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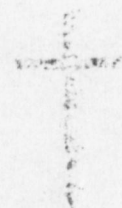
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# REPORT

*Presented at the Annual Meeting, 11th December,*

1887.

For the third time the printed Report of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul within the circumscription of the Particular Council of Ottawa is presented to the members. The year which closed on the 30th September last was one which in many respects gave great cause for sorrow, though on the whole it supplied reasons for gratitude to Almighty God. The grounds for regret are personal—those for rejoicing are general.

At the last annual meeting, the absence of the beloved and esteemed President, Mr. John A. MacCabe, in consequence of sudden and dangerous illness, was a subject of sorrow to every member, but few then anticipated the announcement which he made at the following quarterly meeting of his intended resignation. The intention was, however, carried out, and Mr. T. J. Richardson was chosen by the Council to succeed Mr. MacCabe. It is not our place, as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to indulge in terms of eulogy, but it may be permitted to say that not one member failed to recognise the great services Mr. MacCabe had rendered to the Society, his untiring energy and conspicuous prudence, or to sincerely regret the loss of a man so eminently



fitted to stand at the head of the Society's affairs.

Unhappily, Mr. MacCabe's retirement from office was the precursor of other changes. By death or by resignation, four who were members of the Particular Council last year have ceased to assist at its consultations. On the other hand, however, additions have been made of officers who possess the confidence of their brethren. Mr. James Latchford, so long Vice-President and President of St. Patrick's Conference, has been succeeded in the latter capacity by Mr. John Gorman; Mr. Têtu is followed by Mr. H. Casgrain as Vice-President of St. Joseph's; Mr. Richardson is replaced as Secretary of the Council by Mr. E. L. Sanders, and Mr. J. B. Lynch has been appointed Treasurer instead of Mr. Burns. In the Conferences outside the city, the late Mr. Henry Crilly, President of St. Stephen's Conference, Chelsea, has been followed by Mr. James Hogan, formerly Treasurer of that Conference, and quite recently Mr. Michael Gorman has retired from the Presidency of St. Patrick's, Pembroke, in favour of Mr. Michael Howe.

In consequence of the brothers having, so shortly before, taken part in the Jubilee exercises of 1886, the usual retreat before the last annual meeting was dispensed with. The attendance at the four general communions and meetings was larger than in any previous year, and the increase in membership, receipts and work has been very marked. No less than 102

new members have been admitted during the year, of whom 98 were within the city of Ottawa, and, though 30 names have been struck from the Roll, it is to be observed that two-thirds of this number were those of members who had for some time previously ceased to attend the meetings of the Conference to which they nominally belonged. The net increase in membership is 72 in the whole circumscription, or 70 in Ottawa itself.

Of this number, 44 are members of the two new Conferences which have been established during the year, and whose letters of aggregation are shortly expected from the Council-General in Paris, to which they have been recommended by the Superior Council of Canada. The first of these was the Conference of St. Bridget, which was organised in March last in the parish of Ste. Anne, where there had previously been an exclusively French Conference, with the approval and blessing of His Grace the Archbishop, and the cordial cooperation of the Parish Priest, the Rev. Father Prud homme. This Conference has throughout shown its thorough appreciation of the Rule, and its determination to be guided by it alone.

The other new Conference was to a certain extent an experiment. At the General Assembly held in Washington in June, 1886, great stress was laid upon the advantages which had been found to result from the establishment of Aspirant Conferences, composed of youths and young men to whom suitable works were confided and from whom in due course the ranks of

the senior Conferences were recruited. On the 8th of May, at the request of the Rev. Father Whelan, the Particular Council met a selected number of proposed members in the basement of St. Patrick's Church, and instituted the Junior Conference of St. Patrick, which is the pioneer of its kind in Canada. According to the plan adopted elsewhere, the President and Vice President of this Conference are selected by the Council from the members of the senior body, thus ensuring the proper connection of the two and preventing any possible friction. The works to which the attention of our young brothers has been chiefly directed have been the reading of prayers and preservation of order at the children's Mass, the preparation of children who have left school for First Communion and Confirmation, and the care of the free lending library of the parish. So far, the experiment has proved successful, and no doubt the winter will afford still further opportunities for the development of the energies of the new brothers of St. Vincent de Paul. They will be particularly suited to assist in the work of School Patronage, and in fact have already done something in that direction.

It has been often observed that the members of our Conferences lose interest in the Society unless they are employed. With this in view, two Special Works have been set on foot, one of which has done good work during the summer, as the other will doubtless find plenty of occupation in the winter and spring. It was urged

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by Father Riordan of Castle Garden, New York, at the Washington Assembly, that the Conferences of St. Vincent should take steps to watch over the immigrants from the old land, who arrived here as total strangers, without friends, and open to all the temptations to which the homeless and unprotected are exposed. A board of five members was constituted to undertake this charitable and patriotic duty, with the assistance of other brothers, and the report which is appended shows that they were able to do some good. Every member of the Society should consider it a duty to solicit subscriptions for this Special Work, which must commend itself to any one imbued with the true spirit of Christian charity.

Another very important work is that ordinarily designated the Patronage of Schools. We have the schools where Catholic education is given to our children, but there are some of our young ones who do not attend them, either through the neglect of their parents or their inability to purchase the necessary books or clothing. To take special direction of this matter, assisted by other members, another Board of five was formed, and though, naturally, it has had but little to do during the summer, it will find enough occupation in the winter season to demand all possible assistance from the brothers of each Conference as well as from charitable outsiders, who might easily be induced to obtain the advantages granted to benefactors of the Society.

There are hopes that, before next spring, arrangements may be made, with the assistance of our brothers at Pembroke and Almonte, to protect from the harpies who now devour them those unfortunate victims who return from the shanties at that season of the year. The importance of this work cannot be exaggerated, but it demands much consideration and would be more certain of success if our brothers of the French Council could be induced to unite with us in carrying it into effect.

There is every prospect of a new Conference being shortly formed at Billings' Bridge, and probably one at Renfrew. The Conference which was established at Arnprior has not been heard from for some time past, and we have no information whether it has been aggregated or not.

Every member of our Conferences will learn with sincere pleasure and gratitude that His Grace the Archbishop, who has always been our protector and patron, has this year consented to accept the title of President of Honour of the Council and Conferences of the diocese.

The sacerdotal Jubilee of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII has aroused the enthusiasm of the whole Catholic world, and of none of his faithful children more than the members of the Society which he has so blessed and honoured with his signal approbation. The members of the Conferences in this district were appealed to for contributions to the fund which our Society designs to present to His Holiness next month, and the result was that the following

amounts were subscribed by the members of the Conferences named:—Our Lady, \$24.25; St. Joseph \$33.25; St. Patrick, \$16.10; St. Bridget, \$6.75; Junior St. Patrick, \$3.50; St. Patrick, Pembroke, \$13.00. The Conferences of St. Stephen, Chelsea, and St. Mary, Almonte, forwarded their subscriptions directly to Quebec, but apart from them the members of the Society in this circumscription placed the sum of \$96.85 in the hands of the Superior Council to be forwarded to Paris for presentation to our Holy Father. Mr. Hamel, the President, in acknowledging the receipt of this amount, expressed the desire that the members should be thanked for their generosity.

The appended reports show that both receipts and disbursements have largely increased over those of last year, and only in one Conference—that of St. Joseph—has the revenue been less than the expenditure.

The death list is a large one, and contains an unusual proportion of officers. The President of the Chelsea Conference, the Vice-President of St. Joseph's, and the Secretary of Our Lady's, besides three active members, have passed from us; and in addition to these, whose names are recorded on a subsequent page, the memory of the great Assembly in Washington last year is so green in the minds of all who were present as to justify a request to our Brothers here to pray for the soul of John Bingham, Secretary of the Washington Particular Council. In every case when it was practicable, a considerable number of members assembled at the



house of the deceased brother in this city, and recited the Rosary, besides assisting at the funeral. The Mass of Requiem for the souls of departed members was sung in St. Patrick's Church on the Tuesday following the second Sunday after Easter.

The usual detailed Reports of the Particular Council and the several Conferences are appended. They show excellent results for the year past, and should stimulate all our members to renewed exertions for the future, for their own spiritual benefit and to promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of God's poor.

THOS. JNO. RICHARDSON,  
*President of the Particular Council.*

Ottawa, 8th December, 1887.

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

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**Circumscription of Ottawa.**

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(Comprising the English-speaking Confer-  
ences in the Diocese of Ottawa and Vicariate-  
Apostolic of Pontiac.)

PRESIDENT OF HONOUR:

**His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa,**

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**PARTICULAR COUNCIL.**

(Aggregated May, 1865.)

*President.*

**THOS. J. RICHARDSON,**  
280 Nelson St.

*Vice-President.*

**JOHN O'REILLY,**  
City Hall.

*Secretary.*

**E. L. SANDERS,**  
180 Wellington St.

*Treasurer.*

**J. B. LYNCH,**  
330 Besserer St.

The above, with the Presidents and Vice-  
Presidents of Conferences, and the Presidents  
of Special Works, form the Particular Council.

## BOARDS OF THE CONFERENCES.

### 1. *Conference of Our Lady of Mercy, Ottawa.*

(Aggregated 8th Dec., 1862.)

Spiritual Director : Rev. P. L. Dowdall.

President . . . . . John O'Reilly, City Hall.  
 Vice-President . . . . . Michael O'Farrell.  
 Secretary . . . . . Vacant.  
 Treasurer . . . . . D. McDonell.

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### 2. *Conference of St. Patrick, Ottawa.*

(Aggregated 21st Sept., 1863.)

Spiritual Director : Rev. M. J. Whelan, P. P.

President . . . . . John Gorman, 76 O'Connor St.  
 Vice-President . . . . . Peter Dunne.  
 Secretary . . . . . John P. Dunne, Senate Building.  
 Treasurer . . . . . Denis Egan.

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### 3. *Conference of St. Patrick, Pembroke.*

(Aggregated 4th July, 1864.)

President of Honour : Mgr. Lorrain, Vicar-  
 Apostolic of Pontiac.

Spiritual Director : Rev. T. Doucet.

President . . . . . Michael Howe.  
 Vice-President . . . . . A. J. Fortier.  
 Secretary . . . . . Jas. P. Sarsfield.  
 Treasurer . . . . . J. E. Whelan.



4. *Conference of St. Joseph, Ottawa.*

(Aggregated 8th Dec., 1864.)

Spiritual Director: Rev. A. Paillier, O. M. I.

President W. Kehoe, Governor, County Gaol.  
Vice-President.....H. Casgrain.  
Secretary.....F. Desloges, 196 Besserer St.  
Treasurer.....Wm. Darcy.

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5. *Conference of St. Stephen, Chelsea.*

Spiritual Director: Rev. J. Brown, P. P.

President... ..James Hogan.  
Vice-President.....William Duffy.  
Secretary.....Michael Duffy.  
Treasurer.....Michael Leahy.

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6. *Conference of St. Mary, Almonte.*

Spiritual Director: Rev. D. F. Foley.

President.. ..John O'Reilly.  
Vice-President.....Patrick Daly.  
Secretary (acting).....M. McAuliffe.  
Treasurer.....E. Letang.

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7. *Conference of St. Bridget, Ottawa.*

(Organised 29th March, 1887. Not aggregated.)

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Francœur.

President.....John Casey, 57 Nelson St.  
Vice-President.....James Carroll.  
Secretary.....W. T. Odell, 421 Clarence St.  
Treasurer.....John Brown.

8. *Junior Conference of St. Patrick, Ottawa.*

(Organised 8th May, 1887. Not aggregated.)

Spiritual Director: Rev. M. J. Whelan, P. P.

President.....E. L. Sanders, 180 Wellington St.

Vice-President .....,..... J. A. J. McKenna.

Secretary.....John R. O'Connor, 195 Lisgar St.

Treasurer.....William Batterton.

Librarian.....A. Morel.

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## SPECIAL WORKS.

*Protection of Immigrants.*

President....Patrick Brankin, By-ward Market.

Secretary.....J. A. J. McKenna.

Treasurer .....Jas. Mullin.

*Patronage of Schools.*

President.....J. B. Lynch, 330 Besserer St.

Secretary-Treasurer.....H. F. McNaughton.

## PARTICULAR COUNCIL.

*Treasurer's Statement for the year ending  
30th September, 1887.*

## DR.

To Balance, 1st Oct., 1886.....	\$55	55
“ Collections, General Meetings.....	23	30
“ Donations.....	25	00
“ Contributions from Conferences		
St. Patrick.....	\$9	37
St. Joseph.....	15	70
		25 07
“ Conference of Our Lady for Leaflets.	5	00
“ do do for Rules.....	5	00
“ Conferences for Altar at Ste. Anne de Beaupré.....		
Our Lady.....	\$4	00
St. Patrick.....	4	00
St. Joseph.. ....	2	00
		10 00
“ Annual Reports sold to outside Con- ferences.....		1 25
		<u>\$150 17</u>

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By Superior Council.....	\$10	00
“ A. Bureau, printing Annual Rept, &c.	21	50
“ Requiem Mass for deceased members	5	00
“ Immigrants' Protection Board.....	15	00
“ Superior Council, Dublin, for Manuals	7	07
“ Balance, 30th Sept., 1887.....	91	60
		<u>\$150 17</u>



## DONATIONS.

*To the 8th December.*

Hon. J. S. D. Thompson.....	\$10 00
Hon. J. Costigan.....	10 00
His Worship Mayor Stewart .....	10 00
A. Power .....	5 00
Jos. Pope .....	5 00
F. Kavanagh.....	5 00
M. J. Griffin.. ..	2 00
M. F. Walsh.....	2 00
P. J. Coffey.....	2 00
J. A. Gouin.....	1 00
J. F. St. Louis.....	1 00
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	\$53 00

## Summary of Returns.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Members admitted	Members dropped or deceased	Members now on Roll.	Meetings held.	Average attendance.	Families relieved.	Persons relieved.	Balance 1 Oct., 1886.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balance 30th Sept., 1887
<b>Ottawa :</b>											
Conf. of Our Lady of Mercy.....	16	...	50	44	15	...	...	\$14 15	\$845 28	\$624 66	\$234 77
Conf. of St Patrick.....	17	1	55	51	19	11	38	61 23	196 58	184 20	73 61
Conf. of St. Joseph.....	18	*22	81	51	28	26	80	160 27	333 32	427 75	65 84
Conf. of St. Bridget †.....	25	2	23	25	12	2	6	.....	56 72	18 26	38 46
Junior Conf. of St. Patrick †.....	22	3	19	6	13	.....	.....	.....	19 20	6 40	12 80
	98	28	228	.....	.....	.....	.....	235 65	1451 10	1261 27	425 48
<b>Pembroke :—Conf. of St. Patrick.....</b>	4	...	24	48	7	17	64	58 64	211 42	202 86	67 20
<b>Chelsea :—Conf. of St. Stephen.....</b>	.....	2	10	31	7	1	7	7 00	12 89	10 86	9 03
<b>Almonte :—Conf. of St. Mary.....</b>	.....	.....	10	51	5	9	31	17 74	102 24	101 65	18 33
	4	2	44	.....	.....	27	102	83 38	326 55	315 37	94 56
	102	30	272	.....	.....	.....	.....	319 03	1777 65	1576 64	520 04

\* Principally members dropped for non-attendance, though long on the Roll.

† Organised 29th March, but not yet aggregated. ‡ Organised 8th May, but not yet aggregated.  
 || To the totals should be added receipts of the Particular Council, apart from those paid by Conferences, \$48 30 ; and expenditures, apart from repayments, \$58 37.

## COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR.

RECEIPTS OF CONFERENCES.	1886	1887
Collections, weekly meetings.....	273 57	347 45
Poor-box .....	24 98	38 90
Donations .....	114 49	175 41
Church Collections.....	477 61	594 24
Other sources.....	94 20	621 65
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>984 85</b>	<b>1777 65</b>
EXPENDITURE OF CONFERENCES.	1886	1887
Provisions.....	304 21	587 52
Clothing .....	10 30	10 88
Fuel.....	352 15	719 50
Medicines and Hospital.....	26 75	19 60
Money.....	21 10	22 20
Rent and Board.....	31 75	15 00
Passages .....	14 10	.....
Masses and Funerals.....	34 20	4 00
Superior or Particular Council.....	8 75	25 07
Miscellaneous.....	142 26	174 17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>945 57</b>	<b>1576 64</b>

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## REPORTS OF CONFERENCES.

### *Conference of Our Lady of Mercy, Ottawa.*

Meets on Sunday at 12 noon in the School-room, Sussex St.

#### MEMBERS.

Admitted, 16; now on Roll, 50.

Meetings held, 44; average attendance, 15.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly meetings.....	\$54 99	Provisions.....	\$321 20
Donations.....	66 86	Fuel.....	241 05
Church door collections.....	225 48	Rent.....	5 00
Charity sermons....	378 18	St. Anne de Beau-pré.....	4 00
Pic-nic.....	119 77	Stove.....	6 00
	<u>845 28</u>	Books.....	10 00
Balance, 1st Oct., '86..	14 15	Loan (balance) repaid to Part. Council.....	25 00
	<u>859 43</u>	School Books.....	9 36
	624 66	Sundries.....	3 05
	<u>234 77</u>		<u>324 66</u>
Balance, 30 Sept., '87.	234 77		

*Conference of St. Patrick, Ottawa.*

Meets on Sunday at 12 noon in the basement of St. Patrick's Church.

MEMBERS.

Admitted, 17; deceased, 1; now on Roll, 55; honorary, 1.

Meetings held, 51; average attendance, 19.

WORKS.

Families relieved, 11. Visits made, 127.

Persons do 38—adults, 17; children, 21.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly meetings .....	\$83 58	Provisions .....	\$42 87
Church collections.	113 00	Clothing .....	2 30
	<u>196 58</u>	Fuel .....	98 95
Balance, 1st Oct., '86	61 23	Hospital .....	12 50
	<u>257 81</u>	Stove .....	3 50
	184 20	Lumber, etc. ....	9 56
		St. Anne de Beaupré	4 00
		Part. Council .....	9 37
		Books .....	1 15
Balance, 30 Sep., '87.	73 61		<u>184 20</u>

*Conference of St. Joseph, Ottawa.*

Meets on Sunday at 12 noon in the Sacristy of St. Joseph's Church.

MEMBERS.

Admitted, 18; dropped from Roll, 21; deceased, 1; now on Roll, 81; aspirant, 3.

Meetings held, 51; average attendance, 28.

WORKS.

Families relieved, 26.

Persons do 80—adults, 36; children, 44

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Collections, weekly meetings.....\$106 58	Provisions.....\$132 80
Church door collections..... 201 74	Fuel..... 249 45
Repayment of Loan by Part. Council. 25 00	Medicines ..... 6 80
30 80	Money..... 6 50
05 81	Rent and board.... 10 00
00	Funeral expenses .. 2 50
333 32	Particular Council.. 15 70
Balance, 1st Oct., '86. 160 27	General expenses .. 4 00
36 0	427 75
00 4	
493 59	
427 75	
00 8	
00 84	
Balance, 30 Sept., '87. 65 84	



*Conference of St. Patrick, Pembroke.*

Meets on Sunday immediately after High Mass.

MEMBERS.

Admitted, 4; now on Roll, 24; honorary, 3; subscribers, 9.

Meetings held, 48; average attendance, 7.

WORKS.

Families relieved, 17. Visits made, 138.  
Persons do 64—adults, 22; children, 42.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly meetings.....	\$26 18	Provisions .. . . .	\$59 28
Poor-box.....	29 79	Clothing.....	7 08
Donations.....	90 80	Fuel.....	115 55
Church collections..	39 95	Money.....	14 95
Other sources.....	24 70	Funeral expenses ..	1 00
		General expenses ..	5 00
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	211 42		202 86
Balance, 1st Oct., '86	58 64		
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	270 06		
	202 86		
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Balance, 30 Sep, '87	67 20		

*Conference of St. Stephen, Chelsea.*

Meets on Sunday at 6 p. m.

**MEMBERS.**

Dropped from Roll, 1; deceased, 1; now on Roll, 10; honorary, 1; aspirant, 1; subscribers, 15.

Meetings held, 31; average attendance, 7.

**WORKS.**

Families relieved, 1. Visits made, 4.  
Persons do 7—adults, 2; children, 5.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly meetings.....	\$6 14	Provisions.....	\$4 50
Donations.....	75	Clothing.....	1 50
Other sources.....	6 00	Money.....	75
		General expenses....	4 11
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	12 89		10 86
Balance, 1st Oct., '86	7 00		
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	19 89		
	10 86		
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Balance, 30 Sept., '87	9 03		

*Conference of St. Mary, Almonte*

Meets on Sunday at 12 noon in the Sacristy  
of the Church.

MEMBERS.

Now on Roll, 10; subscribers, 4.

Meetings held, 51; average attendance, 5.

WORKS.

Families relieved, 9. Visits made, 27.

Persons do 31—adults, 15; children, 16.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly		Provisions.....	\$12 00
meetings.....	\$26 24	Stove.....	4 00
Donations .....	8 00	Fuel.....	14 50
* Special collection.	68 00	Mass.....	50
	<hr/>	Carting wood.....	50
	102 24	St. Anne de Beaupré	2 00
Balance, 1st Oct., '86	17 74	* Special collection	
	<hr/>	paid over.....	68 00
	119 98	General expenses...	15
	101 65		<hr/>
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Balance, 30 Sept., '87	18 33		

\*This was a collection specially made in the town for the benefit of a family in great need, to whom the whole of the proceeds was handed over.



*Conference of St. Bridget, Ottawa.*

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**MEMBERS.**

Admitted, 25; dropped from Roll, 2: now on Roll, 23; honorary, 1.

Meetings held, 25; average attendance, 12.

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**WORKS.**

Families relieved, 2.      Visits made, 19.

Persons      do      6—adults, 3; children, 3.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Collections, weekly meetings .....	Provisions.....
\$33 65	\$13 87
Church door collections .....	General expenses .
14 07	4 39
Donations .....	18 26
9 00	
56 72	
18 26	
<b>Balance, 30 Sept., '87. 38 46</b>	

*Junior Conference of St. Patrick, Ottawa.*

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Meets alternate Sundays at 2.30 p. m. in the basement of St. Patrick's Church.

**MEMBERS.**

Admitted, 24; dropped from Roll, 3; now on Roll, 21.

Meetings held, 11; average attendance, 13.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Collections, fortnightly meetings..... \$10 09	Boots and Catechisms \$6 40
Poor-box..... 9 11	
19 20	
6 40	
Balance, 30 Sept, '87 12 80	

The Brothers of this very interesting and promising Conference are chiefly occupied in reading prayers and keeping order at the children's Mass every Sunday, for which duty four are detailed each week; in assisting to prepare children who have left school for First Communion and Confirmation; and in taking care of the free lending library of the Parish. They have provided books for some of the children who were about to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and hold themselves ready to assist in carrying out the objects of the newly established Boards for the Patronage of Schools and the Protection of Immigrants, as well as to accompany the members of the senior Conference of St. Patrick, whenever they are called upon, to visit the poor.

## SPECIAL WORKS.

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### *Protection of Immigrants.*

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This Board consists of five members, one nominated by each of the Conferences of Our Lady, St. Patrick, St. Joseph and St. Bridget, and a President appointed by the President of the Particular Council. The following form the Board:—President, P. Brankin; Our Lady's, J. Mullin; St. Patrick's, J. A. J. McKenna; St. Joseph's, Martin Battle; St. Bridget's, T. Ainsbrough. During the summer, attention has been paid to six immigrants, four of whom were pecuniarily assisted. The class which the Board was called on to help was not, as a rule, a desirable one, consisting of boys of Irish parentage sent out to Canada from English refuges without any provision having been made in advance to secure them homes or employment. Those, however, who were willing to engage in agricultural pursuits, were easily disposed of. The others it was very difficult to deal with, and some of them appeared likely to turn out badly. Of a very different type was one young man of education, who was pleased to accept any decent position which offered, became an excellent member of our Society, and refunded at the earliest opportunity a portion of the Board's expenditure. A sum of \$13.00 is still held subject to the application of three boys, it being the balance of the amount sent to the Ottawa Immigration Agent for them. Two of them were looked after for some time by the Board, employment was found



for one of them, another having obtained a position for himself, but the third, after leaving two or three places in which he was tried, disappeared altogether. One lad who was subject to fits, and therefore unable to remain employed, was sent back to London. The Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, was good enough to give him a free passage to Liverpool, and the Board sent \$10.00 to Mr. Dyke, the Government Immigration Agent at that port, to defray further expenses. Of this sum, Mr. Dyke returned \$6.65. Another boy and a female domestic desired to be sent back, but the Board could find no reason for expending money upon either of them, as they were quite able, though not willing, to work. The boy was, however, boarded for two weeks. The labour which has devolved upon the Board during this year has not been very heavy, but it has been sufficient to show that its formation was desirable.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Particular Council...\$15 00	Board for immigrants\$20 00
Immigration Agent	Mr. Dyke for boy
(for boys) ..... 20 00	sent back..... 10 00
Refund from Immi-	Cartage of baggage.. 75
grant ..... 1 00	30 75
Refund from Mr. Dyke 6 65	
42 65	
30 75	
Balance, 1st Oct., '87. 11 90	

*School Patronage.*

This Board was organized in May last and is composed of five members—one chosen by each of the four City Conferences and a President nominated by the President of the Particular Council. The schools having closed the following month, very little work engaged the attention of the Board during the summer season. Several meetings were held, however, and a scheme devised to effectively and thoroughly accomplish the objects for which the Board was instituted. Undoubtedly, a large number of children, either through parental negligence or a lack of suitable clothing and text books, fail to attend school. Such cases as these will have the earnest and unremitting attention of the Board. It is confidently believed that the next Annual Report will show an increased attendance at our Catholic schools through the instrumentality of the Board. The following are the members:—President, J. B. Lynch; Our Lady's, J. Lyons; St. Patrick's, J. A. McCann; St. Joseph's, H. F. McNaughton; St. Bridget's, P. Pender.

# Obituary.

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“ It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins ”—2 Mac., xii, 46.

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**EUGENE TÉTU,**

Vice-President, Conference of St. Joseph.

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**SIMON McMAHON,**

Active Member, Conference of St. Patrick.

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**HENRY CRILLY,**

President, Conference of St. Stephen, Chelsea.

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**JOHN GOW,**

Active Member, Conference of St. Joseph.

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**THOMAS O'KEEFE,**

Active Member, Conference of St. Joseph.

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**JOHN BYRNE,**

Secretary, Conference of our Lady of Mercy.

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*REQUIESCANT IN PACE.*