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Society of St. Vincent of Paul,

HALIFAX BRANCH.

PARTICULAR COUNCIL :

President M. B. Daly.
Vice-President..... Thomas Durney.
Treasurer Wm. Chisholm.
Secretary Wm. Compton.

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President..... Francis P. Campbell.
Vice-President..... Thomas Walsh.
Treasurer John Egan,
Secretary Frank Phelan.

ST. PATRICK'S CONFERENCE :

President Dennis Tynan.
Vice-President..... John Sullivan.
Treasurer Jas. McCaffery.
Secretary E. C. Kelly.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE :

President Daniel Sullivan,
Vice-President..... Maurice Fitzgerald.
Treasurer J. J. McDonald.
Secretary John Walsh.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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MEMBERS

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REPORT.

Friends and Benefactors, for the twenty-fifth time, we are called upon, not only to render an account of our stewardship, but again to appeal to your generosity to sustain us in our efforts to alleviate the condition of the poor and the suffering. In the past year we had to relieve a very large number of families, necessarily entailing a large expenditure. During the year 1877, the amount laid out was about \$1800; in the past year it has reached a sum approaching \$2450. The largest number of families on the books at any one time was 164, representing some eight hundred individuals, who had to be supported at least three months of the year, while several families had to be given relief all the year round. The funds at our disposal have been applied in providing the following articles:—

Coal,	3433 bushels.
Bread,	10767 loaves.
Tea,	485 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Sugar,	977 lbs.
Molasses,	2702 pints.
Flour,	687 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Meal,	1694 lbs.
Butter,	265 lbs.
Potatoes,	660 $\frac{3}{4}$ pecks.
Herring,	188 dozen.
Dry Fish,	275 lbs.
Candles,	151 lbs.

Oil,.....	488 pints.
Soap,	413 lbs.
Milk,	316 pints.
Meat,.....	424 lbs.

Besides a number of other articles, as will be found in the statistics of the different Conferences hereto annexed.

In looking over these statistics, it will be seen, that the articles furnished, are varied, but it must be considered, that in a great many of the families relieved, sickness to a greater or less extent prevailed; hence, the articles provided, varied according to the particular circumstances, or condition of each. Although the number of families relieved is set down at 164, still this does not reach the actual figure. Many others were supplied with coal alone, in order to enable them to struggle through the winter months; and this fact will account for the very large quantity distributed in the last, over former years. In 1877, the number of bushels given out was 2,052, or 57 chaldrons, while during the year 1878, no less than 3,433 bushels, or a fraction over 95 chaldrons, were distributed. This article alone cost, including cartage, nearly \$600.

At the end of the financial year of 1877, we had grave misgivings as to our being able to meet the many claims that we felt morally certain would be made upon us; but the timely lecture of the Rev. Father Glackmeyer, which realized the handsome sum of \$406, partially provided us with means for supplying relief, up to the time of the holding of our annual meeting in February 1878. Later on in the season, the President of our Council, at the solicitation of its members, gave another lecture in aid of our funds, and the receipts from this came to us at a time when they

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were much needed. But notwithstanding these receipts, and the proceeds of an excursion of the Catholic Temperance Union, kindly given to us by that body, besides several bequests referred to elsewhere, we were compelled to draw upon the balance of a bequest fund in bank, in order to enable us to overtake, or rather alleviate much of the misery and suffering consequent upon the depressed state of business, and the inability of large numbers to procure employment.

It is a source of gratification to those who perform the active duties of the Conferences, to find that many who, while in life, regularly attended our annual meetings, and contributed to the funds of the Society, have also remembered us just before the close of their earthly career. We take this as the best evidence of the confidence placed in the mission and labors of the Society, and in return, the Society does not fail to remember the benefactors of the poor, either in life or in death; at every weekly meeting of the Conferences throughout the world, they receive the benefit of the prayers of the members, and by a special rule of the Society a solemn Requiem Mass is offered up annually, for the repose of the souls of deceased benefactors. The bequests made to the Society, during the past year were five, and of an amount aggregating \$800. The late Messrs. James McDonnell, Michael Scallon, James Cullen, and John Kearney left us \$100 each, and the late Mr. Michael J. Cochran bequeathed to us \$400. The amount left by Mr. Kearney has not yet been received; that of Mr. Cochran's was paid over shortly after the winding up of the financial year, and it has greatly assisted us in carrying on the work of charity during the time intervening between the closing

of the annual accounts, and the time of our present meeting.

The objects and aims of the Society, having been so fully made known in our more early reports, and the working of the Conferences being so familiar to almost every one amongst us, we deem it unnecessary to lengthen this report by repeating them here. The condition and circumstances of the poor are always the same. We can, however, assure our friends and benefactors, that the best efforts of the active members are made to find out those who are, and those who are not, deserving. In order to guard against imposition the member who reports the case of a family, is never selected to relieve it, but it is passed over to new visitors, in order to more fully ascertain if the condition and character of the family are such as they were at first represented to be; and the further precaution is taken by the members, not to visit the families at stated periods, so that their circumstances may be observed at different times. The number of visits made to the homes of the poor during the past year, was 3,426, and as a general rule families are visited twice a week.

Our friends and benefactors do not need to be told, that we look forward to a large amount of work to be thrown upon us during the winter; in fact, the three Conferences have already enough to do to meet the claims upon them; and the funds at our disposal are inadequate to do so. But we do not despair. We have full confidence that those who have so nobly and so generously sustained us during the twenty-five years of our existence, will not permit us to remain without the funds necessary to carry on the work in which we are engaged. That the burden of supporting the

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poor should not be continually thrown upon one class of the parishioners, but rather, that all should have an opportunity of sharing in the good work, His Grace the Archbishop has kindly consented to the taking up of a collection at the doors of the different churches.

Let the result of our efforts in the past, give you an assurance that there will be no relaxation in our zeal for the future ; and while asking you to help us with even greater generosity than usual, in the present trying period of want, we feel confident that there is no necessity for a lengthened appeal to your benevolence ; but would merely remind all of the words of the psalmist : " Blessed is he who understandeth concerning the needy and the poor, for the Lord will deliver him in the evil day."

M. B. DALY, President,
WM. COMPTON, Secretary.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Thomas Walsh, Ex-Treasurer, in account with the Society of St. Vincent of Paul.

1877		CR.	
Dec. 1.	By balance on hand	\$38 67	
"	" proceeds of Rev. Father Glackmeyer's Lecture	406 09	
"	" Donation from John Hamilton	2 00	
"	" Do. H. Hesslein & Sons.....	10 00	
" 8.	" Drawn from Bequest Fund.....	100 00	
1878.			
Jan. 30.	Do. do.	105 50	
		657 26	
1871.		DR.	
Dec. 1.	To paid Treasurer, St. Mary's Conference..	30 00	
"	" paid sundry printing accounts.....	26 63	
"	" paid St. Joseph's Conference.....	30 00	
" 3.	" paid St. Mary's Conference	20 00	
" 8.	" " " "	100 00	
" 29.	" paid St. Patrick's Conference	50 00	
1878.			
Jan. 3.	" paid St. Mary's Conference	80 00	
" 5.	" paid St. Patrick's Conference	50 00	
" 30.	" paid St. Mary's Conference	105 50	
" 31.	Stationery &c., for Council & Conferences..	25 00	517 13
		\$140 13	
	To balance paid Secretary of Council		\$140 13

THOMAS WALSH,
Ex-Treasurer.

HALIFAX, March 4th, 1878.

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The General Treasurer's Account.

1878.		CR.	
Feb. 10.	By amount received at General Meeting.....	\$736	17
Mar. 4.	“ “ “ from the Sec'y of Council.....	140	13
“ 23.	“ bequest of the late James McDonnell	100	00
Apr. 4.	“ proceeds of Charity Lecture	75	00
May 4.	“ bequest of the late Michael Scallon	100	00
“ 11.	“ bequest of the late James Cullen	100	00
June 10.	“ cash from late Treasurer of St. Patrick's Conference.	21	93
Aug. 13.	“ proceeds of Catholic T. U. Pic-nic	189	17
Oct. 18.	“ bequest deposit in Bank \$300 and interest, \$9 44	309	44
Nov. 30.	“ sundry subscriptions and donations	809	44
“ “	“ received since General Meeting	800	50

1878.		Dr.	\$2022 34
To paid St. Mary's Conference, Feb. 12.....	346	00	
Mar. 7, \$120.00, April 2, \$150.00	270	00	
May 10, \$50.00, June 4, \$40.00	90	00	
July 4, \$35.00, Aug. 17, \$40.00	75	00	
October 18	50	00	
			831 00
To paid St. Patrick's Conference, Feb. 14....	300	00	
Mar. 9, \$175.00, April 6, \$100.00...	275	00	
May 11, \$35.00, June 25, \$50.00.....	85	00	
Aug. 16, \$24.00, Sept. 20, \$50 00.....	74	00	
November 9.....	50	00	
			784 00
To paid St. Joseph's Conference, Feb. 14	100	00	
April 9, \$40.00, Aug 26, \$30.00.....	70	00	
			170 00
paid Secretary for stamps	2	00	
for Rules of Society	23	43	
paid J. C. Croskill for Advertising...	5	75	
			1816 18
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Balance on hand.....			<u>\$206 16</u>

WM. CHISHOLM, *Treasurer.*

HALIFAX, Nov. 30th, 1878.

ST. MARY'S CONFERENCE.

HALIFAX, N. S., 1st Dec., 1878.

*Memo. of relief granted by the St. Mary's Conference from 2nd Dec.,
1877 to 30th Nov., 1878.*

There have been 81 families relieved, numbering 391 persons; 1,075 visits paid, and the following relief granted :—

1598	bushels of Coal,
5901	loaves Bread,
1867	pints Molasses,
329	pecks Potatoes,
356	Candles,
184½	pints Milk,
272	“ Oil,
103	boxes Matches,
14	doz. Eggs,
528	Herrings,
106½	pounds Meat,
8½	“ Lard,
5	“ Barley,
212	pounds Flour,
1116	pounds Meal,
286¾	“ Tea,
25¾	“ Coffee,
19½	“ Broma,
690	“ Sugar,
152	“ Butter,
24½	“ Rice,
13	“ Biscuit.
33	“ Vegetables,
214½	“ Soap,
164	“ Fish,
55	“ Soda,
8½	“ Starch.

Sundry articles amounting to \$6.00.

FRANK PHELAN, *Secretary.*

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Treasurer's Account.

1877.		Cr.		
Decr. 1.	By cash from former Treasurer.....			\$ 30 00
3.	" " " "			20 00
8.	" " " "			100 00
1878.				
Jan. 3.	" " " "			80 00
" 30.	" " " "			105 50
				<u>335 50</u>
Feb. 12.	By cash from present Treasurer			346 00
Mar. 7.	" " " "			120 00
Apr. 2.	" " " "			150 00
May 10.	" " " "			50 00
June 4.	" " " "			40 00
July 4.	" " " "			35 00
Aug. 17.	" " " "			40 00
Oct. 18.	" " " "			50 00
				<u>831 00</u>
Nov. 30.	By cash—weekly subscriptions of Active Members, including \$21.50 from P. Power, Esq., Christmas, 1877.....			132 30
				<u>\$1298 80</u>
1877.		Dr.		
Decr. 1.	To balance paid Treasurer.....			14 70
1878.				
Feb. 18.	" paid W. Roche for coal.....			189 50
Mar. 12.	" " " "			54 25
April. 12.	" " " "			26 35
June. 10.	" " " "			9 30
Jan. 30.	" paid W. Hurley for funerals.....			15 00
Nov. 30.	" paid in weekly allowances during the year			981 38
				<u>1290 49</u>
	By balance to Cr. Nov. 31.....			<u>\$8 31</u>

JOHN EGAN, Treasurer St. Mary's Conference.

ST. PATRICK'S CONFERENCE.

HALIFAX, December 1st, 1878.

To the President of St. Patrick's Conference.

SIR,—In accordance with custom I present to you and the Society of St. Vincent of Paul, the Annual Return of our Conference for the year ending November 30th, 1878. During that period we have relieved a total of sixty-seven families, comprising two hundred and seventy-six individuals, of which twenty-one were married people with seventy-three children, and forty-six widows with one hundred and fifteen children. In relieving the same we have distributed the following articles:—

1526 bushels of Coal,
 4095 loaves Bread,
 160½ pounds Tea,
 5½ “ Rice,
 287 “ Meal,
 78½ “ Butter,
 180 “ Soap,
 516 pts. Molasses,
 356 Candles,
 216 pts. Oil,
 263 pecks Potatoes,
 1284 Herring,
 212 pounds Sugar,
 131½ pts. Milk,
 197 pounds Flour,
 11½ “ Washing Soda,
 105 packets Matches,
 2 pounds Coffee,
 248 “ Beef,
 12 pts. Wine,
 37 pounds Biscuits,
 101 “ Codfish,
 2 packets Broma,
 4 pair Boots.

In dispensing the above 1,735 visits were made by the members of the society; two hearses were provided for burials. We have to thank Mr. R. Ford for kindly providing three pair of boots to relieve the needy.

E. KELLY, *Sec'y. St. Patrick's Conference.*

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Treasurer's Statement, from December, 1877, to November 30, 1878.

DR.		CR.
1877.	To Cash paid for hearse.....	1 50
	Do. do.....	1 50
	Weekly grants	631 00
	Paid W. Roche for coal	263 50
	Balance on hand.....	40 21
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1877.		
Dec. 9.	By Cash received from E. Kelly.....	3 00
16.	Do. do.....	55
29.	Cash from Treasurer Walsh	50 00
1878.		
Jan. 5.	Do. do.....	50 00
Feb. 14.	Cash from Treasurser Chisholm	300 00
22.	Dona'n from M. B. Daly, Christmas, 1877	9 75
March 9.	Cash from Treasurer Chisholm	175 00
April 6.	Do. do.....	100 00
May 11.	Do. do.....	35 00
June 25.	Do. do.....	50 00
Aug. 16.	Do. do.....	24 00
Sept. 20.	Do. do.....	50 00
Nov. 9.	Do. do.....	50 00
	Sunday collections from active members	40 41
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Nov. 30.	Balance down.....	40 21
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JAMES McCaffery, *Treasurer, St. Patrick's Conference.*

ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE.

DECEMBER 1st., 1878.

To MR. DANIEL SULLIVAN, *President.*

SIR,—During the year terminated on the thirtieth ultimo, this Conference afforded relief to sixteen families, numbering some sixty-six individuals. To these families about three hundred and thirty-six visits were paid in the distribution of the following items:

671 loaves Bread	100 pounds Corn-Meal,
219 pints Molasses,	191 " Oatmeal,
269½ pounds Flour,	74½ " Meat,
77 " Sugar,	36 dozen Heering,
34½ " Butter,	194 Candles,
38½ " Tea,	78½ pecks Potatoes,
68½ " Soap,	306 bushels Coal.
Funeral expenses.....	\$18 05
Furniture expenses.....	3 96

Yours &c.,

JNO. L. WALSH, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To MR. DANIEL SULLIVAN, *President.*

SIR,—I beg to submit to you and the members of the Conference the usual annual statement of the receipts and expenditure of funds, together with the balance remaining on hand at date.

1877.		
Nov. 30.	By balance on hand	41 76
Dec. 1.	Cash from Gen. Treasurer.....	30 00
1878.		
Feb. 17.	" " "	100 00
April. 2.	" " "	40 00
Sept. 26.	" " "	30 00
Nov. 24.	Subscriptions from active members	26 28
		<u>\$268 04</u>

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Nov. 24.	To amount of weekly expenditure	192 08
	Amount of coal expenditure	52 70
		244 78
	Balance on hand	23 26
		<u>\$268 04</u>

Yours &c.,

J. J. McDONALD, *Treasurer.*

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Miss C
Mrs. W
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Rev. T
Michael
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Dr. A.
Michael
James
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John E
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Sir Edward Kenny.....	\$100 00	Capt. Lewis Anderson	5 00
His Grace the Archbishop	60 00	Archibald Mulvena	5 00
P. Power.....	50 00	Donald Chisholm.....	5 00
T. E. Kenny.....	40 00	Matthew Scanlon	5 00
Daniel Cronan	40 00	James Finlay.....	5 00
Michael Dwyer.....	40 00	Thomas Cahalane	5 00
Jer. F. Kenny.....	30 00	Michael Berrigan	5 00
Mich. J. Cochran, (late)..	30 00	Richard Walsh	5 00
Henry Peters	25 00	James Fortune	5 00
James Butler & Co.	25 00	M. J. Murphy	5 00
Patrick Walsh	25 00	Onezeme Dompierre.....	5 00
Lady Young	20 00	Robert O'Mullin.....	5 00
H. H. Fuller.....	20 00	Bartholemew Walsh.....	5 00
Hugh Elliott.....	20 00	Wm. Furlong.	5 00
Hon. L. G. Power	20 00	Patrick Duggan	5 00
Estate late Wm. O'Dell...	12 00	James McDonnell (late) ..	5 00
H. Hesslein & Sons	10 00	Thomas Walsh	5 00
Rev. Canon Power	10 00	Hon. Dr. Farrell	5 00
Rev. E. F. Murphy	10 00	Rev. Richard Kearns	5 00
John Pugh	10 00	Rodger Cunningham	5 00
Rev. Father Biggs.....	10 00	David Webb.....	5 00
Rev. Canon McIsaac	10 00	H. W. Johnston.....	5 00
M. B. Daly	10 00	Thomas Lynch	5 00
Patrick Dillon	10 00	Edward Walsh	5 00
J. F. Phelan.....	10 00	J. R. Siteman.....	5 00
Wm. Chisholm.....	10 00	John M. Inglis.....	5 00
Dr. A. P. Reid.....	10 00	John F. McKenzie,	
Miss Cochran	10 00	(Sheet Harbor).....	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Miller	10 00	M. McIlreith.....	5 00
Alex. McLeod.....	10 00	Charles Carten.....	5 00
Estate late Wm. O'Dell ..	8 00	Miss Eliza Hunter	4 00
Rev. T. Daly	5 00	Miss Catherine O'Dell....	4 00
Michael Hennessey	5 00	A Friend	4 00
Thomas Walsh	5 00	Francis Scott	4 00
Dr. A. P. Reid.....	5 00	Matthew Campbell.....	4 00
Michael Kearney	5 00	Mrs. Scott.....	4 00
James Griffin	5 00	James Kelly	4 00
Dennis Tynen.....	5 00	Duncan Grant	4 00
John Ead.....	5 00	Daniel Sullivan	4 00
Thomas Revel	5 00	Patrick Doyle.....	4 00

John Sullivan	4 00	Thos. Layton	2 00
M. J. Power	4 00	John Mooney	2 00
Thos. Riley	4 00	Richard Kinsman.....	2 00
Matthew Young	4 00	Patrick Pendergast.....	2 00
Wm. Stoker	4 00	Peter Mahar	2 00
J. J. McDonald	4 00	John Murray.....	2 00
J. W. Garvie	4 00	John O'Dell	2 00
James MacRay	3 00	Michael Ellis	1 50
James Payne.....	3 00	John Sullivan (City Prison)	1 50
Angus McLellan.....	3 00	James Smith.....	1 50
Lawrence Gooley	3 00	Wm. Funchan	1 50
Rev. Father Ellis	3 00	J. D. Bell	1 00
Thomas O'Dell	3 00	Jas. Coughlan.....	1 00
Mrs. A. B. Bordley	2 50	Friend	1 00
Thomas Durney	2 00	Children of M. J. Power	1 00
Wm. Fitzgerald	2 00	Dennis Flemming	1 00
Thos. Summers.....	2 00	Cornelius Keefe.....	1 00
P. F. Broydrick	2 00	Mr. O'Dell	1 00
James McCaffrey	2 00	John Meagher (City Prison)	1 00
D. H. Pitts.....	2 00	John Muldowney (do)	1 00
Rowland Eustace	2 00	Wm. Tierney	1 00
John Abraham	2 00	Friend	1 00
James Brooks	2 00	Mrs. Wall	1 00
Dennis Lynch.....	2 00	Mrs. J. Conway	1 00
Patrick Quinane	2 00	Charles Flemming	1 00
Patrick Sheehan.....	2 00	John Kelly	1 00
Philip Colford	2 00	Mrs. P. J. Kelly.....	1 00
Wm. Kavanagh (late)	2 00	James DeCoursey	1 00
Edward Delaney.....	2 00	Stephen R. Phelan.....	1 00
John Hamilton.....	2 00	Friend	0 50
Frank Power.....	2 00	Mr. Phelan	0 50
Dennis Sullivan.....	2 00	Ann Walker	0 50
Michael Murphy.....	2 00		