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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION  
FOR  
Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR  
1889.

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS, ETC.

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ORGANIZED DECEMBER 27, 1866. — INCORPORATED APRIL 19, 1884.

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*FRIENDS WILL PLEASE SEND IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TREASURER,  
MR. JAMES FORREST, AT THE OFFICE OF FARQUHAR, FORREST & CO.*

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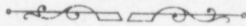
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OFFICE-BEARERS.

President :  
JOHN DOULL.

Vice-President :  
W. H. NEAL.

Superbising Committee :

S. M. BROOKFIELD,	JCHN FARQUHARSON,
H. P. BURTON,	C. C. BLACKADAR,
WM. DUNBAR,	JAMES FORREST,
E. C. TWINING,	JOHN H. SYMONS,
WM. DENNIS,	GEORGE E. FAULKNER.

(With power to add to their number.)

Treasurer :  
JAMES FORREST.

Secretary :  
RUFUS J. SWEET.

Auditors :  
E. C. TWINING,                      C. C. BLACKADAR.

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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor begs to submit the twenty third annual report.

The stone shed was opened early in January and about 40,000 bushels of stone were broken. The cost thereof was equal to six and two thirds cents per bushel, and as more than half the output was sold at six cents, the loss to the Association on the season's work was \$176, as per statement annexed. It will be remembered that this loss was incurred by the Association in its efforts to give work to poor men who, during the winter months, could find no other employment in the city. The Committee have entered into a contract with the Board of Works for the supply of fifty thousand bushels at an advance on last year's price.

A loan of \$800 on first mortgage has been made to the Trustees of the Kaye street Methodist church. The property on Cunard street has been disposed of for \$1,700 and a mortgage taken for \$1,400 of that amount. The Association became the possessor of this property by taking over the mortgage thereon, which was for \$2,000, being an investment made by the Trustees of St. Mathew's church of a bequest of the late A. K. Doull, of that amount; owing to the legal expenses, and large outlay for repairs and loss on the sale of this property, the investment fund of this Association loses about \$800, through no fault of the Committee, but simply as the result of an unfortunate investment made by other parties.

A bequest of \$100 has been received from the executor of the late Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.

Donations amounting to \$1,411 were received by the Treasurer, a deficiency of \$96 as compared with the previous year. Although the Association has now become a permanent Institution, largely owing to the liberal bequests made by Sir

## REPORT,

William Young, A. K. Doull, Hugh Elliot and other deceased friends, yet the Committee has hitherto been cramped in its efforts to relieve distress, by the limited means placed at its disposal, and it is therefore a matter of regret that a decrease in the amount donated has this year to be reported. The association deserves better of its friends in this city.

We are glad to notice that the board of health has turned its attention to the unhealthy condition of a number of tenement houses in the city, and also that the city council has ordered the construction of drains in the upper streets, where for sanitary purposes their want has been greatly felt.

The number of families relieved was 333 against 358 in the previous year. Of the former 134 were new cases, appearing for the first time on the books of the Association.

The supervising committee, while relief is being distributed, meet every Monday for consultation. Two of the number are to be found at the office daily, giving personal attention to the cases coming before them and enquiring into the merits of each. In this department of the work able assistance was rendered by R. G. Halls, as clerk, and J. B. Brown, as visitor.

Voluntary subscriptions from the friends and sympathizers of the poor have hitherto enabled the committee to carry on the noble work of the Association, and another season's labors are cheerfully entered upon, believing that many who have enough and to spare will not forget the claims that the poor have to their helpful consideration.

"Blessed is the man that considereth the poor"

Thanks are hereby tendered the *Recorder*, *Chronicle* and *Herald*, for publishing items concerning our work, free of charge.

JOHN DOULL, *President*.  
R. J. SWEET, *Secretary*.

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## Report of W. H. Neal, Superintendent Stone Shed.

*Cash Account, 1889.*

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Wages paid for Breaking Stone, including Overseer, necessary Tools and price of stone.....	\$2568	36
Interest paid Bank of Nova Scotia on \$1,900, bor- rowed to pay Wages .....	47	35
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By sales of Broken Stone:—

Imperial Govern'm't 15000 bush. @ 6½..	\$975.00
Board of Works 18621 " 6 ..	1117.26
Horse Railway 4243 " 6 ..	254.58
S. Cunard & Co. 1245 " 6½..	80.93
Murphy 60 " 6 ..	3.60
Schwartz & Sons 120 " 7 ..	8.40
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	\$2439 77

Loss to the Association.....\$ 175 94

Average cost of stone as above, 6⅔ cts. per bushel.

The above does not show as large an amount of work as might have been done. The open winter made it very difficult to obtain sufficient stone for breaking to enable us to provide employment for all who were willing to work, nor did those who were breaking stone earn as good wages as they might have done had there been no difficulty in getting stone. The stone for breaking should be contracted for as early in the season as possible, so as to have a good supply before commencing work, as soft, wet weather, while preventing hauling stone, does not interfere with the breaking. The increased cost of stone make it impossible to supply the city at six cents per bushel except at a loss. The stone costs about two. We pay the breakers four cents per bushel, expense of providing sledges, hammers, shovels, etc., etc., paying an overseer and tally man, will amount to fully half a cent per bushel on the quantity we usually break, so that any stone now sold under six and a half cents is a dead loss to the Association, and I question the justice of taking any portion of our funds to provide the city with broken stone under actual cost price.

W. H. NEAL, *Chairman.*

**AN ACT**  
To Incorporate the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

(Passed the 12th day of April, 1884.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows;

1. John Doull, William H. Neal, Samuel M. Brookfield, William L. Lowell, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the Association hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Association for Improving the condition of the Poor."

2. The Association hereby incorporated may take, purchase and hold real estate and personal property, and may sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same for the purpose of said Association.

3. The Association hereby incorporated shall have power to make by-laws and regulations for the government of the said Association, the admission of members, the appointment of officers, and for the promotion and carrying out of its purposes.

4. The Annual Meeting of the said Association shall be held in the month of November in each year, and at such Annual Meetings the officers of the Association for the then next ensuing year shall be appointed. The persons who at the passing of this Act hold office in the said Association, shall continue to be the officers thereof until the first Annual Meeting is held.

5. No officer or member of the Association hereby incorporated shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the said Association, unless he shall agree to be answerable therefor.

**AN ACT to amend above Act.**

(Passed the 17th day of April, 1889.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows;

The said Association at any regular Annual Meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose may authorize the president of the association to borrow money for the carrying on of its work, not exceeding four thousand dollars and the real estate and funds of the Association should be available for the payment of any loan made under the authority of this Act.

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*ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE  
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1. To consider each applicant for relief as entitled to charity until a careful examination proves the contrary.
2. To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case, by visitation and enquiry.
3. To relieve no one except through the visitor.
4. To give the necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary.
5. To give what is least susceptible of abuse.
6. To give only in small quantities, and in proportion only to immediate need; and of coarser quality than might be procured by labor, except in cases of sickness.
7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond duration of the necessity which calls for it; but to extend, restrict and modify relief according to that necessity.
8. To require of each beneficiary, abstinence from intoxicating liquor as a drink; of such as have young children of a proper age, that they be kept at school, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances; and that those of suitable years be apprenticed to some trade, or sent to service. The design being to make the poor, parties to their own improvement and elevation; the wilful violation or disregard of these rules shall debar them from further relief.
9. To give no aid to persons who, from infirmity, imbecility, old age, or any other cause, are likely to continue unable to earn their own support, and consequently to be permanently dependent, except in extreme cases, for two or three days, or until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or the churches to which they belong.

10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of this Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitor, he will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be his duty moreover, to render a written report of his labors, and also an account of his disbursements to the Supervisors at the office of the Society.

Most of the Rules will, doubtless, commend themselves at once to approval. As it respects others, the propriety of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered:—

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependent are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary object—the elevation of the moral and physical condition of the poor—be defeated. Such persons should become a public charge, which is far preferable to reliance on incidental relief.

The 10th Rule refers to those who have become so pauperized in spirit by long continued vagrancy or gratuitous relief, or so debased by other causes, that there is no hope of inciting them to self-support and to aid whom would encourage sin and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing Rule deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who constantly persist in their vicious courses, and who cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community; still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the

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Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and social bearings on the individual concerned, and the public.

☞ The visitor, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct his attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify him for an intelligent and judicious discharge of his highly important and responsible duties.

☞ The attention of Members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitor most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

☞ It will be noted that relief is granted without distinction of class or creed.

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### NOTICE.

During the winter the Relief Office (61 Granville St.) is open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. daily. The case of each applicant is thoroughly enquired into by the Visitor and a record kept of the information obtained.

# TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

*Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in account with the Treasurer.*

EXPENDITURE.		RECEIPTS.	
To paid Salary Visitor and Clerk	\$ 216 00	By Balance	\$ 393 49
Coal, Glace Bay	451 26	Dividend Bank B N. A.	91 24
Geo. E. Boak	3 13	Rent Cunard St. House	96 00
H. C. Tully & Son	573 23	Bequest late Mrs. L. A. Wilmot	100 00
Groceries, E. J. Lordly	1027 62	Trustees Sir W. Young, Benevolent Fund	507 66
North End Tea Store	114 37	Borrowed of B. N. S.	1900 00
	126 49	Cunard St. house from sale to R. T. Murray	300 00
Bread, Moir, Son & Co.	240 86	Interest per ditto	35 00
Boots, Robt. Taylor	110 00	Water St. property, Rent, per W. Chisholm, Esq	110 95
50 lbs. Tea	65 85	Stone Shed account—	
Industrial School for Boy	9 15	City	\$117 26
Cash Contributions	60 00	Imperial Government	974 99
Printing Reports	2 50	Schwartz & Sons	8 40
New Ledger	44 50	City Railway	254 58
Office Expenses	15 00	Cunard & Co., &c.	59 88
Cunard St. property, Taxes, Repairs, Deeds, &c	3 46	Subscriptions and Donations	2415 11
Water St. property, Taxes	16 15		1411 00
Investment Mortgage on Keye St. Church	61 72		
Loan repaid Bank of Nova Scotia	32 80		
Stone Shed Wages	800 00		
Interest on Loan Bank of Nova Scotia	\$2543 71		
Balance	47 85		
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[Examined and found correct]

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E. C. TWINING, } Auditors.

Mr. Doull stated at the Annual meeting, that a deficit of \$765 existed in the "Investment of Bequests Fund," which he thought should be repaid from current revenue.

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- Amateur Dram
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  - John Doull
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  - Mrs. Binney
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  - Levi Hart
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  - Dr. D. M. Go
  - John Farquh
  - Muir & Black
  - R. W. Fraser
  - C. H. Roberts

\$7360 45 Nov. 25. Balance ..... \$163 78

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### DONATIONS RECEIVED TO NOV. 30TH, 1889.

Amateur Dramatic Club .....	\$75 00	J. B. D .....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co. ....	40 00	Clayton & Sou. ....	10 00
John Gibson .....	30 00	Dun, Wiman & Co. ....	10 00
A. & W. MacKinlay .....	25 00	Creighton & Marshall .....	10 00
John Doull .....	25 00	Alpin Grant .....	10 00
Wm. Miller .....	25 00	W. J. Coleman .....	10 00
Archbishop O'Brien .....	25 00	Mrs. J. N. Ritchie .....	10 00
M. P. Black .....	25 00	E. A. O. ....	10 00
Farquhar, Forrest & Co. ....	25 00	J. S. ....	10 00
Black Bros. & Co. ....	25 00	W. & C. Silver .....	15 00
R. H. Brown, N. Sydney .....	25 00	James Gordon .....	15 00
Burns & Murray .....	25 00	Chalmer's Church, Thanksgiving. ....	15 00
Mrs. Binney .....	25 00	T. B. Akins .....	15 00
Y. T. S. ....	25 00	Mrs. H. Hesslein .....	8 00
Thanksgiving, per J. Burgoyne ..	20 00	Adult Deaf Mute Sunday-class ..	8 00
C. C. Blackadar, special purpose. ....	20 00	A Lady Friend .....	5 00
Mayor O'Mullin .....	20 00	Wm. Twining .....	5 00
Thos. A. Ritchie .....	20 00	D. H. MacGarvey .....	5 00
Judge Ritchie, Belmont .....	20 00	Mite .....	5 00
Thos. Ritchie .....	20 00	Thos. Forhan .....	5 00
Lawson, Harrington & Co. ....	20 00	D. H. Duncan .....	5 00
G. E. Boak & Co. ....	20 00	J. A. Turnbull .....	5 00
S. Cunard & Co. ....	20 00	Miss Black .....	5 00
Brown & Webb .....	20 00	S. G. Black .....	5 00
Judge J. N. Ritchie .....	20 00	Wm. Dunbar .....	5 00
Kelley & Glassey .....	20 00	Rev. Dr. Pollok .....	5 00
P. Lynch .....	20 00	Dr. A. P. Reid .....	5 00
Michl. Dwyer .....	20 00	C. M. ....	5 00
T. S. Reid, Bermuda .....	20 00	Jas. Roue .....	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Wiswell .....	20 00	Jos. Starr .....	5 00
J. R. Lithgow .....	20 00	Chas. Bell .....	5 00
Smith Bros. ....	20 00	A. M. Bell .....	5 00
Miss Susie Stairs, part proceeds of Bazaar .....	20 00	J. H. Symons .....	5 00
Sailor .....	20 00	Friend .....	5 00
Hon. Robt. Boak .....	20 00	Mrs. C. M. Lessel .....	5 00
Mackintosh & McInnis .....	20 00	T. C. Allen & Co. ....	5 00
E. D. Adams .....	10 00	G. E. Faulkner .....	5 00
Rev. Dr. Hole .....	10 00	G. M. ....	5 00
Mrs. Moren .....	10 00	Prof. Alexander .....	5 00
John Crerar .....	10 00	Dr. Lewis .....	5 00
Hon Justice Townshend .....	10 00	Prof. MacGregor .....	5 00
Rev. Dr. Burns .....	10 00	Wm. Dennis .....	5 00
"T. T." .....	10 00	Robt Baxter .....	5 00
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Dr. D. M. Gordon .....	10 00	J. C. M. ....	5 00
John Farquharson .....	10 00	Mrs. Jas Roue .....	5 00
Muir & Blackadar .....	10 00	H. G. Bauld .....	5 00
R. W. Fraser .....	10 00	H. C. Tully .....	5 00
C. H. Robertson & Co .....	10 00	"A Widow" .....	5 00
		J. A. Chipman .....	5 00

REPORT.

J. B. Shaffner.....	5 00	Capt. J. T. Wood.....	2 50
T. E. Saunders.....	4 00	F. H. Oxley.....	2 50
"H. B.".....	4 00	C. F. F.....	2 00
Rev. T. W. Smith.....	4 00	"H. B.".....	2 00
Capt. P. Coffin.....	4 00	No. 27.....	2 00
Dr. Read's Little Girls.....	4 00	J. F.....	2 00
Thos. Duncanson.....	3 00	B.....	1 00
C. A. Creighton.....	3 00	C. C.....	1 00
Burgoyne.....	3 00	Harold Oxley.....	1 00

Subscriptions and Donations thankfully received by the Treasurer, at the office of Farquhar, Forrest & Co.

~~For~~ For Donations of clothing, &c., see next page.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**

- Reilly & Davidson for fixing stoves, &c.
- Mahon Bros. & Co., Womens Sacques.
- Wood Bros., women's apparel, sacques, &c.
- Mrs. Ed. Stairs, bundle clothing.
- Geo. Graham. 20 lbs of tea
- J. Silver & Co Mitts and socks. &c.
- Robt. Taylor, 12 pairs boots
- Harry Troop, articles of clothing

Donations of clothing and other supplies will be thankfully received at the RELIEF OFFICE, 61 Granville St.

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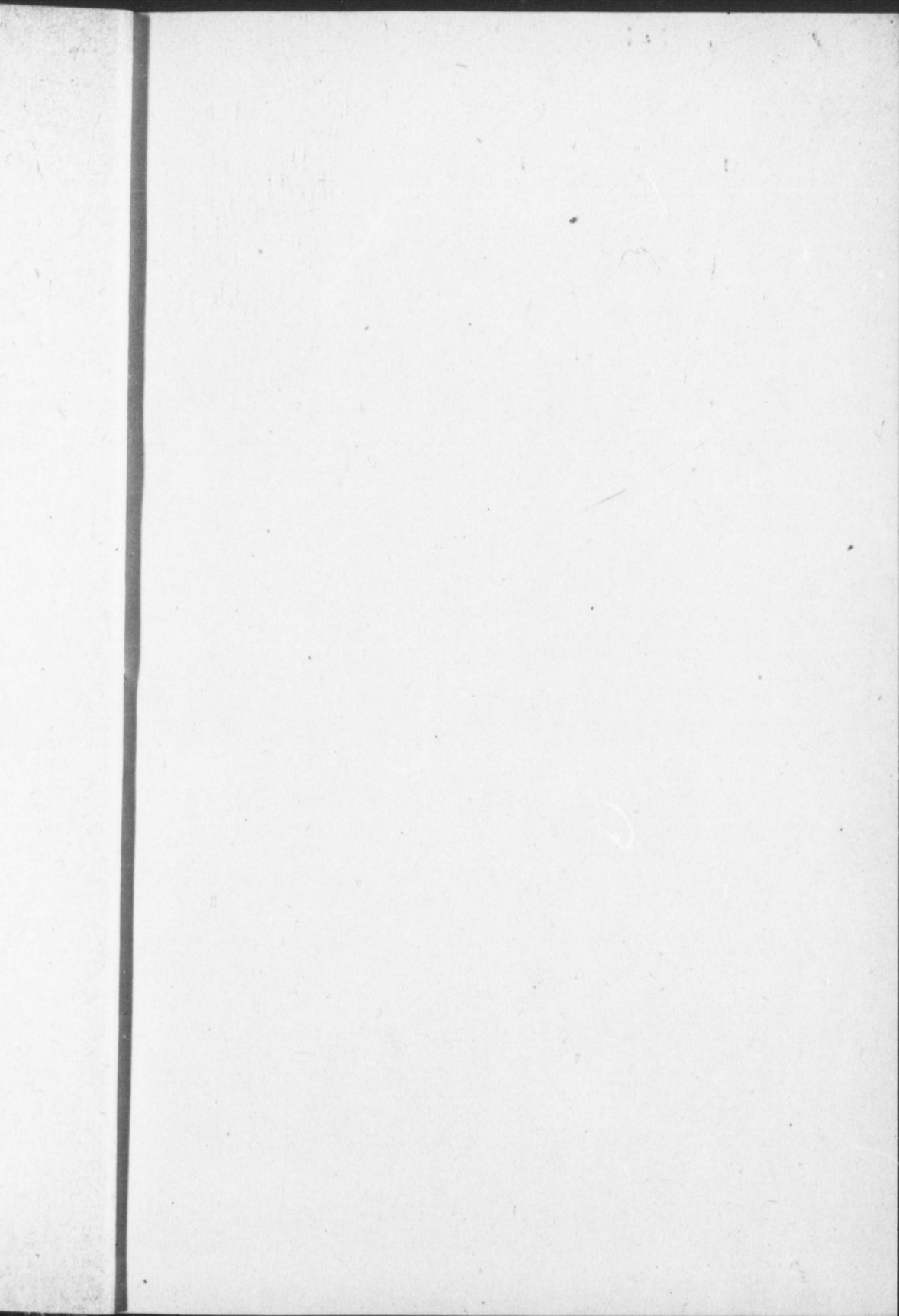
Relief Granted last winter besides Clothing, Boots, &c.

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| 6585 bushels of coal,                                | 3656 lbs. oatmeal,    |
| 2060 loaves bread,                                   | 1109 quarts molasses, |
| 20 lbs. cornmeal,                                    | 72 lbs. tea,          |
| 316 lbs. sugar, besides articles given to sick poor. |                       |

1889.	Number of families relieved	.....	338 or 1352 individuals.
1888.	"	"	..... 358 or 1432 "
1887.	"	"	..... 373 or 1492 "
1886.	"	"	..... 397 or 1588. "
1885.	"	"	..... 275 or 1100 "
1884.	"	"	..... 325 or 1400 "

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OFFICE - 61 GRANVILLE ST.

Open 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., every Week Day, during the  
Months of January, February and March.

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Cases of Applicants will be attended to at once. Ministers and  
Subscribers may direct attention to any case requiring aid.

A note from any Citizen pointing out the sick poor will receive  
attention.

Contributions to the Funds should be sent in at once, as the  
amount of relief will depend upon Funds at the disposal of the  
Directors.

Subscribers to the amount of Four Dollars and upwards are  
Members of the Association, and entitled to refer applicants for relief  
to the Advisory Committee, by whom their wants will be investigated  
and proper relief afforded.

Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by MR.  
JAMES FORREST, the Treasurer of the Association, at the Office  
of Messrs. Farquhar, Forrest & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Hollis  
Street. Friends of the Association will not wait to be called upon  
but kindly and promptly send in their contributions.