CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF TORONTO,

INSTITUTED FOR THE RELIEF OF SICK AND DESTITUTE ENGLISHMEN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1836. INCORPORATED: 1858.

TO WHICH IS ADDED THE

Report of the Committee for 1862.

TOGETHER WITH A

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.



TORONTO:
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1863.

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OFFICE-BEARERS, 1863.

President. § W. B. Phipps.

Vice Progident

Vice-Presidents.

2nd—John Smith.

3nd—W. H. Warne.

Chaplains.

REV. JAS. BEAVEN, D.D., REV. W. S. DARLING, REV. HY. SCADDING, D.D., REV. HENRY P. HOPE, LL.D.

Physicians.

Dr. Hallowell,

Dr. Bovell,

Dr. Hodder.

Treasurer. E. Bradburne.

Secretary.
George Thomas.

Managing Committee.

MESSRS. FREDK. ARGULUS, MESSRS. GEO. ROBERTS.

JAS. RAWE, W. WALKEM,
L. HUNTER, W. STEERS,
RICHD. WALSH.

Auditors.

MESSRS. THOS. BROWN, and J. F. BROWNE.

Stewards.

MESSES. E. G. LEIGH, R. Dodgson,

F. J. JOSEPH,

Messes. Jas. Worthington, H. Kerby, W. A. Thorpe.

Marshall.
BICHARD PARKER.

Standard Bearers.

MESSRS. G. F. FRANKLAND, W. GRAINGER, and JNO. PARKER.

PAST PRESIDENTS.

1836-Hon. Col. Wells. 1836-CAPT. MACAULAY. 1837-Hon. WM. H. DRAPER, C. B., C. J. C. P. 1838-Hon. Wm. H. Draper, C. B., C. J. C. P. 1839-Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Vice-Chancellor. 1840-Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Vice-Chancellor. 1841-Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Vice-Chancellor. 1842-William Wakefield, Esq. 1843-WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, Esq. 1844-WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, Esq. 1845-GEO. P. RIDOUT, Esq., 1846-GEO. P. RIDOUT, Esq. · 1847-GEO. P. RIDOUT, Esq. 1848-Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Esq., Vice-Chancellor. 1849-FREDERICK WIDDER, Esq. 1850-FREDERICK WIDDER, Esq. 1851-Joseph D. Ridout, Esq. 1852-Joseph D. Ridout, Esq. 1853-Joseph D. Ridout, Esq. 1854-Joseph D. Ridout, Esq. 1855-F. W. CUMBERLAND, Esq. 1856-F. W. CUMBERLAND, Esq. 1857-GEO. BILTON, Esq. 1858-J. B. Robinson, Esq., M.P.P. 1859-THOMAS BROWN, Esq. 1860-SAMUEL B. HARMAN, Esq., B. C. L. 1861-ROBERT DODGSON, Esq. e 1862-James Beachell, Esq.

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An Act to Incorporate the St. George's Society of Toronto.

WHEREAS, John Beverley Robinson, Thomas . Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and others, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the Association, of which they are members, known as the St. George's Society of Toronto, has for many years been formed for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary, medical, and other relief to such natives of England and Wales. and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, it may be invested with corporate powers, and by reason of the good effected by the Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

 The said John Beverley Robinson, M.P.P., Thomas Brown, George S, Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, under the provisions of this Act, and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the St. George's Society of Toronto, and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter, or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy such real estate, as may be required for the actual occupation of the said Corporation and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and to acquire other instead thereof; Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other real estate or any interest therein, by gift, devise or bequest, if made at least six months before the death of the party making the same, and the Corporation may hold such estate for a period for not more than three years, and the same or any part or portion thereof or interest therein which may not, within the said period have been alienated and disposed of, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives; And provided also that the proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, may be invested in the public securities of the Province, stocks of chartered banks, mortgages, or other approved securities for the use of the said Corporation.

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shall be managed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a President, a first, second, and third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, or Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Chaplains; three Physicians, and seven other Members, to be elected annually at a General Meeting of the members of the Corporation held in conformity to the By-laws, thereof, and any five members of the said Committee shall be a quorum for the dispatch of business.

3. All deeds, sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation, and signed by the President or Vice-Presidents and by some other member of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the Corporation:
Provided always, that the Treasurer, for the time being, may receive all monies payable to the Corporation and

grant valid receipts therefor.

4. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make By-laws for the admission and expulsion of members, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the Corporation, and to repeal or amend the same from time to time; and such By-laws and amendments shall be proposed and seconded at a previous Quarterly Meeting. No number of members less than one-fifth of the Corporation (including the presiding Officer) shall form a meeting for the purpose of altering such By-laws, nor shall any alteration be made therein unless two-thirds of the members present agree to it.

5. The General Meetings of the said Corporation shall be held in such manner, after such notice, upon such requisition, and at such times in the City of Toronto, as shall be directed by the By-laws of the Corporation then

in force.

6. The usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind, addressed to the said Corporation, shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corpo-

7. The By-laws of the said Association, in so far as ration. they may not be repugnant to this Act or the laws of this Province, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation, hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid: Provided always, that no By-law shall impose a penalty or forfeiture exceeding two dollars.

8. Until others shall be elected according to the Bylaws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the said Corporation, that is to say, the said John Beverley Robinson shall be the President, the said Thomas Brown shall be the first Vice-President, the said George S. Jones shall be the second Vice-President, the said Robert Dodgson the third Vice-President, the said F. W. Coate shall be the Treasurer, the said George T. Walton shall be the Secretary, the Reverend J. Beaven, D.D., and the Reverend H. Scadding, D.D., shall be the Chaplains; Edward Hodder, Francis Badgley, and William Hallowell shall be the Physicians, and the said George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, and Frank John Joseph, the other members of the Committee of Management.

9. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action, or prosecution in which the said Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the said Corporation.

10. All subscriptions of members due to the Corporation under any By-law, all penalties incurred under any By-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment may be recovered in a the Corporati diction : Pro shall be con drawing at an ment of all ar the annual su

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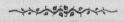
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the Corporad under any ll other sums paid to the nent may be recovered in any action brought by him in the name of the Corporation in any Court of competent civil jurisdiction: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member from withdrawing at any time from the said Corporation after payment of all arrears due to the funds thereof, including the annual subscription for the year then current.

11. The said Committee of Management shall yearly in the month of January, insert in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto a statement of the amount of the funds and property, debts and liabilities of the said Corporation, certified by the Treasurer and two Auditors elected at any General Meeting of the Corporation.

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect any right of Her Majesty. Her Heirs or Successors, or any party or person whomsoever, such rights only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.

13. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.



BY-LAWS.

By-Law I. The Society shall consist of such persons of English birth or descent, in the male line, as shall be elected members thereof, according to the regulations hereinafter made; and until a Sister Society of St. David's be organized, Welshmen and their descendants will be considered as eligible to become members of this Society, and to stand in the same position therein as Englishmen and their descendants.

II. The objects of the Society are to unite Englishmen and the descendants of Englishmen in a social compact, for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse; and for affording to such persons of English birth and descent as may stand in need of their advice and counsel, and such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society

may enable it to give.

III. In addition to the officers named in the Act of Parliament Incorporating the Society, SIX STEWARDS shall be elected who shall arrange for the celebration of the Annual Festival on St. George's Day, and report such arrangements at the quarterly meeting next preceding for adoption. Also, a MARSHAL AND STANDARD BEARERS shall be appointed by the PRESIDENT.

IV. The officers of the Society shall be elected as follows: Any member may nominate a Candidate for each office, in succession; and in the event of more than one nomination for any one office, the decision shall be by bellof

by ballot.

V. The President and Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election to the offices respectively filled by them for the next succeeding year.

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VI. The General Annual Meeting of the Society shall be holden on the third Friday in January each year. In each year there shall be holden four Quarterly General Meetings, viz.: 1st. The Annual General Meeting, and one each on the first Friday of the months of April, July, and October. Monthly Ordinary meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month throughout the year, excepting in January, April, July and October, as otherwise provided.

VII. Any gentleman desirous of joining the Society shall, at a General or Ordinary Meeting, be proposed and seconded by members, and may be elected by a majority of such meeting, on payment of the first year's subscription, and not otherwise.

VIII. The Annual Subscription of members shall be Two Dollars. The Subscription year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. Any new member elected between the 1st of January and 30th of September shall pay the full subscription for the current year; any elected on or after 1st October, may be admitted on paying for the current quarter only.

IX. A Subscription of Ten Dollars shall be a Life Subscription, and the same shall be invested at interest and form a portion of the permanent fund, the yearly interest on which only shall be applied to the Charitable Fund of the Society. Life Members shall have all the privileges of ordinary members.

X. The Annual Meeting shall order the investment of such proportion of the surplus funds (if any) as may appear desirable, and in such manner as may be then determined, and the annual subscriptions, with the interest of investment, shall constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the charitable purposes of the Society.

XI. The Treasurer shall be authorized to advance to a distressed individual, a sum not exceeding Two dollars,

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upon the written recommendation of the President or either of the Vice-Presidents, or of any member of the Managing Committee by them appointed to grant such relief: Provided, always, that such recommendation do not involve the payment of more than two dollars to any one person or family. In cases demanding more than the ordinary relief thus afforded, the same shall be referred for further enquiry and action to the Managing Committee as hereinafter set forth.

XII. The Managing Committee shall meet weekly, and any five members thereof shall form a quorum. It shall be their business to direct the affairs of the Society, generally, under this Constitution; to determine all matters referred to them by the Society, and to prepare for each annual meeting a Report of the proceedings of the Society for the year, to be submitted previous to the

Election of Officers. XIII. The Managing Committee may make loans (not exceeding twenty dollars to one person or family,) from the ordinary funds of the Society, to persons in temporary distress or trouble, upon receiving such reasonable security as they may deem expedient, provided the period of such loans do not exceed six months. It shall have power to grant extended relief in particular cases at discretion, the orders upon the Treasurer being in all such cases signed by two or more of the Members

of the Committee. XIV. The anniversary of St. George shall be celebrated by a dinner, or otherwise, as may be determined at the General Quarterly Meeting in April. No expenses of any Anniversary Festival, or of any social entertainment whatever, shall be charged against the funds of the

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XVI. The Chair shall be taken thirty minutes, precisely, after the hour appointed for meeting, and if there be not then a quorum of at least ten members present,

the meeting shall be forthwith adjourned.

XVII. Any member in arrears of subscription for two years shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members without further notice, and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee, to sue and recover the amount due, in any Court having competent jurisdiction. No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers, or at any subsequent meeting, who shall not have paid his previous year's subscription.

XVIII. The annual subscription shall be considered due and payable in advance, on or before the 23rd day

of April in every year.

XIX. Any member elected to fill any office, refusing to serve, shall be fined one dollar—and any member of the Managing Committee absent from the regular Committee Meeting three times in succession, (unless absent from home, or in consequence of sickness.) shall be fined One Dollar, and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee in all cases to see the fines collected.

XX. The duty of the President will be to preside and preserve order at all the meetings of the Society, and generally to watch over and superintend its concerns to the best of his ability. In his absence, the senior Vice President present shall exercise the authority and duty of the President. In case of the absence of the first

four officers from any meeting, the members present shall be empowered to elect a chairman out of their number.

XXI. The Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Banners, and other insignia of the Society. He shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules, and regulations, and manage the correspondence. He shall issue certificates of admission to each member on his having signed the Constitution, to which he shall affix the Seal of the Society. He shall, when necessary, summon the Society to its various meetings, and shall sign such cards of invitation to the Anniversary Celebration as may be required of him by the Stewards. He shall also, at all meetings of the Society, and of the Managing Committee, enter into the respective minute books the names of the members present at such meetings.

XXII. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds. He shall countersign such certificates of admission as may be issued by the Secretary. His accounts shall be fairly kept and exhibited to the President and the Managing Committee, whenever called for, and shall also be laid before the Society at its January meeting.

(XXIII. In case of the death, resignation or removal of any of the officers during the year for which they were elected, the Society shall, at the next meeting, choose others in their places to serve for the remainder of the

year.

XXIV. To preserve order, and to expedite the business of the Society, any member who may have proposals to make, or observations to offer upon any proposition, shall rise and address the President; and no person shall interrupt another when speaking, if the speaker be in order.

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XXV. The introduction of political or religious subjects, or their discussion, shall never be allowed at any meeting of the Society, and in the event of any member

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XXVI. The members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the rules and regulations that shall be made by the Society, and entered in the Books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it and having their names crased from the list of members.

XXVII. If the majority of all the members present at any general meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to any meeting of the Society, unless again elected by ballot, as in the first instance: provided always, that no proposition for the expulsion of a member shall be in order, unless one clear month's notice has been given of an intention to submit it at the then next ensuing quarterly meeting.

XXVIII. The Banners and Flags of the Society shall not be used except on occasions where the Society, as a body takes part in the proceedings, or where the Society is represented by its Officers.

XXIX. That at any Quarterly or Annual Meeting the members present may, on one month's notice previously given, elect any one of its members an Honorary Life Member, in consideration of services rendered the Society, and also may elect any distinguished person eligible to become a member, in like manner for services rendered either the Society or the Country, and such honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary member.

XXX. An Obituary Record shall be kept by the Secretary of any member of this Society who may hereafter die; stating his birth and parentage, if known, date of admission as a member, his position, general character, and such other facts in regard to him as may be interesting to chronicle. Such Record to be published with the Annual Reports.

XXXI. All fines collected under these By-laws shall be paid to the Treasurer, to go to the general funds

of the Society.

XXXII. All donations of Twenty Dollars and upwards shall be invested by the Managing Committee, and form a portion of the permanent fund, the interest on which shall alone be applied to the ordinary expenditure of each year, unless such donation is made for a specific purpose.

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Managing Committee of the St. George's Society. FOR 1862.

The recurrence of this season imposes upon the Committee of St. George's Society, the duty of presenting their Annual Report. They consider themselves justified in congratulating the Society on its present prosperous condition, and on the general efficiency of its interior economy. During the past year the Committee have met weekly at 4 o'clock, at the Society's Office, in the Victoria Buildings, which as a rule was kept open from eleven until four daily; so that parties desirous of obtaining assistance in their business, and men in distress, or in search of employment could make their wants known. It is however not impossible, that further improvement may be made in the organization, and the Committee are of opinion, that the appointment of a special Committee to consider the various duties of the officers generally, would result in some benefit-that of the stewards being exceedingly illdefined-and possibly other offices might be increased in efficiency by their responsibilities being established. They believe also, that it would much assist the working of the society, if monthly statements of the Receipts and Expenditure were furnished by the Treasurer in detail. ruled forms prepared, the labour would not be serious ;. and the information which these statements would convey, would enable any member of the Committee to examine

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whether the instructions of the Committee had been neglected or exceeded; and further the expenditure could be better controlled, so as not to go beyond the amount in the Treasurer's hands.

During the past year they have disbursed the sum of \$955.39, including 218½ loaves, and 23 cords of wood,

the relief being extended to 446 cases.

The Treasurer's account shews a balance in hand of

\$206.82.

We regret that during the year we have lost by death the following members:—Joseph Burt, Jas. Carpenter, W. Copland, J. E. Davis, R. Gradwell, Jeremiah Iredale, Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Wm. Monckhouse, James Pitt, D. F. Stevens, Ed. Thomas, and R. Wood.

The death of the Rev. Mr. Kennedy we do not doubt will be much felt by many members of the Society, from the zeal which on all occasions he manifested for its advancement.

The funds of the Society permanently invested are as

Total.....\$810.00

The total number of members on the books of the Society is four hundred and eighty-six.

Owing to the reduction of the subscription for life membership to the sum of ten dollars, the number has been considerably increased during the year, and no fewer than eighteen additional life members have been added to the list, viz.:—M. Betley, Prof. Buckland, J. Carpenter, John Charlesworth, S. Crabb, W. H. Cuff, John Eagles, Geo. Gooderham, B. W. Gossage, S. B. Harman, R.

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Such cases of sickness as it was necessary to refer to the Physicians of the Society here received immediate and careful treatment; and the physicians, Drs. Hodder, Bovell, Hallowell and Berryman, deserve our thanks for their

services on all occasions gratuitiously given.

The annual ball in aid of the charitable fund was held in the Music Hall, on 20th February. It could not but be gratifying to the members to note the general interest which was taken in it by the whole community, and by the officers of the garrison and other guests who did us the favour to attend. The pecuniary result was an increase to the fund of \$76.45. The experience of the Committee suggests to them the propriety of making some remarks on this point. As this annual ball has become an established practice with the Society, so it becomes prudent to consider, how it can best be made successful. Some discussion on the subject has taken place at more than one meeting of the Society, and it may be said, that it has received no little attention. It must be evident that when the object in view is to aid the charitable fund, no elaborated splendor is desirable. But on the other hand by care in decorating the room, by attention to those who are good enough to attend, by system and proper arrangements we may meet all the requirements of fair criticism. Likewise it is desirable to obtain the attendance of as many as possible. Hence to establish the price of the tickets is a matter not without difficulty. In no way to bind their successors, in no way to pledge the society to a future policy, but simply as an opinion which they communicate from a sense of duty, and to some extent as a guide to their successors in office, they would place on record what they consider the price of the tickets should be, viz. :-

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Single	Tickets	2.00.
Double	Tickets	1.00.

The society gave two pic-nics during the year. The Ladies' Extra Ticket. first, an excursion to Queenston Heights, on 18th June, was not a success. Causes totally independent of the Society tended to this result, prominent among which was the inclement state of the weather. The second pic-nic was given in Minico Grove, on the 6th August, and answered every expectation of its projectors. The weather was remarkably fine, the spot selected washed by the waters of the lake possesses much beauty, and care was taken to choose a day when the moon would be at the full. There are few more pleasants sights to be seen, than the group which were gathered under the trees, enlivened by the music and varied by dance, thrown into light and shadow by the moonlight, and the many lights with which the scene was set forth. On this point we would venture to suggest, that the settled state of the weather in the months of August and September, points out the period when these celebrations should be held. The gain to the Society from the two amounts to \$84.57.

As is usual with Englishmen in Canada, the Society attended the Cathedral on the morning of St. George's Day, where a sermon was preached by Doctor Scadding, and a full choral service was chanted under the direction of Mr. Carter, the much respected organist of the Cathedral. We would be unjust if we did not thankfully acknowledge the zeal of Mr. Carter, for the interests of the Society, and his readiness at all times to devote to it his acknowledged resources as a nusician. There was likewise an eyening service of a similar character, when the service was preached by the late chaplain the Rev. Mr. Kennedy. Although the church was well attended, the members of the Society were but partially present. For

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some years past the practice of members assembling and dining together has fallen into desuetude. In other parts of Canada, that mode of observing the national day of their fatherland is pertinaciously adhered to; and in our own city the Irish and Scotch Societies follow it with laudable regularity. We can see no reason why this Society should be an exception to this rule. We therefore hope that on the next 23rd of April, the members will come together in the kindly spirit which ought to animate them. For such events do good. Many meet on these occasions, who have little intercourse elsewhere. Hence prejudices are softened, and asperities are toned down. We learn to know and understand each other better. A spirit of kindliness is engendered. We listen to differences of opinion with more respect. And this attrition of mind with mind leads us to unlearn many errors, and to think in a more wide, tolerant and catholic spirit. We consider that meetings of this character celebrated with moderation and temperately obtain these results; and we trust that the St. George's Society will hereafter act in that spirit of good will which marks the sister societies, and, as they do, will celebrate their national day by some festive commemoration.

It having been the custom during Her Majesty's happy reign, to observe her birth-day as a holiday in every part of the British Empire, it has been usual for this Society to play a prominent part in the festivities which have annually taken place in the city. As it was the Queen's express command that no demonstration should mark the birth-day of last year, it became the duty of us all to acquiesce in her wishes. Not merely in compliance with the request, but from the powerful feeling of sympathy we all entertain of the loss which the Empire equally with Her Majesty had sustained in the death of the Prince

We do not think that the allusion is strained if we turn to the facts made known since his death, and now a part of the history of the country. The correspondence between himself and the late Duke of Wellington in which from high principle he refused the offer of assuming the command of the British Army, with which evidently his mind was deeply captivated, shews that the nation held no exaggerated language concerning his wisdom and goodness. The act itself is not simply of value for the political sagacity it displays, but it penetrates into every home a bright and dignified example of honesty of purpose and abnegation of self. For years it will work a silent but powerful influence with men of less brilliant stations teaching cheerful unselfishness, and it will further inculcate that high morality and sense of chivalrous honour, without which after all even great powers are unavailing. While such a spirit as this actuates the rulers of England, there is every certainty of her holding her prestige in the world's history and little dread of her

The Christmas distribution of meat and bread, so that future. the English poor could obtain the means of dining in plenty on Christmas Day, took place in the store of Mr. George Harding, King Street West. Mr. Harding having with much kindness given the use of his store gratuitously. The expense is not a charge on the income of the Society, but is met by voluntary contributions. A list of the subscribers are appended, by which it appears that the total amount collected was \$630.65. Six years have now elapsed since the first distribution was made, and as it has by prescription, and by its success, attained to the importance of a custom, the Committee express the hope that their successors will see that it is maintained in full vigour. Great care was taken in the organization of 1862, that no delay should occur in serving the many applicants. The distribution con of Christmas E which time the

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Beef, Mutton, &c., 7,224 lbs.; Geese, 4; Pigs Heads, 3; Potatoes, 156 bushels; Turnips, 156 Bushels; Cabbages, 84 heads; Apples, 1 barrel; Flour, 1 barrel; Quartern Loaves, 542; Tea, 15 lbs.; Coffee, 6 lbs.; Sugar, 10 lbs.

Of those relieved a very large number were not English. But as the store of provisions entrusted to us was sufficient to meet every call, the geographical question of birth, but rarely raised at any time by Englishmen, was entirely set aside. It was enough that the applicant was in distress and considered worthy of assistance. Our object, so far as lay in our power, was to diffuse some ray of content in that season of peace and good will. We venture to hope that we did not entirely fail in our purpose, for so far as we know not an applicant went away unsatisfied.

The Committee look back with some pride to the part which the Society took in inaugurating the subscription for the Lancashire operatives. When the fact became known of the terrible distress in England, it was felt to be the duty of every portion of the Empire without regard to its latitude and longtitude on the earth's surface to contribute towards solacing it. Some movement had already been made to this effect in Eastern Canada, and as no appearance of similar exertion could then be seen in this city, the members of the Society felt that, as Englishmen, with great propriety they could make use of the organization at their disposal and collect subscriptions. A meeting was therefore called and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions. It was by no means wished that the movement should be limited to our own members. The books of the collectors engaged in obtaining subscriptions especially set forth that the sums were "collected by the Society," and the first Vice-President addressed a letter to the public journals, explaining that we would have preferred, that the citizens generally had undertaken the duty, and that the St. George's Society were quite ready to merge their more limited operations in wider and more extended efforts. The matter thus pointedly brought before the community attracted immediate attention, and the feeling at once became quite general that the collection should be taken up by the City. A public meeting was called, at which the Mayor presided, much enthusiasm was-manifested, and the result has been that \$18,647.00 have been collected for this purpose in Toronto and the neighbourhood. And we may claim without exaggeration, that to the exertions of this Society this success in no

limited degree may be attributed.

The constitution of the Society as it is set forth in the Act of Incorporation declare the intention and objects we should have in view. It is there stated, that the Society exists "for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary medical and other relief to such natives of England and Wales and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress." It is necessary to bear in mind this comprehensive view of our duties and obligations, that we may understand the wide range of usefulness to which we aspire. It is not only the poor of this city and neighbourhood of our race and blood who are without means or employment, or are unable from infirmity and age to earn their bread, or incapaciated from poverty to seek work elsewhere-it is not simply these whom we pretend to aid; but we likewise profess to assist with our advice and help any newly arrived English immigrant who may appeal to us. With some, the opinion has been entertained that our duties are more immediately with the immigrant. But such a limitation of our interference is not warranted by our constitution; nor

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is it suggested by any principle of feeling and expediency. Why should we listen unmoved to that suffering, the very progress of which has been made within our experience, when we would solace the same misfortune in one arriving from the mother country? Generally speaking there is always a field for labour for able bodied and industrious men of good habits, in some part of the province even if not in our immediate neighbourhood; and not the least among the good offices which we can extend is the dissemination of correct information on this point, and the bestowal of aid towards reaching the district where labour is in demand. But even in a country like Canada, where a certainty of future comfort and prosperity awaits the agricultural settler; where land yet widely unoccupied is obtained with ease, and a few years' steady toil as a certainty will ensure independence; even here in the cities too often we find much distress. We must bear in mind, that as in older communities we have no legislative provision for the poor. Neither our provincial nor municpal governments have attempted to meet that great problem of modern qivilization, which for the last five centuries has been the perplexity of statesmen and philanthropists-the case of the distressed poor. It is very evident that those men whose wealth lies in their strength are divided into two classes: those who can obtain work on which they can exert it, and those who can find no employment. So far as our history has gone, this division of the able bodied labourers has not existed. 'There always has been eventually a livelihood for such as these, however for the moment they may temporarily undergo privation, either with ourselves or in the United States. Even the female portion can without difficulty find service with the farmers. Indeed on this point, we believe that the demand exceeds the supply. But there must ever grow up in cities a certain number of the population, decrepit, stricken with

sickness, or incapable to work by age or infirmity, poor suffering creatures of both sexes with lives tainted by no crime, whose existence has been embittered by constant poverty. Moderately as such a class may exist among us at present, cared for to no limited degree by private benevolence, the probability stares us in the face that as population and wealth increase, so with equal stride will pauperism advance. Pauperism indeed the very result of modern civilization, having grown from the abolishment of villanage, and hitherto in old countries existing as a consequence where free labour exists, has become an inseparable feature in large communities of men. We cannot hope, even with all the resources at our command, ever to be wholly free from what seems to be a law of our being. That there will be constantly periodical appeals for aid, not only on the part of the immigrant but from the unfortunate denizen of the city is a contingency which we must calculate. It is these appeals our Society is specially formed to meet. But whether direct legislation to this end will ever be demanded no one can foretell. Indeed it is a fair question whether at this moment a duty does not lie with the municipality to succour the few cases of extreme want which may present themselves; and that it is not now called upon so to do, may- be explained by the fact that the national societies have relieved them from the obligation. In fact the operations of the Committee assume the character of a board of guardians under the Poor Law Act. The weekly meetings were attended on each day by from eight to twelve applicants; and the regularity with which their proceedings were carried on pointed out the hour, when those who needed their good offices should apply. Nor were the Committee indiscriminate in their charity. Cases where the necessity was apparent, were examined at the residence of the applicant; and we endeavoured in all cases to satisfy ourselves, that

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what little assistance we could tender was really given to relieve actual distress. Fortunately such cases hitherto have been neither of a number nor of such frequent recurrence as to make a consideration of this view of the question paramount. It is not without interest in the examination of this problem to find, that in England, nearly two centuries after want and poverty had become the subject of statutory enactment, and before the first compulsory assessment for the relief of the poor (1562) was established by authority, means similar to those adopted by the national societies of Canada, were inculcated by statute for the relief of the poor of that day, (27 Henry VIII., chapter 35,) in 1535. The Magistrates were ordered that they should "in good and charitable wise take such discreet and convenient order by gathering and procuring of such voluntary alms of the good christian people," "as the poor, impotent, lame, feeble, sick or diseased people not being able to work may be provided holfen and relieved so that in no wise, they or none of them be suffered to go openly in begging." That the act itself was inoperative to meet the mischief is not an argument why we should relax our efforts. The altered circumstances under which we live, the general prosperity growing from our free institutions, the illimitable territory of good soil with its forests standing untouched, within a few hours' distance, have spared us from the presence of a large unemployed class ever on the verge of starvation. We rather offer homes to the homeless. All public men whatever be their political views fully recognise that much of our future strength and prosperity must to no little extent be developed by a judiciously conducted immigration. Therefore however numerous may be the cases of individual want and how frequent soever the call upon us for assistance, a long period of time must elapse and great changes occur, before legislation will be demanded.

The national societies supply this void. It is true that our limited income does not enable us to extend any long continued or repeated assistance, and that in all cases the aid we offer is small. But it has this merit, that given in cases of distress and in emergency it is opportune. In critical moments an act of assistance unimportant in itself often proves the salvation of the recipient. Therefore this Society commends itself to all Englishmen in Canada on the ground of its utility. It appeals to Englishmen at The money given to the Society is not frittered away. On the contrary it is invested and the interest only The payments received for life annually expended. memberships, the amount being ten dollars currency, (£2 1s.1d. sterling,) are alike set aside, the income being deriv. able from the annual subscriptions and the interest from

such investments. We have at some length set forth the claims of the Society, being anxious to shew what really is its true character. To many unacquainted with its working it may seem formed to encourage pride of nationality, or to keep alive a narrow and sectional vanity, which has no shadow of dignity and no claim of respect. That so called love of country which centres round mere individual feeling is as useless to the community, as it is little honourable to him who entertains it. Englishmen indeed have no need to put forth noisy claims to distinction, so that their past may be regarded with respect, and their future with confidence. The page of their history has doubtless its dark stains side by side with its bright and heart moving triumphs. Like every thing human, it puts forth strong contrasts; and error and crime can there be seen side by side with greatness and heroism. But such as it is, as a whole, as we so contemplate it, and mark the triumphs of our blood and language, we can stand erect with no blush of shame. We study it however to no good purpose, and profit

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little by the example of our fathers if we degenerate into mere sentimentality, and recognise only what is pleasing to our vanity or useful to our interests. Such patriotism is well stigmatised as mere geographical selfishness. We rather should shew our pride of birthright in a higher and nobler attitude; by holding as a guide and following as best we can the examples of the illustrious men of our race who have lived before us. Our memory may appeal to night to the form of that gallant Englishman, who, having received a mortal wound at Zutphen, when raising to his fevered lips a cup of water, met the eyes of a dying soldier fixed on his with agonising longing, stayed his hand to give the drink to his poorer comrade with the words, "friend thy necessity is yet greater than mine." So let every Englishman in Canada feel, that it is his duty to aid as best he is able the suffering and distress, with which any of his blood may be afflicted. Every man according to his power can scatter abroad some sunshine how small may be the ray, and so far as his power lies let him do all the good he can.

WILLIAM KINGSFORD,

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Toronto, 16th April, 1863.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1676 JANUARY, 1863.

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