

THE
Twenty-second Annual Report
OF THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION
FOR
Improving the Condition of the Poor.
FOR
1888.
WITH A LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS, ETC.

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THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

Improving the Condition of the Poor.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

President :

JOHN DOULL.

Vice-President :

W. H. NEAL.

Superbising Committee :

S. M. BROOKFIELD,

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C. C. BLACKADAR,

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JAMES FORREST,

E. C. TWINING,

JOHN H. SYMONS,

WM. DENNIS,

JOHN D LONGARD.

(With power to add to their number.)

Treasurer :

JAMES FORREST.

Secretary :

RUFUS J. SWEET.

Auditors :

E. C. TWINING,

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor begs to submit the twenty-second annual report. During last winter the work of the Association has been carried on in a quiet unostentatious manner, yet without any relaxation of vigilance or effort on the part of the Committee of Management.

DONATIONS.

Though several who were counted among its best friends and subscribers passed away during the previous year, yet there was no diminution of the amount usually sent in, and thanks are hereby tendered to all who so generously aided the Association in its benevolent operations. The donations of cash amounted to \$1,507.50, besides articles of clothing, etc., which are exceedingly appropriate and useful.

THE HOUSING OF THE POOR

has occupied the attention of the committee and a visit of inspection was made by the President and other members, accompanied by His Worship the Mayor, and several representatives of the press. The result of their investigation, revealed a state of affairs existing in some localities that was deplorable in the extreme, and sufficient, in the judgment of the Committee to call for some legislative remedy. The housing of the poor is a matter of vital consequence to the health and morality of all concerned. Some so-called dwellings ought to be at once pulled down or thoroughly renovated, as in their present state they are not fit for human habitation.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WINTER.

So far no arrangement has been made to re-open the stone shed, which has now been closed since the winter before last.

If the City Council will authorize the Board of Works, (and we think it should,) to make a contract with the Association for the supply of a quantity of broken stone, the Committee will only be too glad to resume operations at the stone shed. The use of Portland this season as the terminus for the weekly mail steamers, and the consequent loss of the handling of inward cargoes, which gave employment to so many last winter, is a matter that will probably lead to great hardship in certain families, and tax the resources of the Association to its full extent.

A SPECIAL CASE.

The peculiar circumstances of a poor lad were brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, and it was decided to place him in the Industrial School, the Association becoming responsible for his maintenance.

LEGACY.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of \$40 from the executors of the late John Metzler.

CUNARD STREET PROPERTY.

Of the expenditure for the year, \$225.22 was on account of this property. The costs of the foreclosure suit were paid, and also several years arrears of taxes. The house is now rented, so that hereafter a fair revenue is anticipated.

BEQUEST ACCOUNT.

It was decided, some years ago, to capitalize the bequests made to the Association. The financial statement shows \$1,165.45 as due to that account. Against that we have \$393.49 in the Treasurer's hands, and a claim against the city for \$462.55 on account of broken stone supplied. This leaves a net deficiency of \$309.41, which amount should be repaid to the account from which it has been taken.

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FAMILIES RELIEVED.

The number of families relieved was 358, against 373 the previous season. Of the former number 123 were new cases, coming for the first time before the Committee.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

The place rented last winter cannot be had again, and the Committee are endeavoring to secure a suitable office in some convenient locality.

CLERK AND VISITOR.

Mr. R. Geo. Halls, as Clerk, and Mr. J. B. Brown, as Visitor, gave every satisfaction in the discharge of their respective duties.

CITY PRESS.

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

HOW FRIENDS MAY HELP.

The Association does not send out collectors, but calmly awaits the action of those who, moved by some noble and generous impulse, send in their subscriptions without waiting till they are called upon, thus preventing that loss of time and worry of mind incident to the making of personal appeals.

We trust that the Divine blessing which has rested upon the Association all along its past history will continue to be vouchsafed and enjoyed in the future.

JOHN DOULL, *President.*

R. J. SWEET, *Secretary.*

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

(Passed the 13th day of April, 1884.)

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

1. John Doull, William H. Neal, Samuel M. Brookfield, William L. Lowell, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the Association hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor."
2. The Association hereby incorporated may take, purchase and hold real estate and personal property, and may sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same for the purposes of said Association.
3. The Association hereby incorporated shall have power to make by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the said Association, the admission of members, the appointment of officers, and for the promotion and carrying out of its purposes.
4. The Annual Meeting of the said Association shall be held in the month of November in each year, and at such Annual Meetings the officers of the Association for the then next ensuing year shall be appointed. The persons who at the passing of this Act hold office in the said Association, shall continue to be the officers thereof until the first Annual Meeting is held.
5. No officer or member of the Association hereby incorporated shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the said Association, unless he shall agree to be answerable therefor.

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

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

until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or the churches to which they belong.

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

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

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

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependent are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary 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.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing Rule deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who constantly persist in their vicious courses, and

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who cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community; still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

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

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

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

NOTICE.

Every day the Relief Office, (20 Bedford Row,) is open from 9 to 12 in the morning, and from 3 to 4 in the afternoon. The case of each applicant is thoroughly enquired into by the Visitor and a record kept of the information obtained.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Halifaz Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in account with Treasurer.

EXPENDITURE.	1887.	1888.	RECEIPTS.	1887.	1888.
To paid Salaries, Clerk and Visitor	\$ 168 00		By balance	\$ 241 95	
Cunard Street property, Bills and Taxes	225 22		" Water Street property revenue	98 50	
Moir, Son & Co, bread	93 12				
Glace Bay Company, coal	1087 26		Jan'y. By bequest late J. Metzler	40 00	
E. J. Lordly, groceries	223 61		" bank B. N. A. dividend	48 67	
1 half chest tea	11 80		" City of Halifax on account of broken stone	3117 28	
Sundry small accounts	17 40		" Contributions	30 00	
Printing reports, and stationery	24 98			1507 50	
Taxes, Water Street property	26 60				
Putting up Stove	3 50				
Passage money to England	10 00				
Rent	20 00				
Money advanced to poor	9 00				
Industrial School for boy	60 00				
Loan repaid	2610 39				
Interest to date	99 53				
Balance on hand	393 49				
	<u>\$5083 90</u>				

1888.
Nov. 30. By balance.....\$ 393 49

[Examined and found correct.]

C. C. BLACKADAR, }
E. C. TWING, } Auditors,

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 E. C. TWINING, } Auditors.

[Examined and found correct.]

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in acct. with President, Vice-President and Committee.

	Dr.	Cr.
Bequests to date	\$2500 00	\$ 383 49
Of which invested in B. N. A. shares	1334 55	462 55
Balance due to bequest account.....	<u>\$1165 45</u>	309 41
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Real estate owned by the Association:—Brick house on Cumard Street from bequest late A. K. Doull. Half interest property on Water Street from bequest late Hugh Elliot.

DONATIONS RECEIVED, 1887-8.

Doull & Miller.....	\$50 00	J. Farguharson.....	\$10 00
Genl. Lord A. Russell & Lady.	50 00	R. W. Fraser.....	10 00
A portion of the Lord's tenth..	50 00	Creighton & Marshall.....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co.....	40 00	W. G.....	10 00
Brown & Webb.....	40 00	S. A. White.....	10 00
A. & W. Mackinlay.....	25 00	"An Old Friend".....	10 00
The Ross Amateur Opera Co..	25 00	Thanksgiving Col., Chalmer's	10 00
R. MacDonald.....	25 00	Church.....	10 00
His Grace Archbishop O'Brien.	25 00	Mrs. Moren.....	10 00
M. P. Black.....	25 00	A Friend.....	10 00
Farquhar, Forrest & Co.....	25 00	Dun Wiman & Co.....	10 00
M. Clayton & Sons.....	25 00	J. R. Lithgow.....	10 00
Burns & Murray.....	25 00	John Crerar.....	10 00
R. H. Brown, Sydney Mines..	25 00	Mrs. J. B. Duffus.....	10 00
Black Bros. & Co.....	25 00	"A Sailor".....	10 00
F. D. Corbett.....	25 00	Muir & Blackadar.....	10 00
Thos. Bayne.....	25 00	C. H. Robertson & Co.....	10 00
M. Dwyer.....	25 00	Found Money.....	10 00
Lieut. Gov. Richey.....	20 00	Dr. Lewis.....	10 00
Thos. Ritchie.....	20 00	Adult Deaf Mute Sunday Class.	8 00
Judge Ritchie.....	20 00	Mrs. E. Hesslein.....	8 00
Mrs. H. Binney.....	20 00	Rev. Dr. Pollok.....	5 00
Thos. A. Ritchie.....	20 00	W. J. Fraser.....	5 00
Thos. S. Reid, Bermuda.....	20 00	Geo. Thompson.....	5 00
Danl. Cronan.....	20 00	M. S. R.....	5 00
S. Cunard & Co.....	20 00	F. H. Reynolds.....	5 00
Y. Y. S.....	20 00	W. H. Pallister.....	5 00
Hon. Robt. Boak.....	20 00	Wm. Dunbar.....	5 00
M. S. Brown & Co.....	20 00	J. A. Turnbull.....	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Wiswell.....	20 00	Chas. Bell.....	5 00
Robie Uniacke.....	20 00	J. W.....	5 00
Mackintosh & McInnes.....	20 00	Capt. J. Taylor Wood.....	5 00
J. J. Hunt.....	20 00	"Friend".....	5 00
Lawson, Harrington & Co.....	20 00	C. C. Blackadar.....	5 00
Judge J. N. Ritchie.....	20 00	Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.....	5 00
P. Lynch.....	15 00	D. H. MacGarvey.....	5 00
Rev. Dr. Burns.....	15 00	"A Friend".....	5 00
H. McD. Henry.....	15 00	W. Twining.....	5 00
His Worship the Mayor.....	15 00	E. D. Adams.....	5 00
J. C. Mackintosh.....	10 00	G. E. Faulkner.....	5 00
T. B. Akins.....	10 00	Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.....	5 00
L. Hart & Son.....	10 00	Miss Black.....	5 00
S. S. B. Smith.....	10 00	Thos. Forhan.....	5 00
Rev. D. M. Gordon.....	10 00	"A Friend".....	5 00
Jas. Gordon.....	10 00	C. M.....	5 00
S. A. O.....	10 00	A. B. Bligh.....	5 00
Alex. Dow.....	10 00	"A Friend in Digby".....	5 00
W. J. Coleman.....	10 00	G. M.....	5 00

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 T. C. Allen..
 Prof. W. J..
 Dr. A. P. F..
 S. G. Black

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Reilly & Davidson for fixing stoves, &c.
 Freeman Elliot, Esq., suits boy's clothing.
 F. C. Elliot, Esq., do do
 Mrs. J. Scott, womens' garments.
 Mrs. Troop, do
 J. LePine, Esq., 1 doz. pairs gloves.
 Mahon Bros., 22 jackets & ulsters, and 16 girls hats.
 Barnstead & Sutherland, 16 jackets.
 Wood Bros. & Co., 24 hats, 6 jackets, 26 yards skirting.
 Smith Bros., bundle socks.
 J. D. L., 3 pairs brogans.
 Mrs. J. P. Mott, bundle clothing.
 Mrs Ed. Stairs, do
 Anonymous do
 Peter Ross, Esq., men's clothing.
 S. Cunard & Co., 100 bushels coal.
 R. J. Sweet, 30 lbs. tea.
 Rev. Dr. Pollok, 1 overcoat.
 Leaman & Co., continued supply of soup meat.
 S. M. Brookfield, Esq., for box for books.
 W. Horton & Son, for staining and varnishing box for books.

☞ Donations of clothing and other supplies will be thankfully received at
 the RELIEF OFFICE, 20 Bedford Row.

Relief Granted last Winter besides articles of Clothing of various kinds.

6843 bushels of coal, 3828 lbs. oatmeal; 89 lbs. tea,	2222 loaves of bread, 1215 quarts of molasses, 190 lbs. sugar.
1888. Number of families relieved.....	358 or 1432 individuals.
1887. " " "373 or 1492 "
1886. " " "397 or 1588 "
1885. " " "275 or 1100 "
1884. " " "325 or 1400 "
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ASSOCIATION
FOR
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OFFICE - 20 BEDFORD ROW.

Open 9 to 12 and 3 to 4 P. M., every Week Day, during
the Months of January, February and March.

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

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

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

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

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