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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HALIFAX POOR MAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, FEB-BUARY 3d. AT THE BOYAL ACADIAN SCHOOL.

The Honourable JUDGE HALIBURTON in the Chair.

The Report of the Committee for the last year having been submitted to the Meeting, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Hayden, M. A. seconded by the Rev. Mr. Carrol, and

Resolved Unanimously.

1. That the Report now read, be adopted and printed, under the direction of the General Committee.

On motion of the Hon. T. N. Jeffery, seconded by Charles Fairbanks, Esq. it was

Resolved Unanimmusty.

2. That the thanks of this Meeting be respectfully presented, by the Chairman, to His Excellency the Governor, for his uniform patronage of the Society; and particularly, for his kind-ness in permitting a quantity of Wood from His Majesty's Fuel Yard, to be placed at its disposal in the depth of Winter, and allowing it to be returned during the Summer ; by which a very considerable sum has been saved to the Funds of the Society.

On motion of the Hon. H. N. Binney, seconded by J. W. Johnson, Esq. it was

Resolved Unanimously.

3. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to F. W. Haden, Esq. Deputy Commissary General, for his kindness in facilitating the issue and return of Wood, obligingly placed at the disposal of the Society, from His Majesty's Fuel-Yard, by His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT-

On motion of the Rev. John Martin, seconded by the Rev. R. L. Lusher, it was

Recolved Unanimously,

4. That this Meeting has heard with the liveliest satisfaction those statements of the Report which relate to the issues of the Society, by which very extensive the fast, during the last year, been afforded to the Distressed and Indigent of our Community; and that it is their opinion, the situation of the Poor at this inclement period of the year, is, and will doubtless con- new et. there

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tinue to be, during the remaining months of winter, such as demands all the energies, and calls for the renewed and the most active exertions of the Society,

At this period of the Meeting, his Honour Judge Haliburton stated, that he had received a Communication from the Committee of the AMATEUR THEATRE, placing at the disposal of the Society the sum of £52 3 34.

On motion of S. G. W. Archibald, Esq. seconded by the Hon. T. N. Jeffery, and supported by Samuel Head, Esq.M.D. it was

Resolved Unanimously,

5. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Committee of the Amateur Theatre, for the very liberal sum of money presented by them to this Institution,

The following Gentlemen were then chosen the Committee for this year, viz.-

R. Hume, Esq. M. D.	J. G. Marshall, Esq.
S. Head, Esq. M. D.	J. I. Chipman, Esq.
H. H. Cogswell, Esq.	Hon. Enes Collins,
Michael Tobin, Esq.	Hon. T. N. Jeffery,
W. Almon, Esq. M. D.	John Starr, Esg.
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Rev. Mr. Carrol,	John Clark, Esq.
M. G. Black, Esc	

Mr. J. A. Barry-Secretary.

His Honour Judge Haliburton, having left the Chair, it was taken by J. G. Marshall, Esq. and on motion of William Lawson, Esq. seconded by the Rev. Wm. Black, and supported by J. I. Chipman, Esq. Sil portante

Resolved Unanimously,

That the thanks of this Meeting are particularly due to His Honour Judge Haliburton, for his attention to the business of the evening, is man world . http://w of which and heating of baies

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Report.

THE operations of this Society during the 3d year of its existence having been brought to a close, your Committee now proceed to lay before you a statement of the relief affordad, and of their proceedings, since they have been in office. There have been relieved by this Charity, during the year 1822-From Lit a Chilip

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It will be recollected that your Committee were nominated on the 21st day of January, 1822. On the day immediately succeeding their appointment they met together and proceeded to fill up the vacancies in several of the Wards with judicious Visitors; and as much distress existed throughout the town, which they were anxious should be immediately relieved, they directed that the returns of all relief granted by the Society from the end of the previous year, up to the 24th inst. should he made without delay; and having also agreed upon certain instructions to be given to the Visitors, they adjourned until the 24th inst. in order to afford time for printing the Instructions, together with the blank returns, tickets for Fuel, &c. necessary for the expenditure of the present year.

On the evening of the day appointed, your Committee again met, and the Secretary having reported that he was prepared with the printed instructions, blank returns, tickets, &c. for each Ward, they were delivered to the several Visitors, who were requested to attend particularly to the Instructions of your Committee, and to commence, simultaneously, the next morning, an examination into the state of the Poor throughout the whole seventeen Wards of the town; to relieve any cases that might gall for immediate attention, and to meet and report to your

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epared or each ere rer Coming, an whole might your Committee, on the evening of the 4th of February, the result of their researches.

The report of the Visitors, on meeting your Committee at the above named period, was such as satisfied them that the necessities of the poor, particularly for the article of Fire-Wood, had really demanded that promptitude with which your Committee wished them to be relieved, as the weather at the time was severe in the extreme.

At this meeting your Committee were informed by the Secretary, that the heavy draught upon the Society's depôt of Wood to meet the exigencies of the Poor, had left a quantity not more than sufficient to meet the demands of the ensuing fortnight; and they therefore felt it to be their duty to communicate to His Excellency the Governor, the situation of the poor of the town; and accordingly nominated three gentlemen of their number to wait upon His Excellency for this purpose, and to ascertain if the Society could be accommodated with the loan of One Hundred Cords of Wood, from His Majesty's Fuel-Yard, as there was only a trifling quantity to be purchased at the wharves, and that at an exorbitant price. In answer to this communication, His Excellency, with his usual foeling for the poor, was pleased, in the most obliging manner, to permit One Hundred Cords, if wanted, to be placed at the disposal of your Committee, to be returned to the Fuel-Yard in the ensuing summer, or paid for at the contract price, at the option of your Committee.

Seventy-five Cords were accordingly drawn for by the directions of your Committee; when a quantity having been brought to market, and the price fallen considerably, they were enabled to purchase it in such parcels as became necessary. The wants of the poor being very urgent, and many of the individuals seeking relief not actually the poor of the town, although thrown by misfortune upon the charity of its inhabitants, your Committee conceived it but just to apply to the Legislature, when sitting, for such assistance as in their wisdom they might think proper to bestow; and they have the pleasure to state that the liberal sum of Sixty Pounds was voted in aid of the benevolent intentions of the Society, without which your Committee would not have been enabled to replace the Wood which had been obtained from His Majesty's Fuel-Yard, unless by purchasing it with their own individual means : the private subscriptions to the Funds of the Society having fallen off far beyond the reasonable expectation of your Committee.

The Secretary having informed your Committee of the facilities afforded by the kindness of F. W. Haden, Esq. Deputy Commissary General, in issuing and returning the above quantity of Wood, they cannot refrain from expressing their high sense of that gentleman's politeness; and of his attention to the interests of the poor through the medium of this Institution.

There has been paid into the hands of your Treasurer during the year, exclusive of the Legislative Grant, the sum of £196 15.3, being One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Seventeen Shitlings and Ten Pence Halfpenny less than the preceding wear. The Balance in his hands this day is £14 10 74.

The objection which is unceasingly reiterated by those who labour for an excuse against assisting the exertions of any benevolent institution, viz. " that among the promiscuous multitude of objects. many undeserving and improper persons are relieved,"-has not unfrequently, during the past year, been brought against the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society. To this your Committee conceive it impossible to make a more pertinent reply than in the following answer, given to the same objection by their predecessors in office ; and which is extracted from the Society's Report of last year. " Although the Committee are not prepared to deny that some improper objects may possibly have obtained a little relief from the Funds, yet they are satisfied that the existence of the Society has been a great blessing to that part of the Community in general, whose poverty has not been the consequence of indolence but of misfortune, and many of these have shewn, by their expressions of gratitude and respect, that they are not insensible to the favors received from the higher classes of Society, through the medium of this charitable Institution."

It has been the anxious wish of your Committee that the Visitors should relieve with the greatest caution every individual upon the books of the Society; yet it is not impossible that even during the past year some impositions may have been practised; but with all its imperfections—and where is there to be found any merely human institution free from them?—your Committee hesitate not to express their own conviction, without wishing in the least to lessen the worth and utility of other Societies, that there has not been such extensive relief afforded to the poor of this town with the Funds of any pre-existent charitable Institution, as from the expenditure of an equal sum by the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society.

Your Committee in resigning their office, wish to remark, that as the Almoners of the Society they have been permitted the "luxury of doing good," and they would charitably hope there cannot be a Subscriber to its Funds, even to the most triffing extent, but will partake of that luxury, when informed by your Committee that but for the supplies afforded through the means of the Society, some, perhaps many, of his fellow-creatures, would, during the last winter, have fallen victums to want, in its most distressing shapes of cold and hunger.

In addition your Committee have only to say, that in their

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opinion the prospect of suffering among the poor previously to the opening of the ensuing spring, is by no means small; and as the contributions to the Society have been rapidly declining, they leave it with the present meeting of its members and friends to say, whether the poor of our community shall experience an alleviation of their distresses through the medium and by the renewed exertions of this Society, or he doomed to receive their more scanty pittance from the uncertain hand of private charity: but as an appeal to the charitable feelings of the inhabitants of Halifax, for the removal of wretchedness and misery has never yet been forced back upon the applicant with cold indifference, your Committee would be the last to suppose that those high, those noble, those exalted and refined sensibilities of our nature, which so sympathetically respond to the calls of poverty and affliction, can cease to act at a period like the present of more than ordinary excitement.

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Under these impressions, your Committee think it unnecessa-ty to say much in favor of a cause which is in itself so powerful, that, when permitted to speak out, it insinuates a glowing influence into the coldest recesses of the most torpid and unfeeling bosom. Is not the object of this Society to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to enliven the gloom, cheer the sorrow; and ease the pain of the afflicted ; and to soften the pillows of the dying? You know it is. And are not the objects of the Society's solicitude, men? Are they not human beings, partakers of our common nature? They are: and as such susceptible of the kindness of our sympathy, as well as the bitterness of our neglect. As such, our hearts and our hands should ever be open towards the supply of their necessities. But they have claims upon us arising from higher motives than those of mere humanity. Do we not assume to ourselves the name and profession of Christians? Let it then not be forgotten by us, hat this question was once asked by a venerable Apostle:----Whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ?"

To those who are only waiting a call upon their benevolence, enough has been already said: but to those who are wavering between duty and inclination, the words of St. James are most forcibly addressed.—"If a brother or sister be naked or destiunte of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Be ye warma ed, and be ye filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful; what doth it profit?" To such your Committee would hold up the example of the good Samaritan, in his conduct towards the man, who, in going down from Jerus salem to Jericko, fell among thieves; and conclude by saying, if the words of our blessed. Saviour,—"Go thou, and do likenic."

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A List of the different Wards, and the Visitors appointed by the Committee on the 7th of Feb. 1823.

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Duty of Visitors

UNDER THE FIFTH RULE OF THIS INSTITUTION.

1st. To circulate extensively the Society's Annual Report.

2d. To solicit and collect, as much as possible towards the funds of the Society.

3d. To relieve, agreeably to the instructions given them from time to time by the Committee, the wants of those whose cases, upon personal inspection, are found to come within the spirit of the Institution.

4th. To make correct returns of their expenditure and its amount to the Committee, at such times as they may direct.

5th. To furnish the Secretary with an alphabetical list of Sub-

INSTRUCTIONS to the VISITORS from the COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting held at the Exchange, on the evening of the 7th of February, 1823.

The Visitors will go through their respective Wards immediately, and examine into the state of the Poor, and solicit Subscriptions.

They will be careful not to relieve any case without previous personal inspection; and by no means any case within the jurisdiction of other Visitors.

They will, if possible, go through their several Wards at least once in a fortnight, that paupers resident therein, may not have an excuse for troubling Visitors of other Wards; and that they may not suffer from want of proper supplies.

They will, on discovering cases of distress, which are properly objects for relief in the Poor-House, make application to the Commissioners for their admission into that Establishment, (the application to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee) and if paupers, so situated, will not consent to be placed there, the T pers duci mitt Mag

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They will afford relief in cases of extreme distress, to all persons, even although they may be of known profligate conduct, but they will immediately report such cases to the Committee, to be by them brought under the consideration of the Magistracy.

They will not exceed the sum of ten shillings per month, in addition to Wood and Soup, in relieving cases of great distress. -In ordinary cases, they will supply only Wood and Soup.

They will not supply money, except under very peculiar circumstances ; but will expend it themselves, in the most judicious and economical manner.

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They will not in ordinary cases, supply more than two feet of Wood in three weeks; and in very extraordinary, such as where fire is required at night, from sickness, &c. they will not exceed 2 feet in 10 days.

They will dirculate the Report as soon after they receive it from the Socretary as they conveniently can.

They will be particular in making returns of expenditure to this Committee, as follows :-

From the first to the last day of Fibruary, on the evening of the first Monday in March. From the first to the last day of March, on the essning of the first Monday in April. From the first to the fifteenth day of April, on the evening of the first Monday after the latter date. Printed returns will be always kept in readiness by the Secretary, and these only will be receiped by the Committee.

They will be particular in paying over to the Committee whenever they meet, any sum which may be in their hands, the property of the Society.

The Committee most earnestly solicit punctuality in the attendance of at least one Visitor from every Ward, at the different Meetings of the Committee, as without strict attention to this particular, the Committee can neither ascertain the state of the Funds, nor regulate any business, which may depend upon such knowledge,

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