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## REPORT.

THE Central Board of the Halifax Association for improving the condition of the Poor, in submitting this their seventh annual report, desire to express their unabated confidence in the soundness of the principles on which the Association is constituted, though they have not yet been able to carry them out as completely and rigorously as they would like.

The abstract of rules printed with the Report shows what the Constitution is. The intention is to relieve the poor, not because they are connected with this or that denomination, but on the ground of humanity; and to do this systematically, that there shall not be any real necessity for street begging in this city. The work of the different churches is not interfered with; for (1) the Visitors do not help any that are on the roll of a church as beneficiaries; and (2) as only necessary articles are given by the Visitors, and to none who are likely to continue long unable to earn their own livelihood, abundant room is left for each church to care especially for its own members. This Association endeavors to secure (1) that no one shall suffer in Halifax from absolute want; (2) the exposing of impostors who beg from door to door, because they can make twice as much in that way as by honest labor. To secure these ends, it divides the city into four districts, and sub-divides those into forty-five sections; appoints a Chairman and advisory Committee to each district, and a Visitor to each section. Any one can become a member of the Association by paying four dollars. Every member receives a list of the forty-five visitors, and a sufficient number of tickets. When a beggar comes to the door all that the member has to do is to ask his or her address, then look at the list of sections to see who is the visitor of that street and number, and fill in a ticket to be taken by the beggar to the visitor. The Association guarantees that the case will be promptly inquired into, and relief afforded if it is found to be required. If a member finds that a ticket sent by him has been disregarded, he should at once bring the fact to the notice of the President, or the Chairman of the Committee of the particular district. In the seven years history of the Association very few such complaints have been made.

Let it be distinctly understood then by those who talk about the evils of street or house-to-house begging or the frauds and impostures of unprincipled mendicants, that the fault is

entirely their own if they refuse to co-operate with the only feasible and systematic effort that is made to suppress those grave evils. Any failure of the Association must be owing either to the citizens generally not becoming members, and preferring to give at their own doors and without examination; or to the visitors not doing their duty. The office-bearers of the Association will do their best to see that the second cause shall not exist; they have no power over the first. They can only make an appeal to the good sense and right feeling of their fellow citizens, and point to the facts that the number of contributors last year was only about eighty, and that the sum of four dollars a year will enable any householder to deal summarily with the great social evils of pauperism and mendicancy.

The Board is glad to know that similar associations are now being formed in the cities of Britain and America. The reports of their working in Edinburgh and New York are especially gratifying.

Though the number of contributors is small, the Board is most grateful to acknowledge that they are all volunteers, and that their subscriptions have been so large that all demands on the Treasurer have been met. The amount received from donations, subscriptions, and legacies last year was \$1570. No canvas for subscribers was instituted. This fact alone shows that the need for some such Association was felt, for few charitable undertakings have been carried on for years without dunning. The Board would, however, recommend a canvas to be instituted this winter, in order to secure a larger amount of money, not only to carry on the regular monthly operations, but always to have a rest to the credit of the Association, and to avoid paying interest to the bank on advances. The sooner subscriptions are paid in the better, because a large sum is always needed at the New Year to purchase a supply of coal and the stones that are broken in the shed on the Common.

A primary object of the Association is, not merely the relief, but the elevation of the physical and moral condition of the poor. It has, therefore, always been the aim of the Board to endeavor to give employment rather than charity, not only because it is better in itself, but because in no other way can there be a test that the poverty is not the result of incurable idleness. The chief employment hitherto pro-

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vided is stone-breaking, and the Board considers that this test is severe enough. Last winter 4231 loads of stone were purchased at 18 cents a load. These were broken up into 47,819 bushels, the men being paid at the rate of three cents a bushel. It is proposed to pay them this year three and a-half cents, as fuel and other necessaries are dearer, and as this department is actually self-sustaining. During the winter months an average of fifty men have been thus employed, each man earning about forty cents for a day's work. This important department has been ably managed by John Stairs, Esq., and he has kindly consented to superintend it for another year.

Some employment was given to females last year, in the shape of plain sewing, under the superintendence of Miss Cogswell and a Committee of ladies who gave much time and care to it. The results—financially—were not very satisfactory, but those employed improved in sewing, and it is a first principle of the Association to give relief, in the shape of employment, even though it does not pay directly. The Board will gladly receive suggestions on this subject, and cooperate with any well devised scheme that may be inaugurated.

The Association is in existence all the year round, but it dispenses relief chiefly in January, February, and March. Summing up the returns, we present the following Table of Articles Supplied:—

	Bushels of Coal.	Feet of Wood.	Loaves of Bread.	Lbs. of Cornmeal.	Lbs. of Oatmeal.	Galls. of Molasses.	
January.....	950½	4	652	343	913	89½	
February.....	1072	2	895	399	1090	127½	
March.....	1031½		1016	402	1105	111½	
	3054	6	2563	1144	3108	328½	
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Tea.	Sugar.	Rice.	Flour.	Beef.	Butter.	Soap.	Candles, &c. &c.
44½ lbs.	146½ lbs.	78½ lbs.	67 lbs.	43 lbs.	10½ lbs.	4½ lbs.	

Meetings of the Central Board were held regularly during the Winter months, and the services of the Secretary, Mr. Chas. Fletcher, were found extremely valuable. The Board desires to acknowledge with thanks the kindness of Mr. Henry Hesslein, of the Halifax Hotel, who has given a room for Annual and Monthly Meetings, and put sheds at their disposal for storage of coal, and shown his interest in other ways.

(Signed)

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.....	\$ 60 93	By balance per last Yearly Statement.....	\$ 685 77
" " " 2.....	284 29	Donations and Subscriptions.....	1489 00
" " " 3.....	283 75	Interest on late A. K. Doull's bequest.....	118 00
" " " 4.....	325 76	Sale of Broken Stone to S. Cunard & Co.....	84 00
Advertising for Stone.....	2 25	Amount from City on acct. Broken Stone.....	2000 00
Stone—purchase and breaking.....	2549 16		
Shirting, buttons, thread, and labor.....	213 48		
Purchase of Coal, labor, &c.....	421 53		
Insurance of Coal.....	5 60		
Printing Reports &c.....	28 00		
Interest overdrawn on acct.....	50 65		
Balance in hand.....	51 06		
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Nov. 1. By balance brought down.....\$51 06

**W. S. STIRLING,**  
*Honorary Treasurer.*

Correct. Audited Nov. 27, 1873.

**W. H. NEAL,**  
**J. W. ALLISON.**

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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 coarser 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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# LIST OF VISITORS—1874.

## DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

S. M. BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

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

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

## DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

T. A. COSSMANN, Chairman.

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

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, 126 to end.....	W. M. Doull,	Doull & Miller's.
Albermarle street, 8 to 124.....	Joseph Townsend	116 Argyle street,
Albermarle street, 49 to 163.....	A. W. Lindsay.	29 Starr street.
Albermarle street, 165 to end.....	J. W. Allison	Doull & Miller's.
Argyle street, Sackville to end.....	James Forrest,	171 Hollis street.
Brunswick street, 1 to 61.....	James Curren,	7 Cunard Court,
Brunswick street, 61 to Jacob.....	K. J. Matheson,	Peter Grant & Co's.
Barrington street, Sackville to Jacob.....	T. Robertson,	Mines Office.
Bedford Row.....	James Forrest,	171 Hollis street.
Bells Lane.....	Frank Graham,	J. Northup & Sons,
Buckingham street.....	Frank Graham,	J. Northup & Sons.
Duke street.....	S. Waddell,	J. S. Maclean & Co.
George street.....	S. Waddell,	J. S. Maclean & Co.
Grafton street, 40 to 120.....	J. C. Mahon,	145 Barrington street,
Grafton street, 122 to 154.....	J. S. Johnson,	145 Barrington street,
Grafton street, 156 to end.....	S. Maedonald,	173 Brunswick street.
Granville street, Sackville to end.....	T. Robertson,	147 South Park street.
Hollis street, Sackville to end.....	T. Robertson,	Mines Office.
Jacob street, south side.....	Frank Graham,	Mines Office,
Prince street.....	James Forrest,	J. Northup & Sons.
Lower Water street, 165 to 216.....	A. Stephen, Jr.,	171 Hollis street.
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## DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

R. J. SWEET, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—EDWARD JOST, JOHN D. LONGARD.

Streets.	Visitor's Name,	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West streets.....	R. J. Wilson,	77 Cunard street.
William and Garrick streets.....		
James and John street.....	A. J. Smith,	109 Maynard street,
Cunard street and Johns' Lane.....	D. Ellis,	17 Bauer street,
Maynard street from Cogswell to Cunard..	James Mitchell,	21 North Park street.
Bauer and Faulkland streets.....	W. Sinclair Graham,	94 Cornwallis street.
Cornwallis street, from Park to Gottingen	Duncan MacGregor,	110 Gottingen street.
Gottingen street, from Cogswell to Gerrish..	Benjamin Hills,	73 Maitland street.
Maitland and Prince William streets.....	J. D. Longard,	329 Brunswick street.
Brunswick Lane.....	Edward Jost,	263 Brunswick street.
Brunswick street, from Jacob to Gerrish.	J. D. Longard,	329 Brunswick street.
Gerrish street, south side.....	W. Sinclair Graham,	94 Cornwallis street.
Jacob street, north side.....		
Proctor's Lane.....		
Hurd's Lane.....		
Starr street.....		
Barrington street, north from Jacob.....		
Lockman st., from Cornwallis to Gerrish..		
Grays Lane.....		
Upper Water street.....		

## DISTRICT FOUR. WARD FIVE.

D. HENRY STARR, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—JOSEPH BELL, C. C. VAUX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upp. Water st. Gerrish to Knight's Road...	Peter Coffin,	36 North street.
Lockman st., Gerrish to North.....	James C. Anderton,	220 Brunswick street.
Brunswick st., Gerrish to North.....	Thomas Conran,	381 Brunswick street.
Gottingen st., Gerrish to North.....	J. W. Hennigar,	64 Gerrish street.
Creighton st., Gerrish to North.....	John W. Marven,	129 Brunswick street.
Maynard st., Gerrish to North.....	John S. Smith,	191 Lockman street.
Gerrish st., north side.....	J. W. Hennigar,	64 Gerrish street.
Arts Lane.....	Thomas Conran,	381 Brunswick street.
North st., Water to Gottingen.....	James C. Anderton,	220 Brunswick street.
Almon, Bilby, Mary and McCara streets....	John Eekersley.	36 Russell street.

## DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTIONS, 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.	Isaac Creighton,	Campbell Road.
West of Kempt Road, north of North street, East of Kline's Road, extending northward to the Dutch Village.....	John L. Whytal,	204 Hollis street.
Leahy Villa to head of N.W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dulch Village..	John L. Whytal,	204 Hollis street.