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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR 1867.

WITH A LIST OF THE

SUBSCRIBERS AND COMMITTEE.

"Give Alms of such things as you have."

HALIFAX, N. S.

PRINTED BY W. CUNNABELL,

1867.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. JOHN McCULLOCH, *President*

Mrs. JAMES THOMSON, *Sec'y. and Treasurer.*

Mrs. Alex. McLeod,

Mrs. William Hays,

Mrs. David Calder,

Mrs. J. McEachern,

Mrs. G. A. Knox,

Miss Grant,

Miss Thomson,

Miss Mitchell,

Miss Thompson,

Miss Calder,

Miss Sarah Kerr.

RULES, &c.

OF

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Female Benevolent Society.

A NUMBER of Ladies belonging to this Congregation sympathizing with the poor in their afflictions, and anxious to relieve their necessities, after due deliberation resolved to form themselves into a regular Society, that their usefulness might be more extensive and permanent, and their bounty administered with greater care, prudence, and tenderness.

At a meeting held on the first Monday in the month of November, 1828, the following Regulations were adopted for the guidance of the Society:—

I. The designation of the Society shall be, SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

II. The object of the Society shall be, to afford relief in clothing, provisions, and, if judged necessary, in money, to destitute widows and orphans, to the sick, to the aged, and to the friendless, belonging to the congregation, and to the poor throughout the community, as far as their means extend.

III. Every person subscribing five shillings a year shall be considered a member of this Society, and be requested to afford the Committee information respecting those cases of distress which come under his or her immediate observation.

IV. As clothing is an article indispensably necessary for the comfort of the poor particularly in this severe climate, it shall be the business of the members of Committee to pro-


cure, either from their own funds, or from the donations of the charitable and humane, suitable apparel for those who have a claim upon their liberality.

V. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and thirteen Ladies, chosen from the Subscribers.

VI. The Committee shall appoint two Ladies, either of their own number or from the Subscribers, as collectors, who shall call upon the Subscribers within the space of two weeks after the commencement of the quarter, for their quarterly subscriptions, and remit them immediately to the Treasurer.

VII. The Committee shall also appoint two Ladies as visitors, who shall call once a month, or oftener, if they can find leisure, upon each of the persons receiving aid from this Society, and ascertain when and how the assistance of the Society shall be continued, extended, or withheld. They shall also visit all applicants to the Society, and report to the Committee their claims for support.

VIII. The Committee shall meet on the first Monday of every month, at 2 o'clock, afternoon, for transacting the business of the Society; and no business shall be done unless at least eight of the members be present.



REPORT.

Your Committee beg to thank the Subscribers for the support so kindly extended during the past, and again to solicit a like measure of aid for the coming year. We are gratified to observe that the total amount subscribed and paid for 1867 is just equal to that for the two years 1865 and 1866. And while we thus note this gratifying fact, we would also beg to remind all that this winter threatens to be one of more widely extended destitution than any previous one for several years, and therefore that the utmost exertions of all the agencies throughout the city will be called for and required. An increased number will be dependent on the Christian sympathy and liberality of those to whom God has given "the silver and the gold, which are His." Food, fuel, clothing, money for rent—all will be needed.

The active efforts and extended ramifications of the "Association for the Relief of the Poor" will restrict the sphere of our operations to those *special cases* which may come under the immediate and personal cognizance of the Committee or Pastor. As the field will thus be narrowed, we trust to be able to meet these cases—constantly increasing in number—in a more thorough and satisfactory manner.

Support is solicited not only in the way of money but also in the way of clothing. One of our objects is to provide suitable clothing for children desirous of attending Sunday School. Members of the Congregation who have families are therefore requested to send such garments as they can spare, to the President or Secretary, in order that the Committee may have always on hand a supply ready to be altered to suit the requirements of those who may need aid in this way. As each case will be thoroughly enquired into previous to assistance being extended, only *real* distress will receive aid.

Your Committee express their gratitude to Almighty God, the Guardian of the Poor, that He has put it into the hearts of the people of this city to make a thorough and systematic effort to grapple with the evil of Pauperism by the establishment of an unsectarian Association founded "on the broad basis of our common humanity." It was not intended by the founders of that Association that it should interfere with, or supersede, the working of any local or congregational effort. Nor does it. We attend to the cases brought specially before us—it attends to that large class unconnected with any particular Church. The two will never clash—neither can the larger supersede the smaller. It may—and sometimes does—bring our work prominently before us, but it never says to us that we are no longer needed. May He who has called us to be "fellow-workers" with Himself, by giving us charge of His own Poor, bless its efforts and ours. In blessing others, the blessing returns in upon our own souls. Remember the great appeal and promise: "He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given, He will pay him again."

Subscribers' Names for 1867.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. John McCulloch	7 6	Miss Forrester	10 0
Mrs. John R. Murray	5 0	Mrs. Angus McLean	5 0
Mrs. Montgomery	5 0	Mrs. W. H. Neal	5 0
Miss C. Spike	2 6	Miss McGill	3 1½
Mrs. James Thomson	5 0	Miss Thompson	5 0
Mrs. A. McLeod	1 5 0	Mrs. John Hunter	5 0
Mrs. Brown	5 0	Mrs. James Scott	5 0
Mrs. W. Bauld jun'r.	5 0	Mrs. Fletcher	6 3
Mrs. Bayley	6 3	Mr. Philip Thompson	5 0
Rev. Charles M. Grant	10 0	Mrs. W. C. Moir	4 0
Mrs. John Sinclair	5 0	Mrs. Scriven	2 6
Mrs. Crosskill	5 0	Mrs. Calder	5 0
Mrs. J. S. Cunnabell	7 6	Mrs. McKenzie	5 0
Miss Thomson	2 6	Mr. W. Anderson	3 9
Mr. Outram	5 0	Mrs. W. H. Bauld	6 3
Mrs. W. Lessel	3 1½	Mrs. Alex. Anderson	5 0
Mrs. Hume	5 0	Mrs. McEachern	5 0
Mrs. Eagleson	3 1½	Mr. Robert Malcom	5 0
Miss Mitchell	5 0	Mrs. James Malcom	5 0
Mrs. Robert Noble	1 0 0	Mr. J. Reeves	2 6
Mrs. Williamson	10 7½	Miss Reeves	2 6
Mrs. W. Creighton	6 3	Mrs. Angus McLeod	3 9
Mrs. W. Bauld sen'r.	5 0	Mrs. Robert Brander	2 6
Mr. John Gibson	5 0	Mrs. Charles McLean	2 6
Mrs. A. Keith	12 6	Miss S. Kerr	2 6
Mrs. J. Forsyth	5 0	Mr. Daniel Kerr	5 0
Miss Forsyth	5 0	Mr. John Fraser	5 0
Miss Little	5 0	Miss J. Grant	5 0
Mrs. John Taylor	5 0	Miss Richardson	5 0
Mrs. Brim	3 9	Miss McKay	2 6
Mrs. John Doull	10 0	Miss Kerr	2 6

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. Edward Reeves . . . 5 0	Mrs. Hays 5 0
Miss Calder 2 6	Mrs. Urquhart 5 0
Mrs. J. DeWolfe 2 6	Mrs. W. Kandick . . . 5 0
Mrs. McQueen 5 0	
A Friend 2 6	Total . . . £19 10 3

Account Current for 1867.

Saint Andrew's Female Benevolent Society in Account with the Treasurer.

DR.	
To Amount of Subscriptions	£19 10 4
CR.	
Groceries and Fuel, &c.	£12 2 0
Clothing, &c.	6 10 10
Printing Reports	0 17 6
	£19 10 4
Garments made up	143
Garments sold	47 £4 1 6
Balance on hand	£4 1 6