

THE  
EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

WITH A

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.

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FOR THE YEAR 1904

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LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS

DESIGNED BY W. H. NEAL

H. M. DOULL,  
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S. WADDELL,  
K. T. MATHES

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JOHN DOULL, Esq.

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W. H. NEAL.

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W. M. DOULL,

R. J. SWEET,  
JAS. FARQUHAR.

Treasurer.

W. S. STIRLING.

Secretary.

CHARLES FLETCHER.

Auditing Committees.

DISTRICT ONE.

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A. H. CROWE,  
W. H. NEAL.

DISTRICT TWO.

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S. WADDELL,  
K. T. MATHESON.

DISTRICT THREE.

R. J. SWEET, Chairman.  
EDW. JOST,  
W. H. WEBB.

DISTRICT FOUR.

JAS. FARQUHAR, Chairman.  
D. H. STARR,  
JOS. BELL.

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Improving the Condition of the Poor

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General Secretary  
CHARLES H. HALLAM

Executive Committee

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## REPORT.

THE Central Board of the "Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor" submit this their Eighth Annual Report.

The two departments of the Association work are the stone breaking at the shed on the Common, and the relief given at the houses of the poor that are visited by the district visitors. As to the first the test is perhaps rude and inadequate to all cases, but it is the only test that has ever been systematically tried in Halifax to distinguish between those who are willing and those who are unwilling to work.

The stone shed was in operation sixteen weeks and employed during that time an average of sixty men, most of them heads of families. The average wages earned by these men was \$3 a week. The city has, as in former years, bought the stone, and this department has been made self-sustaining, but intimation has been given that in 1875 only a limited amount of broken stone will be bought by the city, or about half as much as was broken last winter. A serious difficulty therefore arises that ought to be faced. Here are men willing to work for a scanty wage, at very uninviting labor, and yet the work cannot be given them. We can employ little more than half as many as we employed last winter. They must be fed; and it will cost much more if they go into the Poor's House, or beg from door to door, while the indirect evils of degrading and pauperizing them are still worse. This is surely a serious matter for the consideration of the city authorities. Instead of diminishing the amount of work given, we would gladly extend it to other kinds, so as to reach all the necessitous classes, and thus give relief only in the shape of wages, except in the case of sickness.

As to the relief given at the houses of the poor by the

visitors of the Association, no doubt there are instances in which it is misapplied, and no doubt the visitors sometimes do not inquire as minutely into all the circumstances as they should. It would be a very strange thing if it were otherwise. But the best proofs that imposture is pretty well checked, and that the visitors do their duty, are to be found in the facts that street-begging in the winter months is much less common than it was formerly, and that, in the eight years of the Association's history, not half a dozen complaints have been made of tickets sent to visitors being disregarded. It is quite clear, then, that if every householder was a member of the Association, street-begging, as far as city mendicants are concerned, would cease, and the man or woman who complains of the impostures and importunateness, and who will not give *four dollars* a year to meet the evils complained of, is only a talker and not worth being listened to.

The Board is glad to acknowledge that the subscriptions last year exceeded those of 1872 by \$400. The number of contributors, however, is too small, and a larger income will be required this winter on account of the limit put on our stone-breaking. This department was superintended last winter by John Stairs, Esq., to whom our best thanks are due, and to whom they are hereby tendered. In submitting this report the Board desires to express its sense of the great loss it, in common with every committee doing good work for the needy in Halifax, has sustained in the death of Miss Cogswell. She superintended the committee that gave out plain sewing to females, and was most anxious that such a department should always be connected with the work of the Association. As she was interested in everything that bore upon the improvement of the poor, and as there was no good proposal or plan in which she was not ready to help, we always knew that she could be relied upon, and in common with the poor and the rich, with the suffering, and with those laboring to relieve suffering, we mourn her loss and desire to be stimulated by her example.

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The Association is in existence all the year round, but most of its work is done in the first three months of the year. Summing up the returns for those three months, we give the following table of articles supplied:—

5238 Bushels of Coal,	2396 Lbs. Cornmeal,
20 Feet of Wood,	4282 Lbs. Oatmeal,
3046 Loaves of Bread,	1624 Quarts Molasses,

Besides Tea, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Beef, Barley, Butter, etc., to the sick poor.

Meetings of the Board were held regularly during the winter months, and as formerly, so last year, the services of the Secretary, Mr. C. Fletcher, were most valuable.

The Board acknowledges with thanks the kindness of H. Hesslein, Esq., of the Halifax Hotel, who gives a room gratis for annual and monthly meetings, and in other ways shows his interest in our work.

JOHN DOULL,  
*President.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. "Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor," in acct. with W. S. Stirling, Hon. Treasurer. Cr.

To aggregate payments to District No. 1.....	\$ 96 12	By balance per last Statement.....	\$ 51 06
" " " 2.....	335 86	Donations and Subscriptions.....	1887 50
" " " 3.....	377 16	Interest on A. K. Doull's bequest.....	118 00
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Stone and stone breaking.....	3898 13	Sale of Shirts.....	106 28
Deposit Receipt.....	500 00	From City on acct. Broken Stone.....	2873 88
N. S. Printing Co.....	34 00	Balance due to Bank (not including interest).....	1277 70
I. Bowes & Sons, (Printing).....	6 00		
Doull & Miller, acct.....	22 27		
Sewing women.....	10 00		
Purchase of coal.....	972 00		
Delivering coal.....	24 00		
Extending Stone Shed.....	76 96		
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W. S. STIRLING,  
Honorary Treasurer.

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*ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE  
ASSOCIATION IS TO BE GOVERNED.*

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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 of the section in which the applicant lives.
4. To give 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 courser quality than might be procured by labour, except in cases of sickness.
7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond the 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 liquors 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 to 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 the Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitors, they will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be their duty, moreover, to render a written report of their labours, and also an account of their disbursements, to their respective committees, at the stated monthly meeting. No visitor neglecting these duties will be entitled to draw on the funds of the Association.

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 objects—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.

The complaints of unrelieved applicants who have been sent to the Association should not be listened to, until they have produced a card from the visitor, *for a card assigning the reason of refusal should always be given to the unrelieved applicants*, which if produced, will show why he was not relieved; and, if unproduced, a proof that he has been attended to. In either case, the member will thus be made acquainted with the action of the visitor, and the reason for it.

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

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

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

# LIST OF VISITORS—1875.

## DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

HENRY ROMANS, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—W. H. NEAL, A. H. CROWE.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albemarle street, 1 to 39.....	C. E. Putner.	Dispensary.
Argyle street, 1 to 33, 2 to 28.....		
Grafton street, 1 to Sackville.....	John Ritchie.	80 Pleasant Street.
Sackville street, south side.....		
Albert street and Gas Lane.....		
Pleasant street, 1 to 103, 2 to 48.....		
South Hollis st., Victoria st.....	C. H. Longard.	80 Pleasant Street.
Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40.....		
Blowers and Fawson streets.....	A. H. Crowe.	South Park Street.
Granville st. 1 to Sackville.....		
Hollis st. 1 to Sackville.....	S. M. Brookfield.	66 Spring Garden Road.
Salter and Wallace streets.....		
Birmingham, Park and Queen streets...	Wm. Lawson.	Victoria Road.]
Spring Garden Road.....		
Brenton street, Briar Lane, Dresden Row, Rottenburg street.....	Chas. Stayner.	Stayner's Wharf.
Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent, and Morris sts., and Victoria Road..		
Green, Smith, Tobin and Lower Water streets, east side.....	John McInnis.	McIntosh & McInnis' whf.
Lower Water street, west side.....		
Tower Road, Inglis street, and all the dis- trict south of Inglis street.....	C. Franklyn.	Emscote, N. W. Arm.
Quinpool and Studley Roads.....	W. H. Neal.	Spring Garden Road.

## DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

W. M. DOULL, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—S. WADDELL, K. J. MATHESON, W. J. ALLISON.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albemarle street, 49 to 177.....	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
do. 179 to 209.....	John Doull, Jr.	Doull & Miller.
do. 211 to 259.....	James Forrest.	163 Hollis Street.
do. 10 to 140.....	T. Robertson.	14 Poplar Grove.
do. 142 to 176.....	K. J. Matheson.	151 Granville Street.
do. 178 to 214.....	H. Henry.	Bedford Row.
Argyle and Sackville streets, to end.....	Charles L. Weeks.	151 Barrington Street.
Brunswick street, 1 to 97.....	John Taylor.	63 "
do. 97 to Jacob street.....	James Curran.	17 Poplar Grove.
Barrington, Sackville, to Jacob streets....	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
Bedford Row.....	T. A. Cossman.	Doull & Miller.
Bell's Lane.....	F. Graham.	J. Northup & Sons.
Buckingham streets.....	S. Waddell.	J. S. McLean & Co.
Duke street.....		
George street.....	J. L. French.	103 Grafton Street.
Grafton street, 59 to 161.....		
do. 36 to 136.....	A. Fenerty.	27 Argyle Streets.
do. 163 to 133, to end.....	A. Stephen, Jr.	Barrington St. cor. Prince.
Granville and Sackville streets, to end....	R. J. Matheson.	163 Hollis Street.
Prince street.....	T. A. Cossman.	Doull & Miller.
Lower Water street.....		
Sackville street, north side.....	C. F. Reynolds.	196 Lower Water Street.

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DISTRICT THREE, WARD FIVE.

R. J. SWEET, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—EDWARD JOST, W. H. WEBB.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West streets.....	Thos. Goudge.	1 Compton Avenue.
William and Garrick streets.....		
James and John streets.....	A. J. Smith.	109 Maynard St.
Cunard street and Johns' Lane.....		
Maynard street from Cogswell to Cunard.	D. Ellis.	17 Bauer Street,
Bauer and Falkland streets.....		
Creighton and North Park streets.....	James Mitchell.	21 North Park Street.
Cornwallis street, from Park to Gottingen		
Cornwallis street, from Gottingen to Water	W. Sinclair Graham.	94 Cornwallis Street.
Gottingen street, from Cogswell to Gerrish.		
Maitland and Prince William streets.....	J. P. Cairns.	139 Gottingen Street.
Brunswick Lane.....		
Brunswick street, from Jacob to Gerrish.	Benjamin Hills,	73 Maitland Street,
Gerrish street, south side.....		
Jacob street, north side.....	F. V. Woolrich.	84 Brunswick Street.
Proctor's Lane.....		
Hurd's Lane.....	Edward Jost.	263 Brunswick Street.
Starr street.....		
Barrington street, north from Jacob.....	Rupert Wright.	51 Lockman Street,
Lockman st., from Cornwallis to Gerrish.		
Grays Lane.....	W. Sinclair Graham.	94 Cornwallis Street.
Upper Water street.....		

DISTRICT FOUR, WARD SIX.

JAMES FARQUHAR, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—JOSEPH BELL, D. H. STARR.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water street to Knight's Road.....	Peter Coffin.	36 North Street.
Lockman street, Gerrish to North.....	James B. Cormack.	198 Lockman Street.
Brunswick street, Gerrish to North.....	Thomas Conran.	381 Brunswick Street,
Gottingen street, Gerrish to North.....		
Creighton street, Gerrish to North.....	John W. Marvin.	120 Brunswick Street.
Maynard Street, Gerrish to North.....	W. D. Peareman.	163 Lockman Street.
Gerrish street, north side.....	Chas. McLaran.	212 Gottingen Street.
Artz Lane.....	Thomas Conran.	381 Brunswick Street.
North street, Water to Gottingen.....	James C. Anderton.	220 Brunswick Street.
Almon, Bilby, Mary, and McCara streets...	John Eckersley.	36 Russell Street.

DISTRICT FOUR, SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three Mile House.....	John A. Bell.	Water Works Office, City.
All the Settlements lying to the North of Knight's Road along the line of Railway, including Africville, to Three Mile House.....		
West of Kempt Road, north of North st., East of Kline's Road, extending northward to the Dutch Village....	Isaac Creighton.	Campbell Road.
Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dutch Village.....	John L. Whytal.	204 Hollis Street.

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Doull & M  
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## CONTRIBUTIONS—1873-74.

Amateur Dramatic Club.....	\$100 00	Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks.....	10 00
Doull & Miller.....	100 00	A. McLeod.....	10 00
Burns & Murray.....	100 00	John Stairs.....	10 00
T. & E. Kenny.....	100 00	H. Hartshorne.....	10 00
J. A. Moren.....	50 00	Senator Northup.....	10 00
Judge Bliss.....	50 00	T. B. Akins.....	10 00
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Duffus & Co.....	50 00	Dean Bullock.....	8 00
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do. 2nd donation.....	30 00	Mrs. Harry King.....	5 00
J. R. Lithgow.....	50 00	Judge Marshall.....	5 00
O. F.....	40 00	M. H. Richey.....	5 00
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N. L. West.....	30 00	W. C. Menzies.....	5 00
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Anderson, Billing & Co.....	25 00	Peter Jack.....	5 00
Grand Jury fines.....	22 50	Rev. J. B. Uniacke.....	5 00
The Mayor.....	20 00	J. T. Wood.....	5 00
Charles Roche.....	20 00	J. H. Symons.....	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Murdoch.....	20 00	"A".....	5 00
E. P. Archbold.....	20 00	C. J. Gibson.....	5 00
G. P. Mitchell & Sons.....	20 00	Mrs. Edward Binney.....	5 00
Thos. Bayne.....	20 00	C. D. Hunter.....	5 00
Edwd. Smith.....	20 00	Judge Jackson.....	5 00
Thos. A. Ritchie.....	20 00	E. G. Stayner.....	5 00
M. P. Black.....	20 00	O. A. Stayner.....	5 00
Muir & Blackader.....	20 00	J. Norman Ritchie.....	5 00
P. Lynch.....	20 00	Errol Boyd.....	4 00
Lawson, Harrington & Co.....	20 00	Rev. G. M. Grant.....	4 00
J. C. Halliburton.....	20 00	Mrs. A. Stewart.....	4 00
Hon. J. Cochran.....	20 00	Mrs. Col. Myers.....	4 00
Hon. R. Boak.....	20 00	Sircom & Marshall.....	4 00
J. Butler & Co.....	15 00	C. F. Reynolds.....	4 00
J. G. A. Creighton & Son.....	15 00	J. Farquharson.....	4 00
Alpin Grant.....	15 00	"A poor man," per R. J. S.....	3 00
Joseph Wier.....	10 00	J. M. N.....	2 00
W. L. Lowell.....	10 00	E. Lloyd.....	2 00
Anonymous.....	10 00	F. Lloyd.....	2 00
"A".....	10 00		
M. S. Brown.....	10 00		
A. H. P. (Liverpool).....	10 00		
		\$1887 50	
		Interest on A. K. Doull's bequest.	\$118 00





OMITTED IN PRINTED REPORT.

STONE SHED,

IN ACCOUNT WITH RELIEF OF POOR ASSOCIATION, DR.

To cost of 5462 loads of stone, 14 cwt. each, at 23c. ....	\$1256.26
" Paid for labor for breaking stone .....	2520.89
" Labour, hammers, nails, shovels, &c. ....	128.38
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By stone sold outside .....	7.40
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	\$3898.13
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By 65474 bushels sold City .....	\$3928.44
<sup>124</sup> Balance to Cr. ....	\$30.31
65598     Sundry small Bills unpaid. ....	25.00
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Profit to Cr. ....	\$5.31

CITY OF HALIFAX,

TO RELIEF OF POOR ASSOCIATION, DR.

1874.	
May.	To 65474 bushels stone, at 6c. .... \$3928.44
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