

SOCIETY

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

OTTAWA.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ending 30th September, 1885.



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INTRODUCTION.

The Particular Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which has jurisdiction over the English-speaking Conferences of the Society in the Diocese of Ottawa and the Vicariate of Pontiac, has thought it advisable to print a brief general report of the work of the Council and Conferences during the past year, as well as the statistics for each Conference, to give the members of the Society generally, and others interested in the spiritual and temporal welfare of God's poor, information in short space respecting this work.

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REPORT

*Presented at the Annual Meeting, 13th December,
1885.*

It has been customary hitherto to present to the annual meeting the reports of the several Conferences made up to the 8th December. It is evident to every member of the Society that a portion of the winter's work has by that time been done; and the result has, consequently, been to give in each year's report portions of the work of two seasons. The Particular Council considered this matter and suggested to the Conferences within its jurisdiction that the official year should terminate on the 30th September, so that the annual reports might show the complete operations of a whole winter, and, further, that the Council might be able to obtain the statements of Conferences in time to present to the annual meeting a summary of the work performed by all the Conferences as well in the city of Ottawa as in the other portions of this Diocese and the Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac. Every Conference has accepted the recommendation made, and the result is what the Council foresaw.

There are six Conferences within the jurisdiction of this Particular Council: viz., those of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph, and St. Patrick,

in the City of Ottawa; St. Mary of Almonte; St. Stephen of Chelsea; and St. Patrick of Pembroke. In consequence of the distance from the city, the officers of the three last-named Conferences are unable to take an active part in the proceedings of the Council, and, consequently, the recommendations made to Conferences are generally confined to those within the city, which are represented at the ordinary Council meetings. It is hoped that, during the ensuing year, the bonds of brotherly union between the Conferences in Ottawa and those outside will be drawn closer.

During the year ending on the 30th September, the Particular Council held eight meetings; and three have taken place since that date. Five circular letters have been sent to Conferences dealing with practical matters affecting the operations of the Society, and there is reason to believe that these have had a good effect in recalling to the members various matters which are apt to be forgotten without such reminders. The general meetings, and especially the quarterly communions, have been participated in by a larger number of members than ever before.

At the suggestion of the Particular Council, the Conferences have ordered a number of cheap books and leaflets, published in England, for distribution by the visitors among the poor. It is hoped that this will have the effect of counteracting the pernicious literature which is so prevalent, and of providing wholesome

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The membership increased, during the year ending 30th September, by 27 members, the total number admitted being 30, while one was dropped from the roll and two died. The number of members in Ottawa, at the date named, was 150, and in the other three Conferences 41. These 191 members were the means of relieving the corporal necessities of 80 families and 308 persons. The amount actually expended was \$1221.17, and there was a total balance in hand of \$304.70, with which to commence the present winter's work. Last winter having been especially severe, no less than \$488 was spent in fuel.

The reports of the Conferences will speak for themselves.

The Council regrets that it is unable to give any information respecting the work of the three French Conferences in the city. The whole work performed by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in this and the adjoining Diocese is, therefore, not shown in this report.

JOHN A. MACCABE,

President of the Particular Council.

Ottawa, 8th December, 1885.

SOCIETY
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
OTTAWA.

PARTICULAR COUNCIL.

JOHN A. MACCABE, M. A... ..President.
JOHN O'REILLY.Vice-President.
THOMAS J. RICHARDSON Secretary.
THOMAS BURNS..... ..Treasurer.

With the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of
Conferences.

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For the year ending 30th September, 1885.

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To Balance, 1st Oct., 1884	\$11 83
“ Collections, general meetings.....	19 53
“ Donations	2 00
“ Loan, St. Joseph's Conference.....	25 00
“ “ St. Patrick's “	25 00
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By post cards and printing.....	\$ 2 00
“ Rules for Conferences.....	15 00
“ Loan, Our Lady's Conference... ..	50 00
“ Superior Council, Dublin, for books ..	5 00
“ Balance, 30th Sept., 1885.....	11 36
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	\$83 36

Donations to 8th December, 1885.

Hon. J. Costigan.....	\$10 00
J. Murphy.....	5 00
Hon. J. O'Donohoe	1 00
J. A. Gouin.....	1 00
A friend (A. H.)	50
A friend (J. J. H.)	50
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	\$18 00

Summary of Returns.

	Members admitted.	Members dropped or deceased.	Members now on Roll.	Meetings held.	Average attendance.	Families relieved.	Persons relieved.	Visits.	Balance 1 Oct. 1884.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balance 30 Sept. 1885.
Particular Council.....			8	8	5				\$11 83	\$21 53	\$22 00	\$11 36
Ottawa :—												
C. of Our Lady of Mercy	4	3	54	47	17	16	64	296	226 00	297 66	432 66	91 00
C. of St. Joseph.....	19	.....	61	52	19	21	99	.....	120 38	247 87	*293 30	74 95
C. of St. Patrick	7	.....	35	51	14	11	42	93	54 04	153 34	*136 13	71 25
Pembroke :—C. of St. Patrick	30	3	150	.....	.....	48	205	.....	400 42	698 87	862 09	237 20
† Almonte :—C. of St. Mary.....	.....	5	21	38	7	18	65	116	24 81	213 28	217 65	20 44
Chelsea :—C. of St. Stephen	4	9	49	6	9	23	15	8 06	37 49	30 58	14 97
	11	48	10	5	†15	45	6 91	152 67	138 85	20 73
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	30	12	191	80	308	452 03	1,123 84	1,271 17	304 70

* The expenditure of the Conferences of St. Joseph and St. Patrick includes \$25 from each which was lent to the Conference of Our Lady through the Particular Council.

† The report of the Almonte Conference is from the 1st January only.

‡ Estimated.

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Conference of Our Lady of Mercy, Ottawa.

Spiritual Director: Rev. J. A. Sloan.

President. John O'Reilly.
 Vice-President..... Michael O'Farrell.
 Secretary..... John Byrne.
 TreasurerD. McDonell.

New members, 4; dropped from roll, 1;
 deceased, 2; number now on roll, 54; honorary
 members, 3.

Meetings held, 47; average attendance, 17.

Families relieved, 16. Visits made, 296.
 Persons do 64.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Collections, weekly meetings.....\$50 81	Provisions .....\$158 52
Donations..... 12 00	Medicines 1 75
Loan St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's confs 50 00	Fuel..... 152 25
Other sources..... 184 85	Rent and board 28 25
	General expenses .. 91 89
	432 66
297 66	
Balance, 1 Oct., '84..226 00	
523 66	
432 66	
Bal., 30 Sept., '85 ... 91 00	

* The expenditure of the Conferences of St. Joseph and St. Patrick includes \$25 from each which was lent to the Conference of Our Lady through the Particular Council.
 † The report of the Almonte Conference is from the 1st January only.
 ‡ Estimated.

Conference of St. Joseph, Ottawa.

Spiritual Director : Rev. A. Paillier, O. M. I.
 President William Kehoe.
 Vice-President..... Eugène Têtu.
 Secretary..... F. Desloges.
 Treasurer..... William Darcy.

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 New members, 19 ; number now on roll, 61 ;
 junior members, 2.
 Meetings held, 52 ; average attendance, 19.

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 Families relieved, 21.
 Persons do 99—adults, 28; children, 71.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly meetings.....	\$90 64	Provisions	\$65 30
Poor-box.....	157 23	Medicines	30
	<u>247 87</u>	Clothing	7 45
Balance, 1 Oct., '84..	120 38	Fuel	184 25
	<u>368 25</u>	Hospital	6 00
	293 30	Funeral expenses ...	5 00
		Loan to Our Lady's conf	25 00
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Bal., 30 Sept., '85 ...	74 95		

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Conference of St. Patrick, Ottawa.

Spiritual Director: Rev. M. J. Whelan.

PresidentJames Latchford.
 Vice-President.....Peter Dunne.
 Secretary.....Edwin L. Sanders.
 Treasurer.....Denis Egan.

New members, 7; number now on roll, 35;
 honorary member, 1.
 Meetings held, 51; average attendance, 14.

Families relieved, 11. Visits made, 93.
 Persons do 42—adults, 14; children, 28.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly		Provisions.....	\$23 38
meetings.....	\$53 34	Fuel	87 75
Church collections ..	50 00	Loan to Our Lady's	
Pilgrimage	50 00	conf	25 00
	153 34		136 13
Balance, 1 Oct., '84..	54 04		
	207 38		
	136 13		
	71 25		
Balance, 30 Sept., '85.	71 25		

Conference of St. Patrick, Pembroke.

President of Honour : Mgr. Lorrain.

President M. Gorman.
 Vice-President A. J. Fortier.
 Secretary J. P. Sarsfield.
 Treasurer J. E. Whelan.

Members on roll, 21 ; honorary members, 3 ;
 subscribers, 7.

Meetings held, 38 ; average attendance, 7.

Families relieved, 18. Visits made, 116.
 Persons do 65—adults, 28 ; children, 37.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
Collections, weekly meetings \$22 45	Provisions \$87 10
Poor-box 5 85	Fuel 45 69
Donations 47 71	Medicines 8 75
Church collections . . 26 67	Money 37 52
Other sources 110 60	Rent and board 8 00
	Funeral expenses . . . 4 13
	To Provincial Council 26 46
213 28	
Balance, 1 Oct., '84 . . 24 81	
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Conference of St. Mary, Almonte.

Spiritual Director : Rev. D. F. Foley.

President..... John O Reilly.
 Vice-President Patrick Daly.
 Secretary John O'Hare.
 Treasurer..... Edward Letang.

Members on roll, 9; subscribers, 10.
 Meetings held, 49; average attendance, 6.

Families relieved, 9. Visits made, 15.
 Persons do 23—adults, 16; children, 7.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Collections, weekly		Provisions.....	\$ 9 38
meetings.....	\$21 86	Fuel	18 00
Donations	15 63	Mass for the dead ...	50
	37 49	Funeral expenses ...	50
Balance, 1 Jan.....	8 06	General expenses ...	2 20
	45 55		<u>30 58</u>
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Balance, 30 Sept	14 97		

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Conference of St. Stephen, Chelsea.

President..... Henry Crilly.
 Vice-President..... William Duffy.
 Secretary..... Michael Duffy.
 Treasurer..... James Hogan.

Members on roll, 11 ; honorary member, 1 ;
 benefactors, 30.

Meetings held, 48 ; average attendance, 10.

Families relieved, 5 ; in hospital, 1 ; visits, 45.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
All sources.....	\$152 67	Provisions	\$66 25
Balance, 1 Oct., '84..	6 91	Clothing	15 00
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	159 58	Masses and Funerals.	2 50
	138 85	Schools	20 00
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Balance, 30 Sept., '85.	20 73		<hr/>
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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.,
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ROBERT O'REILLY,

Active Member, Conference of Our Lady of Mercy.

PATRICK CONWAY,

Active Member, Conference of Our Lady of Mercy.

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