee, shall receive the reports of the visitors ; shall keep a list of the applicants receiving work at the Branch, and a separate list (if any) to whom work is refused. She shall prepare the Annual Report of the Branch and shall perform such other duties as are incident to her office, as may from time to time be prescribed by by-law of the Society.

XII. The Branch Treasurer for each such Branch, shall take charge of all moneys received by the Branch ; shall keep them at some chartered bank ; shall disburse them as directed by the Branch Committee ; shall keep an account of receipts and payments out ; shall report on the moneys on hand at each meeting of the Committee, and shall present a separate report at each monthly meeting of the Society. She shall also perform such other duties as are incident to her office, or may from time to time be prescribed to her by by-law of the Society.

XIII. While the Society's work is in progress, there shall be monthly meetings of the Society, in addition to the ordinary weekly meetings of the Directors and reports by the Treasurer and Branch Treasurer, shall be presented then in addition to other business.

XIV. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Thursday in October each year.

XV. At the Annual Meeting of the Society, to be held on the third Thursday of October, 1892, the number of Directors to be elected shall be increased from thirteen to twenty-one.

XVI. At any meeting of the Society, fifteen shall be a quorum ; at any meeting of the Directors, five shall be a quorum ; and at any meeting of a Branch Committee, five shall be a quorum.

XVII. Any of the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Society, may be altered or rescinded at any monthly meeting of the Society by a two-thirds' vote of those present. Notice in writing of such alteration or rescision having been given one month previously.

XVIII. The annual fee of the Society shall be \$1.00, payable in advance, and no member in arrears shall vote at any meeting of the Society or of the Directors.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

Received by Mrs. Barnett.

Mrs. J. Kent	\$50 00	
Messrs. Donogh & Oliver	20 00	
Miss Lesslie	20 00	
" Dick	5 00	
Mrs. G. S. Beatty	5 00	
" W. B. Miller	5 00	
" Thomson	5 00	
" J. G. Scott	3 00	
" Flavelle	10 00	
Miss Sinclair	3 00	
" Thomson	6 00	
Mr. C. Lailey	2 00	
Rev. Mr. Brookman	2 00	
Miss Paton, (special)	1 00	
		\$137 00

By Mrs. C. Hutchinson.

Mr. W. A. Douglas	\$5 00	
" Dowd	2 00	
" J. Hutchinson	2 00	
" Sills	1 00	
" J. H. Miller	50	
" McKinnon	25	
" A. R. William	1 00	
" C. Hutchinson	2 25	
		14 00

By Mrs. Thomson.

Mrs. Mortimer Clark	\$10 00	
" Kilgour	10 00	
" Lesslie	10 00	
Mr. J. Stark	5 00	
Miss Lesslie	1 00	
Mr. J. Gartshore	1 00	
		37 00

By Mrs. Wood.

Mr. Wm. Christie	\$10 00	
" R. A. Wood	3 00	
" George Kerr	2 00	
" Tackaberry	2 00	
" A. B. Lee	1 00	
" Drynan	1 00	
" Reeve	1 00	
" Barron	1 00	
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By Mrs. Shuttleworth.

Mr. D. E. Thomson.....	\$5 00	
“ J. McKinnon	5 00	
A friend.....	5 00	
Two friends \$1.00 each	2 00	
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By Mrs. Shortiss.

Mr. Hooper	\$5 00	
“ Rowsell	5 00	
“ Malé	3 00	
“ Watson	1 00	
“ Bailey	1 00	
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By Mrs. Lillie.

Mr. Dalton	\$5 00	
Lyman Bros. & Co	5 00	
Mrs. J. H. Mason.....	2 00	
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By Mrs. James.

Mrs. Robert Wilkes	\$5 00	
“ Gooderham	4 00	
“ Morrison	1 00	
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By Mrs. Brunt.

Mrs. W. A. Thomson	\$2 00	
“ J. Thomson.....	2 00	
A friend.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	10 00

By Miss Wylie.

Mrs. H. Kent	\$5 00	5 00
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By Miss Stark.

J. W. L. Forster	\$4 00	4 00
Miss Lash, for Benevolent Fund		15 77
“ “ for expenses of Sewing Class.....		35 00
Mrs. T. M. Thomson, for “ “		2 00
Mail Office.....		12 00
Mrs. Nordheimer.....		10 00
Mrs. O'Hara		4 00

 \$360 77

CAST-OFF CLOTHING COMMITTEE.

In presenting the report of the "cast-off clothing" table, I would desire to thank the ladies who so kindly sent the clothing, which no doubt added very much to the comfort of the poor women and of their families :

Mrs. Scott	3 parcels.	Mrs. Munns	1 parcel.
" Maclennan	1 "	" Shortiss	2 "
" Harvey	1 "	" Firstbrooke	1 "
" Rowland	1 "	" Humphrey	1 "
" McHuffey	1 "	" Evans	1 "
" James	2 "	" O'Hara	1 "
" Stephens	1 "	" Shuttleworth	1 "
" Burke	1 "	" Lamport	1 "
" McKinnon	1 "	" Holland	1 "
Miss Cavan	1 "	" King	1 "
Mrs. Barnett	2 "		

Mrs. Laily, one parcel and \$2.00.

Fifty-six families were benefitted through them, and were very grateful for the privilege of obtaining what they needed for so small a sum of money ; indeed, several told me they did not know what they would have done without it.

Of course, the amount taken at the table, \$40.57, does not represent the value of the clothing received, but we have thus helped those who were willing to help themselves.

S. R. CULBERT.

The following donations are also acknowledged with many thanks :—

- Mrs. Hutchinson Tea.
- Davidson & Hay Tea.
- Mr. Kilgour Paper.
- Brown Bros Paper.
- Miss Caroline Smith 1 doz. Bags (furnished).
- Mrs. Atherton Work Bag.
- Mrs. O'Hara Baby Counterpanes.

Also the following for donations at time of sale :—

Gowans, Kent & Co.	Mrs. Mason.
Harry Webb.	Miss Massey.
Mr. Pearson.	Miss McArthur.
Mrs. Barnett.	Mrs. Maclennan.
Mr. Barron.	Mrs. McNaught.
Mrs. Bostwick.	Mrs. Miller.
Mrs. J. Boyd.	Mrs. F. Mowat.
Mrs. R. Brown.	Miss Nairn.
Mrs. Brown.	Mrs. O'Hara.
Mrs. Brunt.	Mrs. Oldright.
Miss Buik.	Mr. J. Pape.
Mrs. Byrne.	Miss Parsons.
Miss Cavan.	Miss Paton.
Mrs. Coady.	Miss Proudfoot.
Miss Cook.	Miss A. Robinson.
Mrs. Culbert.	Mrs. Rutledge.
Mr. Dale.	Mrs. Shortiss.
Mr. Dunlap.	Mrs. Shuttleworth.
Miss Elliott.	Mrs. Sills.
Mrs. Gilchrist.	Miss Smith.
Mrs. Heustis.	Miss Stark.
Mrs. Hutchinson.	Mrs. Thompson.
Mrs. James.	Mrs. B. Thompson.
Miss Joseph.	Mrs. S. Tidy.
Mrs. Kent.	Mrs. Tighe.
Mrs. Kirkland.	Mrs. Van Norman.
Mr. Kilgour.	Mrs. Webb.
Mrs. Lash.	Mrs. Williamson.
Miss Lash.	Mrs. Winnett.
Mrs. Lillie.	Mrs. Woods.
Mrs. J. Lugsdin.	Miss Wylie.