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THE usual General Meeting of the Society was held in St. John's Hall, Bond Street, on Sunday (3rd of Advent), 12th December, 1880, at 3.30, P.M.

The opening prayers were said by the President.

A Member read a chapter from the "Imitation of Christ."

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last General Meeting, which were confirmed.

The following returns were then read from the Particular Council and the respective Conferences :—

### PARTICULAR COUNCIL.

President .....	W. J. MACDONELL.
Vice-President .....	CHARLES ROBERTSON.
Treasurer .....	REMY ELMSLEY.
Assistant do .....	MATTHEW MEYER.
Secretary .....	ALEXANDER MACDONELL.

### CASH ACCOUNT,

*From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.*

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	DR.
To Balance, November 30th, 1879 .....	\$164 74
“ Collections, General Meetings .....	12 41
“ “ Council “ .....	11 32

## To Offerings from Conferences :

Our Lady .....	\$11 11	
St. Paul .....	10 80	
St. Mary .....	14 63	
St. Basil .....	6 00	
St. Patrick .....	14 34	
St. Peter .....	4 46	
St. Helen.....	77	
	<hr/>	62 11
“ Special Relief Fund.....		55 25
“ Irish Relief Fund :—		
Conference of St. Mary .....	\$17 00	
“ Our Lady .....	17 00	
“ St. Patrick .....	17 00	
“ St. Basil .....	17 00	
“ St. Paul.....	17 00	
Mr. Martin Murphy .....	7 50	
	<hr/>	92 50
“ Rules, 1878, sold .....		20 82
“ Interest received .....		4 05
“ Proceeds of Excursion.....		145 76
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		\$568 96

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## By Excursion, 1879 :—

Our Lady, St. Paul, St. Basil, St. Patrick, at \$14.72 each.....	\$58 88	
J. Ryan, for Prizes.....	4 84	
	<hr/>	63 72
“ Postage and Stationery.....		3 77
“ Printing Reports and Forms .....		24 63
“ Bulletins and Binding do.....		19 70
“ Superior Council, Quebec, Grant .....		10 00
“ Irish Relief Fund .....		107 50
“ Special Relief Fund .....		85 25
“ Proceeds of Excursion.....	\$145 76	
(divided among the Conferences) :—		
Grant, Conference of St. Mary ....	\$0 66	
“ “ St. Patrick ...	1 12	
“ “ Our Lady ....	8 01	
“ “ St. Peter ....	12 69	
	<hr/>	22 48
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		168 24
“ Balance .....		86 15
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		\$568 96

R. ELMSLEY,

*Treasurer.*

## CONFERENCE OF OUR LADY.

Meets every Sunday in St. Michael's Palace, immediately  
after High Mass.

President ..... PATRICK HUGHES.  
 Vice-President ..... PATRICK CURRAN.  
 Secretary ..... JOHN MONAGHAN.  
 Assistant do ..... JAMES RYAN.  
 Treasurer ..... JOHN KELZ.  
 Assistant do ..... JOSEPH BONDIDIER.

Number of Active Members ..... 18  
 Average attendance ..... 15  
 Subscribers ..... 12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
 From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.		CR.	
Collections at weekly sittings .....	\$ 84 00	2,156 lbs. of bread....	\$ 53 90
Church door collections .....	102 99	Fuel—27½ cords wood.	138 30
Donations .....	61 00	Clothing .....	1 50
Union Excursions ....	38 97	Money .....	19 50
Sundries .....	1 90	Printing .....	4 00
	Total.....	Irish Relief .....	17 00
	\$288 86	Donations to Council..	11 11
Balance on hand of last year .....	26 13		
Total receipts..	\$314 99	Total expenses....	\$245 31

SUMMARY.

Receipts .....	\$314 99
Expenses .....	245 31
Difference .....	\$69 68

JOHN KELZ, *Treasurer.*

## CONFERENCE OF ST. PAUL.

Meets every Sunday, at 2 P.M., in the House of Providence, Power Street.

President ..... J. J. MALLON.  
 Vice-President..... W. C. BARRON.  
 Secretary ..... P. HYNES.  
 Treasurer ..... THOMAS WRIGHT.

Number of Active Members ..... 34  
 Average attendance. .... 30

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
 From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.	CR.
Collections at weekly sittings..... \$102 75	1,666 lbs. of bread.... \$ 45 83
Donations ..... 6 00	Fuel—20 cords wood.. 100 00
Proceeds of Excursions 51 29	Irish Relief ..... 17 00
Total..... \$160 04	Donations to Council.. 10 80
Balance on hand of last year ..... 15 73	Cartage on wood to the poor ..... 19 20
Total receipts.. \$175 77	Total expenses.... \$192 83

SUMMARY.

Expenses ..... \$192 83  
 Receipts ..... 175 77

Difference..... \$17 06

THOMAS WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

CONFERENCE OF ST. MARY.

Meets every Sunday, immediately after High Mass, in the Sisters' School-house, Bathurst Street.

President ..... FRANCIS RUSH.  
 Secretary ..... W. J. LOUNEY.  
 Assistant do ..... J. HIGGINS.  
 Treasurer ..... T. K. ROGERS.

Number of Active Members ..... 37  
 Aspirant do ..... 3  
 Average attendance..... 20  
 Subscriber..... 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.	CR.
Collections at weekly sittings .....	2,512 lbs. of bread.... \$ 69 08
Extraordinary Collections .....	Fuel—38 cords wood.. 162 20
Excursion.....	Clothing .....
Charity Sermons ....	House rent .....
Interest on Money in Bank, &c. ....	Donations to Council.. 14 63
	Irish Relief Fund .... 17 00
	Stationery, Printing, &c., &c. .... 20 28
Total.....	
Balance on hand of last year .....	
Total receipts..	Total expenses....
\$428 09	\$307 74

SUMMARY.

Receipts .....	\$428 09
Expenses .....	307 74
Difference.....	\$120 35

T. K. ROGERS, *Treasurer.*

This Conference has to regret the death of its late President, Mr. Thomas Barry, who became a Member of the Society on the 19th December, 1852. He was one of the pioneers of the Conference of St. Paul (organized 23rd January, 1853), and for many years its Vice-President. On his removal to the western part of the City, he was appointed President of St. Mary's, and discharged the duties of that position with exemplary fidelity until a short time before his death, failing health having forced him to resign.

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CONFERENCE OF ST. BASIL.

Meets every Sunday, immediately after High Mass, in the Chapel of St. Basil's Church, Clover Hill.

President .....	RICHARD BAIGENT.
Vice-President .....	JAMES FULLERTON.
Secretary .....	RICHARD MALONEY.
Treasurer .....	JOSEPH J. MURPHY.

Number of Active Members ..... 20  
Average attendance..... 8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.		CR.	
Collections at weekly sittings .....	\$ 22 55	358 lbs. of bread.....	\$ 10 69
Extraordinary Collections Box.....	87 62	550 lbs. of flour .....	17 70
Donations .....	2 00	Fuel—6½ tons coal and 13 cords wood.....	98 65
Excursions .....	49 19	Tea, sugar, oatmeal, vegetables, &c. ....	24 50
Charity Sermons (nett proceeds) .....	48 00	Money .....	12 00
Sundries .....	1 02	House rent .....	36 00
Total.....	\$210 38	Irish relief .....	17 00
Balance on hand of last year .....	29 22	Donations to Council..	6 00
Total receipts..	\$239 60	Sundries .....	3 25
		Total expenses....	\$225 79

SUMMARY.

Receipts .....	\$239 60
Expenses .....	225 79
Difference .....	\$13 81

JOSEPH J. MURPHY, *Treasurer.*

CONFERENCE OF ST. PATRICK.

Meets every Sunday, immediately after High Mass, in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Church, William Street.

President .....	MARTIN MURPHY.
Vice-President .....	R. S. AYMONG.
Secretary .....	ALEXANDER MACDONELL.
Treasurer .....	MATTHEW MEYER.

Number of Active Members .....	38
Average attendance .....	24
Subscriber .....	1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.		CR.	
Collections at weekly sittings .....	\$131 99	3,327 lbs. of bread....	\$ 78 04
Extraordinary Collections from Box at Church door .....	3 32	Fuel—32½ cords wood.	141 17
Donations .....	26 77	Tea, sugar, oatmeal, vegetables, and meat	7 84
Proceeds Union { 1879	14 72	Irish Relief Fund ....	17 00
Pic-nic ..... { 1880	24 30	Klingler Fund .....	15 00
Charity Sermons ....	101 75	Sundry Families relieved by the Conference .....	10 00
Interest on Deposits in Bank .....	9 00	Patronage of Schools..	3 92
Total.....	\$311 85	Donations to Council..	14 34
Balance on hand of last year .....	284 78	Funeral.....	3 00
Total receipts..	\$596 63	Conveyance to House of Providence.....	1 00
		Total expenses....	\$291 31

## SUMMARY.

Receipts .....	\$596 63
Expenses .....	291 31
Difference.....	\$305 32

MATTHEW MEYER, *Treasurer.*

## CONFERENCE OF ST. PETER.

Meets every Sunday, after High Mass, in St. Peter's School-house, Seaton Village.

President .....	MICHAEL RYAN.
Vice-President .....	JOSEPH BREEN.
Secretary .....	PATRICK HALLIGAN.
Assistant do .....	W. J. WARD.
Treasurer .....	REMI DU LUDE.

Number of Active Members ..... 6  
 Average attendance..... 5

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE YEAR,  
 From 30th November, 1879, to 30th November, 1880.

DR.	CR.
Collections at weekly sittings ..... \$ 49 55	204 lbs. of bread..... \$ 5 61
Donations ..... 1 00	Fuel ..... 19 50
Donations from Particular Council ..... 23 61	Tea, sugar, oatmeal, vegetables, &c. .... 3 00
Total..... \$ 74 16	Donations to Council.. 4 46
Balance on hand of last year ..... 9 57	Sundries ... ..... 4 61
Total receipts.. \$ 83 73	Total expenses.... \$ 37 18

SUMMARY.

Receipts.....	\$83 73
Expenses .....	37 18
Difference .....	\$46 55

REMI DU LUDE, *Treasurer.*

Mr. John Rogers, a lately deceased Member of this Conference, was also its first Treasurer. For many years he held a similar position in the Conference of St. Mary. Mr. Rogers was an old Member of the Society, trustworthy in the discharge of his duty, unassuming, and a kind friend to the poor.

CONFERENCE OF ST. HELEN, BROCKTON.

Meets every Sunday, immediately after Mass, in St. Helen's Church, Brockton.

President ..... JOHN MALLON.  
 Secretary ..... W. J. WARD.  
 Assistant do ..... ANGUS C. MACDONELL.  
 Treasurer ..... JOHN WOODS.

Number of Active Members .....14  
 Average attendance.....11

The Conference was organized on the 24th October last.  
 The returns cover, consequently, only a period of some  
 five weeks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

*From 24th October to 30th November, 1880.*

DR.	CR.
Collections at weekly sittings ..... \$ 7 79	Money ..... \$ 3 86 Donations to Council.. 77
Total receipts.. \$ 7 79	Total expenses.... \$ 4 63

SUMMARY.

Receipts .....	\$7 79
Expenses .....	4 63
Difference .....	<u>\$3 16</u>

JOHN WOODS, *Treasurer.*

# SUMMARY OF VARIOUS RETURNS,

*Made by the different Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Toronto, showing particular items in reference to each Conference, and the total results under each head, opposite to the name of each Conference.*

CONFER- ENCES.	Number of Mem- bers.	Year's Receipts.	Total Number of Adults and Chil- dren relieved.	Wood—cords.	Coal—tons.	Amount.	Bread—lbs.	Amount.	Sundry kinds of re- lief, special or pecu- nary, under items in schedule.	Offerings to Council.	Sundries, extra.	Total expenses.	Funds on hand.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.				\$ cts.		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Our Lady .....	18	288 86	147	27½	..	138 30	2156	53 90	38 00	11 11	..	245 31	69 68	
St. Paul .....	30	160 04	66	20	..	119 20	1666	45 83	17 00	10 80	..	192 83	..	17 06
St. Mary .....	40	234 29	115	38	..	162 20	2512	69 08	41 55	14 63	20 08	287 66	120 35	
St. Basil .....	20	210 38	68	13	6½	98 65	908	28 39	89 50	6 00	3 25	225 79	13 81	
St. Patrick .....	38	311 85	148	32½	..	141 17	3327	78 04	54 78	14 34	4 00	291 31	305 32	
St. Peter .....	6	74 16	30	4½	..	19 50	204	5 61	3 00	4 46	5 07	37 18	46 55	
St. Helen .....	14	7 79	3	..	..	..	..	..	3 86	77	..	..	3 16	
	166	1287 37	577	135½	6½	679 02	10773	280 85	247 69	62 11	32 40	1280 08	558 87	17 06
In 1879 these figures were as follows: .....	159	1486 53	552	159½	5	885 33	12493	296 45	176 60	69 89	97 92	1526 51	639 80	

On motion, it was resolved that the Report be printed, with these financial statements, for the use of Members. The Meeting then adjourned.

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### REPORT.

The Rules of the Society direct that general meetings of the members be held each year, on four special occasions ; of these meetings, three occur at short intervals within the first seven months ; the fourth is fixed for the 8th December, or the Sunday within the octave of that day. As this last named assembly falls very near the end of the ordinary year, it is, in Canada at least, generally considered to be pre-eminently the Annual Meeting ; our accounts are therefore closed on the 30th November, and a statement is prepared, showing the work done during the preceding twelve months. In conformity with this custom, we now submit the usual annual statements, and compare them with those furnished at the corresponding period of last year ; we can thus easily see whether our operations have contracted or extended during the time indicated ; and by learning the actual position of our Society may be incited to renewed efforts for its advancement. Although the returns now laid before you show a falling off in the amount of material work as compared with that of last year, we are not disposed to attribute this result to a want of zeal on the part of our Confreres, but are rather disposed to accept it as an indication of improvement in the condition of the poor, and as a harbinger of the long talked of, and anxiously expected, " better times."

## PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL, QUEBEC.

We have to announce that, owing to the infirmities consequent upon advanced age, Mr. G. M. Muir, for many years President of the Superior Council, has been obliged to tender his resignation. Mr. Muir has been connected with the Society from the year of its introduction into Canada. In 1850, he founded the first Conference in this city, and, since his return to Quebec, has laboured diligently, by word and work, for the welfare of the Society in every part of the Dominion. Let us hope and pray that Providence will raise up a worthy successor, one who will maintain intact the traditions of our Society ; under whose wise guidance "it may be strengthened, increased and perpetuated with its primitive spirit of piety, simplicity and fraternal union so that, its labours continuing free from all worldly interest, it may become still more productive of heavenly fruit."

## PATRONAGE.

Visitors should be particularly careful that the children of the families they relieve, attend school, and, if of proper age, comply with their religious duties. These objects are the especial end of the "Patronage," as exercised with regard to children. "Poverty and misfortune," says a well known English writer, giving the result of his own observation, are "apt to make advances of worldly knowledge to the young, at a most ruinous discount, a painful sacrifice of the very capital of childhood. Like some of the patent sharpeners that give a hasty edge to the knife, at the expense of a rapid waste of metal, so does care act on the juvenile

spirit ; and the observer may daily see but too many of such blades, precociously worn thin, and so unnaturally keen, that like our oversharpened knives, they could almost cut with their backs;" in other words, such children are almost, *if* not altogether, destitute of moral principle. In a young community like ours these extreme cases may be comparatively rare ; but prevention is better than cure, and it behoves us, in an especial manner, to use every lawful means for the improvement, spiritual and temporal, of children, more particularly, as their own parents are too often unfit or unable to give them proper training.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES.

In the cities of London (England), Philadelphia (U. S.), and perhaps elsewhere, our Society acts with others in connection with the "charity organization" scheme. An experimental step in the same direction has recently been taken in this city. At the request of the Mayor and other leading citizens, Representatives of the various Charitable Societies have agreed upon an interchange of information, with a view to the prevention of imposture, and the better distribution of relief. There is no amalgamation ; the Societies continue distinct, each in its own sphere ; and the Presidents of our various Conferences are altogether at liberty to give or withhold information as each one may think expedient.

#### THE SOCIETY'S HALL.

For some time past the Society has been contemplating the erection of a hall upon a lot on Queen street, which has been in its possession for many years ; want of suffi-

cient funds has hitherto prevented us from carrying that intention into effect. A few days ago an opportunity offered of securing, at a reasonable price, that very eligible property forming the south-eastern corner of Shuter and Victoria Streets. It was thought best to make the purchase ; the first instalment has been paid, and the Society depends upon the sale of the Queen St. lot, and the assistance of its friends to make the investment a success.

#### UNION EXCURSION.

The annual Union Excursion, 19th July, paid for itself, but cost too much ; it is recommended that, in future, some less expensive method of raising money be devised and adopted.

#### IRISH RELIEF.

In common with their Confreres abroad, the members of the Society in Toronto sympathized deeply with the condition of the famine-stricken people of Ireland ; each Conference contributed a portion of its funds, and the Council were enabled to send the sum of one hundred dollars to the Superior Council of Dublin, to be distributed under their direction to the Conferences of that circumscription. The distribution was accordingly made, and the money has been fully accounted for in the Monthly Bulletins recently received.

All which is respectfully submitted.

TORONTO, January 12th, 1881.