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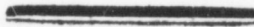
OF THE

LADIES'

**BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,**

FOR THE YEAR

1838.



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" If a Brother or Sister be naked, and destitute of daily food; and one of you say to them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body : what doth in profit ?—JAMES II. 15, 16.

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THE Committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, in presenting their annual supplication for the contributions of a liberal public, beg to accompany their petition with a brief mention of the manner in which the funds entrusted to their management during the past year have been expended.

UPWARDS of forty women have been relieved during the past year, from the funds of this Society ; and supplied, during the month succeeding their confinement, with the usual allowance of bread, meat, groceries, and fuel during the cold season of the year. The statement annexed to this Report will shew the quantities of these different articles that have been supplied ; the amount of clothing which has also been lent and given ; and, the Committee trust, the Catholic spirit in which the disbursement of their funds is made, without distinction of country or of creed, to all that appear in other respects meet objects for relief.

In examining into the meetness of the objects that urge a claim upon the charities of this Society, the Committee are not indeed disposed to exercise an unduly severe scrutiny into character, as they would rather relieve many undeserving persons, than let one worthy person suffer through suspicion ; yet they have kept in view, continually, that the purpose of this Society at its formation, and its design, as hitherto carried out in operation, has been to afford relief to the wives of the respectable poor, whose exertions, sufficient though they may be for the ordinary support of their families, are inadequate to the provision of the many little comforts which are, in fact, necessities to those who are in the anxieties and sufferings of their confinement.

In ministering to the wants of those poor women, to whom the Ladies of this Committee are called during this anxious period of suffering, the Committee have, with but few painful exceptions, met with respect and gratitude for what has been bestowed upon them, and faithfulness in the use and in the return of those articles which are only lent them for the time. The Committee mention this, trusting that it will be gratifying to the contributors to their funds to know that their charitable disbursements are so appreciated: yet, if it were not so, would the contrary be a sufficient reason for withholding exertions for the relief of their suffering fellow-creatures, or refusing the pittance necessary to their comfort at such a trying season ? The Committee trust that neither they, nor those to whose charities they appeal, are so insensible

of their own unworthiness, of the very least of the blessings with which they are surrounded, and of the ungrateful return they make to the Giver of every good for all His mercies, as to make the same conduct towards them, as they so continually manifest towards God, a plea for withholding their charity even from the rude and ungrateful. This were indeed to be little like Him who maketh his Sun to rise upon the evil and the good, and sendeth rain upon the just and the unjust.

This Committee thankfully acknowledge the kindness of their many contributors in past years, which has enabled them to do more than say to those who apply to them "depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," and has furnished them with the means of giving them those things that be needful for the body. And as the call for their exertions has not ceased, nor the claims upon their beneficence been diminished, they trust they will not appeal in vain for a continuance of those contributions to their now almost exhausted funds. Their expenditure during the past year has been greater than usual in proportion to the amount placed at their disposal, as the supplies which in former years was almost too limited to be of any material comfort, have been increased ; and clothing has more generally been given in all cases in which the necessity for it existed. The Committee trust to the liberality of those whom they have always found friendly, and of those who, though not in past years numbered among their benefactors, may be disposed to befriend them, that they will not be compelled again to reduce their cha-



rities, or diminish the trifling relief which even now is afforded.

THE Committee are called upon to lament the loss sustained in the death of their Patroness Lady Campbell, and their continued privation of the exertions and advice of Mrs. Inglis, one of their Vice Patronesses. They have also to regret the absence of their Secretary, Mrs. W. Cogswell, whose ill-health deprives them for the present of her valuable services. They look forward with hope to the period, when through the blessing GOD, she may return with renovated strength, to resume those duties, which she has hitherto so ably performed. It is also a matter of regret that Mrs. Cogswell, one of the eldest members of the Committee, and Mrs. C. H. Wallace, have felt obliged to resign their wards. Mrs. Parker has been added to their number.

DESIROUS of still carrying out the designs of this Society in ministering relief to suffering females and their infants during the period of confinement, your Committee humbly appeal to the benevolence of the public, and trust that there will be no diminution of the confidence reposed in, or of the liberality extended to,

THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## S T A T E M E N T

Of the relief afforded by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, during the  
year 1838.

*Forty-four Women with their infants have received assistance in  
Food, Fuel and Clothing.*

146	Articles of Clothing have been given,
18	Boxes of Clothing have been lent.
	Blankets lent.
10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Cords of Wood given.
480	Lbs. of Meat.
345	Lbs. of Oatmeal.
345	Loaves of Bread.
190	Lbs. of Rice.
182	Lbs. of Sugar.
40	Lbs. of Soap.
44	Lbs. of Tea.
46	Lbs. of Candles.

*Religious Persuasions of the Persons relieved.*

24	Roman Catholics.
18	Church of England.
2	Methodists.

*Native Country.*

Ireland	28
Nova-Scotia	13
England	2
New-Brunswick	1

DR. **LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.** CR.

1838.		1838.	
Jan. 1st. Balance in		Dec. 31st.	
Bank	£25 7 2	By paid for Meat	£8 13 11½
Subscriptions, &c.	64 4 10½	For bread and groceries	28 10 9½
		Fuel & truckage	16 11 7½
		Flannel, Cotton, &c	12 11 3
		Work	3 1 2
		Collecting subscriptions	2 10 0
		Contingent expenses	0 17 6
		Balance in Bank	
		Jan. 1, 1839	16 15 9
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	£89 12 0½		£89 12 0½

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1839.

PATRONESS.

Mrs. INGLIS,            } VICE PATRONESSES.  
 Mrs. JEFFERY,         }  
 Mrs. SCOTT, TREASURER.  
 Mrs. W. COGSWELL, SECRETARY.

MANAGERS:

Mrs. Binney, Mrs. Grassie, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Head, Mrs. Gray,

Mrs. Tapp, Mrs. M. B. Almon, Mrs. W. Black,

Mrs. Moren, Mrs. Parker.

*List of Subscriptions received in 1838.*

Almon Mrs	£1 0 0	Jones Miss	£0 10 6
Almon Mrs W B	1 0 0	Keefer Mrs J	0 5 0
Almon Mrs M B	1 0 0	Kinnear Mrs	0 5 3
Allison Mrs	1 0 0	Laughnan Rev J	2 10 0
Allison Mrs J C	0 10 0	Lawson Mrs W	0 15 9
Allison Mrs D	0 5 0	Maynard Miss	0 5 0
Arabin Mrs	0 10 0	Miller Misses	0 10 0
Binney Mrs	1 0 0	Morris Mrs J	0 15 7½
Binney Mrs S	0 5 0	Morris Miss A	0 10 0
Bazalgette Mrs	1 0 0	Moren Mrs Jas	0 10 0
Black Mrs	1 0 0	Mure Miss	1 0 0
Black Mrs W F	0 10 6	Parker Mrs	0 10 0
Billopp Miss	0 10 0	Pryor Mrs	0 7 6
Blowers Mrs	1 0 0	Pryor Mrs H	0 10 0
Bliss Mrs	1 0 0	Robie Mrs	1 0 0
Bennett Mr	0 10 0	Romans Mrs	0 5 0
Campbell Lady	3 0 0	Scott Mrs	0 10 0
Collins Mrs	2 0 0	Smith Mrs W	0 19 0
Cogswell Mrs	1 0 0	Snodgrass Mrs	1 0 0
Cogswell Mrs W	1 0 0	Solomon Miss	0 10 0
Clark Mrs J	1 0 0	Starr Mrs J L	1 1 0
Crawley Mrs	0 5 0	Tapp Mrs	1 0 0
Creighton Mrs J	0 10 0	Taylor Mrs	1 5 0
Duffus Mrs J	0 10 0	Tobin Mrs	1 0 0
Fairbanks Mrs Jno	0 10 0	Tobin Mrs M Jr	0 10 0
Fairbanks Mrs Jos	0 5 0	Tobin Mrs T S	0 10 0
Francklin Mrs	1 0 0	Tempest Mrs J	0 5 3
Friend A	0 2 6	Twining Mrs C	0 5 0
Grassie Mrs	1 0 0	Tremain Mrs Jas	0 10 0
Gray Mrs	0 10 0	Uniacke Mrs R	0 10 6
Halliburton Mrs	1 10 0	Uniacke Mrs J B	1 0 0
Hartshorne Mrs H	0 10 0	Wallace Mrs	1 0 0
Head Mrs	0 10 0	Wallace Mrs Jno	1 0 0
Hill Mrs	1 0 0	Wallace Mrs C H	1 0 0
Hill Mrs W	1 0 0	Wallace Mrs C W	0 10 0
Hill Mrs N T	0 5 3	Wellner Mrs	0 10 0
Hare D Esq	1 0 0	Welsford Mrs	1 0 0
Hume Miss	0 10 0	Willis Ven Arch	0 10 0
Hutchinson Miss	1 0 0	Winter Miss	0 5 0
Hoffman Mrs	0 5 3	Young Mrs W	1 0 0
Inglis Mrs	2 10 0		
Jeffery Mrs	2 0 0		
			£64 4 10½