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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR 1872.

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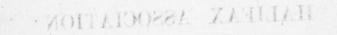
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THE Board of Management of the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, submit their sixth Annual Keport, with the conviction that they may continue to claim for the system upon which they seek to administer relief the confidence and support which it has hitherto received.

The liberality evinced towards this Association, the Board believe to be largely due to general approbation of the fundamental rules by which its operations are understood to he conducted.

Two of the most prominent and important of these are the following :--

"To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case by visitation and inquiry."

"To relieve no cne, except through the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives."

The former of these regulations imposes upon the visitor a duty which is not only often difficult and disagreeable in itself, but one to which he is liable to be summoned at a time the most inconvenient.

When it is remembered that those who have, from year to year, come forward cheerfully to engage in this work, are not in many instances men of leisure, it need not awaken surprise if occasionally an exact observance of the rule has seemed impracticable.

The Central Board, however, feel that they are under obligation to contributors to this association not to permit any portion of its funds to be drawn, except in strict accordance with its rules. It is therefore with them an established principle that visitation and inquiry into the condition and characters of those applying for assistance must precede the giving of relief. Many illustrations, drawn from the experience of those engaged in visitation, might be offered to show how deceptive are the stories with which the benevolent are approached, and how necessary it is, in order to the detection of imposture, that such an association as this should not only exist, but be ever exerting, through the activity of its visitors, a healthful influence in exposing the fraudulent devices of unprincipled mendicants. Not less needful are the incessant and self-denying labors of the visitor in order to the discovery of those who have a just title to the relief of their necessities.

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The Board, then, would seek to impress upon the members of the association, as one great and general duty, a constant and cordial support to its visitors; which will best be shown by strict adherence to the rule which binds them "to relieve no one, except through the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives." It is no doubt much easier to afford relief at once, without the intervention of a visitor, than to go through the forms which reference to him involves; but, it should be borne in mind, that every infraction of its rules is a blow at the permanence and usefulness of the association.

The Board now retiring from the management of the affairs of the association, impressed, as the result of their own experience, with the great value of the rules which have been cited, have deemed it not inappropriate for them, at this time, to urge the recommendation that no relaxation in the observance of those rules may be sanctioned, but that all would strive to follow them implicitly.

It is one of the impressive and encouraging "signs of the times," that similar associations are rapidly multiplying in Great Batain and in the United States of America: and, from the process of horough systematization which is going on, it is not too much to hope that great effects will yet be realized in the restraint of mendicity, the alleviation of the evils of pauperism, and a diminution of the facilities for imposture.

Let us, then, not faint nor be discouraged, but continue our beneficont enterprise, animated by the belief that it has already been productive of good, and that it will, if faithfally prosecuted, achieve, in still

The operations of the Association in the past year, may be summed up as follows :---

The stone-shed having been blown down, was reconstructed at an expenditure of \$86.61. The cost of stone was nine hundred and ten dollars : and the amount paid for breaking it, \$1,825.40. Adding to these items interest paid to the bank for cash advanced-purchase of

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The Central Board regret that it has not been found practicable during the year to make suitable arrangements for the employment of indigent females to any greater extent than formerly.

The gratuitous relief afforded was chiefly dispensed in the months of January, February and March. Summing up the monthly returns of the visitors (in which the repetition of the same names of course occurs), we find an enumeration as of seven hundred and one families, comprising nineteen hundred and sixty-three persons relieved in the above months, when the following quantities of provisions were supplied :-

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The Central Board make grateful recognition of the fact that hitherto no special appeal on behalf of the funds of the association has been found necessary. The spontaneous contributions of its friends, in excess of the amounts required to constitute them members, have enabled the Treasurer to make his account balance at the end of every year without showing any very serious deficiency. There have, however, been times when the Association was in debt to the Treasurer; and the Board would request its members to make their contributions as early in the season as they may find to be convenient.

On behalf of the Central Board.

JOHN DOULL, President ... M. H. RICHEY, Secretary.

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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

ABSTRACT OF RULES.

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 gratuitious 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 reliaved; 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 relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second charities, but so far for whom they are humane and econom and social bearings of

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Wisitors, 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 their 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.

LIST OF VISITORS--1873.

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DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO. S. BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

Advisory Committee .- GEORGE MITCHELL, W. H. NEAL.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, 1 to 39 Argyle street, 1 to 33, 2 to 28 Grafton street, 1 to Sackville	R. C. Hamilton,	51 Spring Garden Road.
Albert street, Gas Lane. Pleasant street, 1 to 103, 2 to 48. South Hollis st., Victoria street, Gas Lane.	John Ritchie,	80 Pleasant st.
Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40.	John Geddie,	164 Tower Road.
1 to Sackville, Salter and Wallace Statt	George Mitchell,	South Park st.
Spring Garden Road	S. M. Brookfield,	59 Spring Garden Road.
Rottenburg street Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent, and Morris streets, Victoria Road	Wm. Lawson,	Victoria Road.
Green street, Smith's Lane, Tobin street,		Stayner's Wharf. McIntosh & McInnis whf
Lower Water street, west side	John McInnis, C. Franklyn,	Emscote, N. West Arm.
lying South of Inglis st Oninpool and Studley Road	W. H Neal,	Spring Garden.

DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

T. A. COSSMAN, Chairman.

Advisory Committee .- J. FARQUMAR, S. WADDELL, K. T. MATHESON.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, Sackville to end upper side Albermarle street, 49 to 163. Albermarle street, 165 to end. Bargvie street, Sackville to end. Barrington street, 63 to end. Barlington street, Sackville to Jacob Bedford Row. Bell's Lane. Buekingha.n street. Duke street. Grafton street, 40 to 120. Grafton street, 40 to 120. Grafton street, 156 to end. Granon street, Sackville to end. Hollis street. Sackville street. Dack street. Jacob street, South side. Prince street. Lower Water street, 165 to 216. Lower Water street, 1 to 62.	J. Logan, James Forrest, John Taylor, K. J. Matheson, S. G. Matheson, S. Noble, Frank Graham, Frank Graham, S. Waddell, S. Waddell, B. Waddell, B. Matheson, A. Little, E. B. Sutcliffe. S. G. Matheson, Frauk Graham, S. Noble, Thomas Forbes, A. Stephen, jr.	Mines Office. 85 Argyle st. 85 Argyle st. 168 Hollis st. 63 Barrington st. Peter Grant & Co. 123 Queen st. Carlton st. J. Northup & Sons. J. Northup & Sons. J. S. Maclean & Co. 136 Hollis st. Jordan & Co. 12 Starr st. 123 Queen st. 123 Queen st. 123 Queen st. 123 Queen st. 123 Queen st. 124 Queen st. 196 Lower Water st. Barrington, cor. Prince

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LIST OF VISITORS.

DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

R. J. SWEET, Chairman.

Advisory Committee .- EDWARD JOST, J. D. LONGARD, WM. BOCHE, JR.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Wester to make the
Upper Water st., Jacob to Gerrish, and Roast		Visitor's Residence.
Lockman st., including Gray's Lane, Jacob to	Wm. Roche, jr.	Roche's Wharf, Water st.
North side Jacob, Cornwallis from Gottin-	J. Godfrey Smith,	North Ferry Drug Store.
side Gerrich Jacob to Gerrish and South	Edward Jost,	247 Brnnswick st.
Lane	J. D. Longard,	319 Brunswick st.
Contingen street, Cogswell to Gerrish. Creighton, North Park and Cornwallis streets, from Park to Cottingen		101 Maitland st. 119 Gottingen st.
cluding Rayer Correction to Cunard, in-	James Mitchell,	21 North Park st.
cluding Bauer, Cogawell to Cunard, in- Junard and John streets	A. J. Smith.	17 Bauer st. 23 Maynard st.
John streets	R. J. Wilson,	100 Cunard st.

DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

D. HENRY STARR, Chairman.

Advisory Committee .- C. C. VAUX, JOSEPH BELL.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Waited a
Upper Water st., Gerrish to Knight's road Lockman street, Gerrish to North. Bruaswick street, Gerrish to North. Gottilgen street, Gerrish to North. Albro street. Gerrish street, North side. Artz Lane. North street, Water to Gottingen Almon, Bilby, Mary and McCara streets.	Peter Coffin, D. M. Sterns, Thomas Conran, J. W. Hennigar, J. Scott Hutton, James Anderson, J. W. Hennigar, Thomas Conran	Visitor's Residence. 36 North st. 83 Lockman st. 171 Brunswick st. 65 Gerrish st. D. & D. I., Gottingen st. 296 Brunswick st. 65 Gerrish st. 171 Brunswick st. 83 Lockman st. Bussell et

DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTIONS, WARD SIX.

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All the Settlements lying to the North of Knight's Road along to the North of	John A. Bell,	Water Works Office, City
West of Kempt Road, north of North street,	Isaac Creighton.	Campbell Road.
to the Dutch Village. Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road Joins Dutch Village.	John L. Whytal,	204 Hollis st.
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