

THE
FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HALIFAX METHODIST
FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

*"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard."—
v. 21, 13.*

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“THE Poor shall not cease out of the land.”

This is an aphorism of Holy Writ which is established by daily experience, and their unremitting appeals to our charity for relief, to alleviate their pressing necessities, render their existence undeniable, whether we listen to them or otherwise. To enter fully into the spirit of commiseration it is fit that they should be visited in person not by proxy, especially in sickness, when their wants accumulate and their griefs superabound.

Fully to appreciate our own mercies, it is not enough to learn through others, what pain this individual suffers, or how much distress the other endures; it requires nothing short of ocular demonstration, to conceive the depth of their affliction and anguish, which frequently baffle description adequately to convey their extent to the feeling mind.

The depressed state of trade, together with the failure of the Canal and other public enterprises, conspire to check the flow of natural feeling, in favour of the poor and needy, by diminishing the ability not the inclination of the public to help them. Not a few paupers have, through shipwreck and other unforeseen calamities, been cast

upon our humanity, in a manner that is not easily expressed.

However "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;" let us therefore cherish a lively hope and firm trust in His all-wise Providence that we shall yet see abundance diffused through our land, and that marked blessings shall be the portion of such persons, as "deliver the poor and the fatherless, and him that hath none to help him. The blessing of Him that was ready to perish shall come upon them, and those that caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

We have painfully to remark, that some of the most liberal Benefactors of this Institution, have lately left the Province; while others have withdrawn their subscriptions, without assigning a satisfactory reason. We hope this defection is but for a season, and that they will shortly reconsider the matter; the poor being still in the land, and their necessities as clamorous as ever.

The Committee are happy in observing, that the Merchants and others, beside money have kindly contributed further to the object of the Institution by donations of cloth, worn clothes &c., and the cloth has been made up by the Lady-sewing Parties as formerly. These garments with other articles of apparel, amounting to the number of 152, were distributed to the most indigent from time to time, as they were made up.

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the year ending 5th November instant, make the Total £41 3s. 4d. In the said period the monthly distributions to the poor, made by the Treasurer in the presence and by the sanction of the Committee, amount to £39 18s. 1d.; which leaves a balance in hand of £1 5s. 3d. as exhibited in the annexed statement.

At the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Halifax Methodist Female Benevolent Society, held in the Wesleyan Sunday School Room, on the 14th November, 1831, the Rev. Mr. DOWSON, in the chair, it was resolved,—

1st,—That the Report now read, be received and printed under the direction of the Committee.

2ndly,—That this Society rejoices in the success of similar Institutions, and views with undiminished pleasure, every effort made to ameliorate the condition of the suffering poor.

3rdly,—That the cordial thanks and best acknowledgments of this Society, are owing to His Excellency Sir PEREGRINE MAITLAND, K. C. B., our much respected and highly esteemed Lieutenant Governor, for the interest he has condescended to take in the success of this humble Institution, and the Patronage he has been pleased liberally to confer on the same; and that our best thanks are also due to other distinguished characters, and generally to the remaining classes in the

community, who have in any way kindly come forward to promote its interests, and that a continuance of their favours and benefactions, is hereby anxiously and most thankfully solicited.

4thly,—That the following names compose the Committee of Management for the present year,

Mrs. DESIAH STARR,	Mrs. ESTHER GRANT,
... MARIA MORRIS,	... CELIA HAMILTON,
... ANN BELL, senr.	... MARY BARRY,
... ANN BELL, junr.	... LAVINIA STARR,
... MARY LEVINGSTON,	... MARTHA BLACK,
... REBECCA BLACK,	... FANNY BLACK,

Mrs. ANNE ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*

... MARY LOVELAND, *Secretary.*

5thly,—That the Rev. Mr. BLACK be requested to accept the thanks of this Society, for his continued liberality to its support and advancement.

6thly,—That the thanks of this Society, be presented to Mrs. MARY LEVINGSTON, and Mrs. REBECCA BLACK, for their efficient and persevering endeavours in soliciting and collecting, from the Merchants and others, donations in money, cloth, and other articles, including worn apparel, &c. which serve to promote the benevolent views of the Institution; and that the said Mrs. MARY LEVINGSTON be requested to resume the same office for the present year, assisted therein by one other of the Committee before mentioned.

7thly,—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Rev. Mr. DOWSON, for his kindness in taking the Chair, and presiding at the Meeting.

ANNE ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Anne Anderson, Treasurer, in account with the Halifax Methodist Female Benevolent Society.* Cr.

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