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REPORT.

In presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the Board of Directors have, on a deliberate review of the Association's proceedings since its formation, to congratulate their constituents on the extent to which its objects, as detailed in the constitution, have been attained. These objects are mainly

THE TEMPORARY RELIEF OF DESTITUTE APPLICANTS

of every creed, or of no creed, after due investigation as to their circumstances, and the elevation of the able-bodied by supplying work for them. Whilst the visitors have, on the whole, discharged their duty satisfactorily, yet the Board are of opinion that strict enquiry in every case is indispensable to the efficient working of the Society, and they have resolved that during the coming year the system of visitation shall be rigidly performed. During the year that is about to close

THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS

has been about eighty, the aggregate sum contributed being \$1706.90. The total expenditure has been \$3628.11, and the balance due the Treasurer is \$897.76. It will be seen by the annexed statement that the Stone Shed has been admirably managed under the efficient superintendence of Mr. W. H. Neal. The Board of Works have intimated their intention of taking, during the coming season, the usual quantity of broken stones for the streets. It is evident that in the absence of such work a number of the industrious men employed at low wages, the great majority of whom are married, would, with their families, be a burden on the community, and the saving which the Association is thus the means of effecting, it is to be hoped, will induce the Council to pay rather more liberally for the supply. The argument that stone can be supplied cheaper from institutions, the inmates of which are supported at the public expense, appears to the Directors to have no force as applied in the present case, to justify a reduction in the present rate.

THE QUANTITY OF STONE BROKEN

at the Shed during the past season has been 52,588 bushels, for which \$2147.51 have been paid as wages to the parties engaged at the work. The Soup Kitchen has, like the Stone Shed, been hitherto nearly self-supporting. The Board have arranged to have it immediately opened, when

NOURISHING SOUP WILL BE SUPPLIED

at the rate of three cents per quart, a boon which, as proved by the demand, has been hitherto appreciated by the class for whose benefit it is intended. The Board have gratefully to acknowledge two bequests—one of a hundred dollars, by the late Mr. Charles Roche, and the other for a similar amount, by the late Miss Wilson. The Board desire to notice, with deep regret, the loss the Association has sustained by the death of Mr. Charles Fletcher, for some years the Secretary of the Association. In previous reports the Directors for the time being recorded, their high appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Fletcher, who in this respect as well as in others was a most active and useful citizen. The Directors have to express regret that the number of contributors to the funds of the Association has considerably diminished, and would earnestly bespeak

A MORE GENERAL AND EXTENSIVE SUPPORT

than has been hitherto accorded. Whilst the somewhat onerous duties imposed on the office-bearers are cheerfully performed, the administration of a much larger sum would not add materially to the expenditure of time and labor now required, and the benefits to the industrious poor would be greatly extended. The system of "from door to door begging" ought to be discouraged, as it gives free scope to the vicious, and the indolent to prey on the community. An annual contribution of not less than

FOUR DOLLARS CONSTITUTES MEMBERSHIP,

and enables the contributor to refer every applicant to any of the visitors with the confident assurance that such cases will receive due attention. If anyone entertains doubt as to the impartiality with which assistance is granted, the Secretary will be most happy to show the monthly returns of the visitors in which the persons assisted are classed under the respective denominations to which they belong. In

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conclusion, the Directors feel assured that the work of the Association, as now amply tested, must

COMMAND THE APPROBATION OF THE PUBLIC.

They will trust for its support during the coming year, as hitherto, to the voluntary offerings of their fellow citizens. There will be this winter an urgent demand for aid by many requiring it, and they hope that the appeal now made will meet with an immediate response worthy of the object, and that their esteemed Treasurer, Mr. Stirling, will be able before the end of January to report a handsome aggregate return.

JOHN DOULL, *President.*

NOTE.—Since the closing of the Treasurer's account for the year, the sum due by the City for broken stone has been paid, the balance due the Treasurer has been thus liquidated, and in accordance with a resolution passed at the annual meeting of 1878, the various bequests amounting to \$800 have been set aside for a permanent investment, leaving a small balance toward the work of the present year.

STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1879.

For the week ending.	Men breaking stone.	Loads of stone used.	Bushels of stone Broken.	Paid for stone.	Paid for breaking.	Total paid weekly.
January 24	74	292	3508	\$ 43 85	\$ 107 60	\$ 151 45
31	84	411	4932	61 65	138 60	200 25
February 7	97	536	6428	80 35	175 70	256 05
14	90	496	5952	74 40	163 80	238 20
21	87	462	5546	69 33	153 65	222 98
28	80	330	3956	49 45	113 65	163 10
March 7	71	321	3858	48 23	111 45	159 68
14	68	208	2490	31 13	77 25	108 38
21	58	358	4298	53 72	122 45	176 17
28	60	454	5442	68 02	148 55	216 57
April 4	54	370	4444	55 55	123 10	178 65
11	39	145	1734	21 68	54 35	76 03
		4383	52588	\$657 36	\$1490 15	\$2147 51

This return shews that on an average about seventy-two men received employment daily at the Stone Shed on the North Common; in addition to these, who with their horses and carts, were engaged in hauling the stone required for

breaking. The total number who found work at the Shed is not so large as in 1878, owing greatly to the very small wages the men could make under the reduced rate. The City now only giving four cents per bushel for broken stone in place of five cents as formerly. The rate for breaking stone had in consequence to be reduced from three cents to two and a half per bushel, making the average rate of wages earned by each man under thirty cents per day, but even at this rate industrious men gladly avail themselves of the work, small as the remuneration appears to be. The accounts will shew a small loss this year on the operations of the Shed, as from the returns it will be seen that the 52,588 bushels broken cost in

Material and wages	\$2147 51
Add to this the cost of repairing hammers, sledges, wheelbarrows, &c., about	55 00
Paid bank interest on advances made to pay for stone and wages, about.....	80 00
Making total cost of the stone.....	\$2282 51
This when sold to the City realized 52,588 bushels, at four cents per bushel	2103 52
Shewing a loss of.....	\$ 178 99

The effect being the Association had to curtail the relief granted to the poor to this amount to provide for this deficiency. This is the second year since I have had the management that the Shed has not been self supporting, yet any further reduction in the rate for breaking cannot be made. A small saving in the cost for 1880 is possible, as the tenders to supply stone are lower than they ever have been, shewing in this as well as in the breaking a desire to obtain work on almost any terms; and to furnish honest labor for those who really need it is one of the highest aims of our Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. NEAL,
Chairman.

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REPORT.

THE following table shows the amount of the various articles named, distributed during the months of January, February and March, 1879:

January.....	Bushels of Coal.....	1539	
February.....	“ “	2273	
March.....	“ “	1528	
		—	5340 Bushels.
January.....	Loaves of Bread	1037	
February.....	“ “	2327	
March.....	“ “	1173	
		—	4537 Loaves.
January.....	Lbs. Corn Meal.....	15	
February.....	“ “	50	
March.....	“ “	52	
		—	117 Lbs.
January.....	Lbs. Oat Meal	191	
February.....	“ “	49	
March.....	“ “	79	
		—	319 Lbs.
January.....	Quarts Molasses	13	
February.....	“ “	10	
March.....	“ “	6	
		—	29 Quarts.
January.....	Quarts Soup	1376	
February.....	“ “	2368	
March.....	“ “	1252	
		—	4996 Quarts.
	Coke		2 Chal.

SICK POOR.

Tea
12 lbs.

Sugar
27 lbs.

Rice
30 lbs.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DE. Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in acct. with W. S. STIRLING, Treasurer. CR.

To balance due Nov. 1st, 1878.....	\$2089 97		
Purchase of stone, breaking do., implements, &c..	2207 07		
Soup Kitchen	67 20		
Interest on Bank advances to 31st July.....	76 40		
Printing Reports, &c.....	32 50		
District No. 1.....	\$ 66 81		
" No. 2.....	245 92		
" No. 3.....	389 58		
" No. 4.....	542 63		
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1879.			
Nov. 1. Balance due Treasurer brought down	\$897 76		
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S. M. BROOKFIELD, }
Auditors, }
JAMES FARQUHAR, }

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**ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE
ASSOCIATION IS TO BE GOVERNED.**

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 labors, and also an account of their disbursements, to their respective Committees, at the stated monthly meeting. No visitors neglecting these duties will be allowed 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 property of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered.

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependant 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.

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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 constantly persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supersede existing charities, but so far as is practicable, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

Visitors, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct their attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify them for an intelligent and judicious discharge of their highly important and responsible duties.

The attention of members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitors most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

Address	Name	Address
100 North 1st Street	John M. Carter	100 North 1st Street
100 North 1st Street	A. E. Quinn	100 North 1st Street
100 North 1st Street	Thomas Gough	100 North 1st Street
100 North 1st Street	H. M. Johnson	100 North 1st Street
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LIST OF VISITORS—1880.

DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—C. F. REYNOLDS, JOHN McINNIS.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, 1 to 39	Charles E. Putner.	Dispensary.
Argyle street, 1 to 33, 2 to 23		
Grafton street, 1 to Sackville	J. W. Flemming.	28 Lucknow Terrace.
Sackville street, south side		
Albert street and Gas Lane	Fletcher Hemigar.	17 Birmingham Street.
Pleasant street, 1 to 103, 2 to 48		
South Hollis street, Victoria street	C. F. Reynolds.	7 Foundry Lane.
Barrington street, 1 to 43, 2 to 40		
Blowers and Fawson streets	Chas. Stayner.	179 South Park Street.
Granville street, 1 to Sackville		
Hollis street, 1 to Sackville	Wm. Lawson.	Victoria Road.
Salter and Wallace streets		
Birmingham, Park and Queen streets	I. S. Murray.	73 Inglis Street.
Spring Garden Road		
Brenton st., Briar Lane, Dresden Row, Rottenburg street	Jno. McInnis.	McIntosh & McInnis' whf.
Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent & Morris sts., Victoria Road		
Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water streets, east side	C. Franklyn.	Lovett House.
Lower Water street, west side		
Tower Road, Inglis Street, and all the district south of Inglis street	S. M. Brookfield.	Inglis Street.
Quinpool and Studley Roads		

DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

EDWARD SMITH, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—J. W. ALLISON, K. J. MATHESON, JAMES FORREST.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Address.
Albermarle streets, 49 to 177	Jas. M. Oxley.	35 Bedford Row.
do. 10 to 140	A. Stephen, Jr.	103 Barrington Street.
do. 179 to 209	Thomas Goudge.	60 Bedford Row.
do. 142 to 176	H. P. Burton.	207 Pleasant Street.
do. 211 to 259	C. J. Spike.	156 Hollis Street.
do. 178 to 214		
Argyle street, from Sackville st. to end	James Forrest.	173 Hollis Street.
Brunswick st., from Sackville to Jacob sts.	K. J. Matheson.	116 Argyle Street.
Barrington st., " " "	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
Bedford Row		
Bell's Lane	H. W. Barnes.	Sackville, cor. Granville St.
Buckingham street		
Duke street	R. J. Sweet.	Cor. Duke and Hollis Sts.
George street		
Granville street, from Sackville to end	R. E. Saunders.	24 Argyle Street.
Grafton street, 59 to 133		
do. 36 to 103	S. H. Shreve.	Muir & Scott's Wharf.
do. 135 to 245		
do. 110 to 218	Lewis Payzant.	Corner Bedford Row and Sackville Street.
Jacob street, south side		
Prince Street		
Sackville Street, north side		
L/r Water st from Sackville to Jacob st.		

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DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

JOHN ERVIN, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—T. H. PETERS, R. J. REID.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West streets	J. W. McIntosh.	12 Moren Street.
William and Garrick streets		
James and John streets	John Ervin.	5 Chesnut Place.
Cunard street and John's Lane		
Maynard, from Cogswell to Cunard and Falkland streets	David King.	77 Cunard Street.
Creighton and North Park streets		
Cornwallis, from Park to Gottingen sts.	Geo. Gowans.	135 Creighton Street.
Cornwallis, from Gottingen to Water sts.	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Gottingen, from Cogswell to Gerrish	R. J. Reid.	17 Cogswell Street.
Maitland and Prince William streets		
Brunswick Lane	T. V. Woolrich.	82 Brunswick Street.
Brunswick, from Jacob to Gerrish sts.		
Gerrish street, south side		
Jacob street, north side	Wm. Lynch.	190 Albermarle Street.
Proctor's Lane		
Hurd's Lane, Starr street		
Barrington street, north from Jacob		
Lockman st., from Cornwallis to Gerrish	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Gray's Lane		
Upper Water street	T. W. Offen.	O'Connor's Wharf.

DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

CAPTAIN COFFIN, Chairman.

Auditing Committee—JAS. FARQUHAR, D. M. STORY.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water street to Knight's Road	Henry D. Blackadar.	107 Lockman Street.
Lockman street, Gerrish to North	Jas. B. Cormack.	198 Lockman Street.
Brunswick street, Gerrish to North		
Gottingen street, Gerrish to North	D. M. Story.	411 Brunswick Street.
Creighton street, Gerrish to North	Matthew Morrissey.	138 Brunswick Street.
Maynard street, Gerrish to North		
Gerrish street, north side	Jno. D. Longard.	377 Brunswick Street.
Artz Lane, both sides	James Farquhar.	185 Lockman Street.
North street, Water to Agricola streets	Capt. Coffin.	23 North Street.
Almon, Bilby, Mary and McCara streets		
South of Duffus st., east end of Russell		
Gottingen and North of Russell streets	John Eckersley.	46 Russell Street.

DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three Mile House	John A. Bell.	City Auditor.
All the Settlements lying to the north of Knight's Road along the line of Railway, including Africville, to Three Mile House	Geo. McKinlay.	Western Counties Freight Depot, Richmond.
West of Kempt road, north of North st., East of Kline's Road, extending northward to the Dutch Village		
Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dutch Village	Saml. Boreham.	28 Agricola Street.

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO

"Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor,"

1878-79.

Bequest of late M. J. Cochran ...	\$200 00	Geo. Thomson	10 00
Doull & Miller	50 00	C. A. Creighton.....	10 00
Marquis de Lorne and H. K. H. Princess Louise	50 00	C. J. Gibson	10 00
Bishop Binney	50 00	A Friend, per P. C. Hill.....	10 00
A. McLeod & Co.....	50 00	R. W. Fraser	10 00
A Friend	50 00	P. Lynch.....	10 00
Sir W. Young.....	40 00	T. S. Reid, Hamilton, Bermuda...	10 00
James A. Moren.....	40 00	A Friend.....	10 00
J. P. Mott & Co.....	35 00	P. Jack.....	10 00
J. C. Halliburton	25 00	T. H. P., per Capt. Coffin	9 35
J. Butler & Co.....	25 00	A Friend.....	8 00
D. Cronan	25 00	P. S.....	6 00
M. P. Black.....	25 00	Judge Marshall	5 00
Burns & Murray.....	25 00	H. Elliot.....	5 00
Edward Smith	25 00	C. W. Wright.....	5 00
Wm. P. West.....	25 00	Mrs. Harry King	5 00
P. Power.....	25 00	Mrs. Wilson, Alma	5 00
Hon. B. Boak.....	25 00	E. Clayton.....	5 00
Jno. Gibson.....	25 00	J. Farquhar.....	5 00
T. C. Kinnear.....	25 00	Mrs. L. A. Wilmot	5 00
Duffus & Co.....	25 00	Miss O. H. Black.....	5 00
J. S. Maclean & Co.....	25 00	Mrs. James Taylor.....	5 00
Sir Edward Kenny	25 00	Mrs. N. C. Duff.....	5 00
W. S. Stirling	20 00	H. B. Paulin	5 00
Lieut.-Governor Archibald.....	20 00	M. S. R.....	5 00
Mrs. J. Donaldson.....	20 00	Alex. Wilton.....	5 00
Mrs. E. Binney	20 00	Mr. W. Stradford, R. E.....	5 00
Thos. A. Ritchie	20 00	Dr. H. H. Reid.....	5 00
Judge Ritchie.....	20 00	P. Ross.....	5 00
A. McLeod.....	20 00	A. P. Reid, M. D.....	5 00
P. C. Hill	20 00	N. S. Printing Co.....	5 00
X. Y. Z.....	20 00	G. Buist.....	5 00
Senator Northup	20 00	J. H. Symons.....	5 00
I. S. Murray & Co.....	20 00	Jno. King	5 00
Dr. Avery.....	20 00	Dr. R. F. Burns.....	5 00
General McDougall.....	20 00	J. P.....	5 00
Friendly Benefit Society, Em- ployes Hx. Gas Light Co.....	20 00	Wm. Crowe.....	4 00
E. P. Archbold	20 00	F. H. Reynolds	4 00
H. Hesslein & Son	15 00	Miss Harriet Allison.....	4 00
Unknown	13 20	"S"	4 00
A Friend.....	12 50	A Friend	4 00
M. S. Brown	10 00	Blank Envelope.....	3 00
Mrs. S. N. Binney.....	10 00	E. Taylor.....	2 00
D. W. Ross.....	10 00	A Friend.....	1 25
W. Jordan.....	10 00	T. F. C.....	1 00
Mrs. C. E. Wiswell	10 00	Friend.....	1 00
Thos. Ritchie.....	10 00	Friend, per E. Smith	1 60
W. & C. Silver	10 00	Int. on the A. K. Doull bequest...	118 00
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