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OF THE  
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR  
*Improving the Condition of the Poor,*

FOR THE YEAR 1868,

WITH A  
**LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.**

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**OFFICE-BEARERS :**

**President.**

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.

**Vice-President.**

JOHN DOULL, Esq.

**Members of the Central Board.**

JAMES F. AVERY, Esq., M.D.,	WM. H. HARRINGTON, Esq.,
JOHN S. MACLEAN, Esq.,	C. C. VAUX, Esq.

**Treasurer.**

W. S. STIRLING, Esq.

**Honorary Secretary.**

M. H. RICHEY, Esq.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

*The first in order is the Chairman of each District Committee.*

FIRST DISTRICT.	SECOND DISTRICT.	THIRD DISTRICT.	FOURTH DISTRICT.
<i>Wards One and Two.</i>	<i>Wards Three &amp; Four.</i>	<i>Ward Five.</i>	<i>Ward Six.</i>
Jas. F. Avery, M.D. W. H. Neal, R. N. Beckwith.	J. S. Maclean, F. C. Mahan, E. M. Manning.	W. H. Harrington, J. D. Longard, W. Roche, Jr.	C. C. Vaux, D. H. Starr, H. J. Marshall.

(For List of Visitors see pages 11 and 12.)

PROCEEDINGS  
AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR  
Held 2nd November, 1868.

The President in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with prayer.

The business of the evening was introduced with a few remarks by the President.

The Report of the Central Board was read by the Secretary, and the Financial Statement by the Treasurer.

On motion it was

RESOLVED,—That the Report just read be accepted and a thousand copies thereof printed and circulated under the direction of the Central Board.

The election of Officers, Managers, and Advisory Committees was then proceeded with.

On motion it was

RESOLVED,—That the cordial thanks of this Association be tendered to the proprietors and editors of the several newspapers in the City, for the aid so kindly afforded from time to time in the publication of notices and statements of the Society's operations.

A vote of thanks was given to the President, Office-bearers, and Visitors of the Association.

After the transaction of some further business, the meeting adjourned.

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## REPORT.

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THE Board of Managers are thankful that they meet the members, visitors and patrons of the ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR with the experience of another year to justify expressions of congratulation upon the benefits which this organization has proved itself adapted to secure.

The Association entered upon its labors last Autumn amid heart-stirring revelations of distress in many portions of the province where failure of the Fishermen to obtain their accustomed harvest from the deep, portended a state of destitution, among this large and important class of our countrymen, most painful to contemplate, and the fear of which produced an irresistible appeal to the sympathies of the people of this city.

It is pleasing to reflect that this appeal met with a prompt and liberal response without occasioning the slightest diminution in the interest evinced by our fellow citizens in the special work of this association, whose mission it is to afford some temporary relief in those cases of sharp distress so frequently recurring among the classes of poor which are always with us.

The number of suffering families in our midst last winter was no doubt increased by the natural tendency of those upon whom the blow of adversity suddenly descends to seek shelter and assistance in the capital of the country; but the efficient action of the Committee appointed to superintend the relief of the Fishermen, in carrying supplies to the distant homes of the sufferers, restrained this evil within proportions much less formidable than here seemed at one time reason to apprehend.

The Meeting will be gratified to learn that the sum contributed to the funds of the Association in the past year is very largely in

excess of that received in the year preceding, being in 1868 \$2458.53 compared with \$1587.90 in 1867. This larger amount however proved too small to enable your visitors to meet as christian charity dictates the claims of the needy and deserving, in the inclement months of a severe and protracted winter, for even that temporary assistance which alone this association can undertake to supply.

The amount received has been expended in accordance with the rules of the Association, and has caused many a heart to swell with gratitude for a society which systematically aims to mitigate the sufferings from cold and hunger, by which the unemployed poor are sure to be assailed in the very season of the year when these trials are hardest to be borne.

The Board record their satisfaction with the manner in which the returns from the numerous sections into which the several districts are divided, have for the most part been made; but it is to be regretted that the failure in some instances to furnish, up to the time of preparing this report, the full details of work performed, in strict accordance with the forms provided for that purpose, precludes the statement by your Board, with the perfect accuracy they desire, of the extent of visitation throughout every district and section of the city.

It must suffice for them to report that at least 2400 visits have been made—relief afforded in December to 200 families, numbering 620 persons; in January to 500 families, or 1750 persons; in February to 400 families, or 1500 persons: from which time, though visitation and relief did not cease, they gradually became less and less required. In donations of bread, and orders upon grocers for other necessary provisions, the sum of \$1392.69 was expended; in addition to which, 3650 bushels of coal, and sixteen cords and a half of wood were furnished to the needy, 757 quarts of soup, and 216 lbs. of beef were distributed, and assistance rendered in cash to the amount of \$27.99

The grand object of the Association being to improve the condition of the poor: to make idleness distasteful, and to induce a spirit of reliance on labor; to secure to the really meritorious among the subjects of want, and to them alone, the requisite

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amount, and only the absolutely and immediately requisite amount, of relief; it was deemed desirable that the Association should possess some means of applying a satisfactory test, to ascertain if those who sought for aid were willing to earn it by the labor of their hands. The Central Board therefore, having received permission from the City Council, caused a shed to be erected on the Common, and stone to be provided, that employment might be found for all able to work, who made application for relief from the funds of the Association. The experiment proved satisfactory for the main purpose for which it was put in operation, though the product of the men's labor fell far short of affording a return equal to the expenditure incurred. Any man working in this shed was allowed three cents for every bushel of stone broken and received the third of a loaf of bread and a quart of soup every day at noon. The stone was sold to the city for five cents per bushel. It will be seen on reference to the Treasurer's report, that the expenditure incurred in the construction of the shed, the hauling of stone, the purchase of hammers, the wages of the men, superintendence &c, amounted to \$699.09, while the sales realized only \$330.56, thus leaving a balance against the Association upon this transaction of \$368.53. It will, however, no doubt, be readily conceded by all, that it was better to pay this money from the funds of the Association as a recompense for hard and honest toil, than to contribute it to the same parties to enable them to eat the bread of idleness.

Having regard to the benefits which in the providence of God this Association has been enabled to confer upon a multitude of suffering poor during the brief period of its operations, the heart enlivened by true Christian benevolence will find much reason to thank God and take courage. We think it may be claimed that the Association has now passed the tentative stage of its existence; that it can no longer be regarded in the light of a mere experiment; but that it is entitled to take a place among the permanent institutions of our city and authorized to expect enlarged encouragement and support; a very considerable increase in the number of contributors and in the amount of contributions, and

an addition to the ranks of its active office-bearers from those youth of our city who may choose the better part of giving to some work of charity, some labor of love, the leisure hours which many waste in frivolous pursuits. It must be acknowledged, and understood, that it is no slight and insignificant task in which the visitors of this society are engaged. To seek out with indefatigable industry the abodes of suffering; to discriminate with intelligent charity between the poverty which honest endeavour could not avoid, and the poverty through which the unrepenting victims of their own depravity seek to awaken and abuse the sympathy of the unsuspecting; to cheer the hapless child of sorrow, and to chide the wilful slave of sin; to arouse indolence, arrest vagrancy, alarm imposture; to give counsel to the erring, consolation to the suffering, work to the strong and idle, and aid to the weak; to induce the habit of cleanliness in places which have become the very homes of filth, and to create some notions of care and comfort where penury may have resulted from the rifelessness rather than from misfortune: all these duties the faithful visitor may find it fall within his province to perform. Such duties have their difficulties; but the difficulties are not such as should discourage and disarm our zeal,—but such as should stimulate our energy, and nerve to stronger determination to fulfil with fidelity our vocation. Whilst the subjects of sorrow and of suffering present their claims on every side, it becomes us to remember the words of Him who shall say “Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these ye did it not to me.”

This meeting is called upon to notice the breach which within the past year has been made in the Central Board. By the grasp of Death one of the most useful of its members has been snatched away. Those who were associated with him in endeavoring to carry out your scheme of beneficence have been privileged to mark the systematic energy and the true sensibility to human suffering which characterized the late JOHN NAYLOR in his performance of the duties which devolved upon him as Chairman of the Third District, and member of the Central Board. Well must it prove for the perpetuated usefulness of this association,—well will it be for the children of want,—if others of a like spirit be

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found from time to time to fill the offices connected with the administration of its affairs.

The Board have also to express their great regret at the removal from this city of the gentleman who during the past year so ably filled the office of Vice President—Captain Dunlop, R.A. Energetic and assiduous in the discharge of his duties, his influence was most beneficially felt by the Association.

On behalf of the Central Board,

STEPHEN TOBIN, Mayor, *President.*

Nov. 2nd, 1868.

M. H. RICHEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

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**N. B.—Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. Stirling, the Treasurer of the Association, at the Union Bank. It is hoped that friends of the Association will not wait to be called upon for contributions.**

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A copy of the by-laws of the above association can be had on application to the honorary secretary, at his office, 14 Bedford Row.



## LIST OF VISITORS.

DISTRICT ONE—WARDS ONE AND TWO.

JAMES F. AVERY, M.D., Chairman.

<i>Streets.</i>	<i>Visitor's Name.</i>	<i>Visitor's Residence</i>
Water street, east side, .....	Clement Reynolds,	Cor. Sackville & Water sts.
Water street, west side, .....	Walter Lawson,	76 Hollis st.
Hollis street, 1 to Sackville street; Granville street, 1 to Sackville street; Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40; Wallace, Blowers, Salter and Fawson streets.	E. H. Reeves,	43 Barrington st.
Argyle street, 1 to 33, 2 to 23; Grafton street, 1 to Sackville; Albermarle, 1 to 39; Sackville, south side.	Wm. Caldwell, Jr.,	Cor. Sackville & Hollis st.
Pleasant street, 1 to 102, 2 to 48; Albert street, Gas lane, Victoria street (Gas lane), South Hollis street.	Henry Clarke,	Cor. Morris & Queen st.
Dresden row, South Park street, Briar lane, Brenton street.	R. N. Beckwith,	95 Dresden row.
Birmingham, Queen, and Rottenburg streets, Spring Garden road.	Geo. Maclean,	Cor. Brenton & Morris
Morris, Church, Harvey, Dundonald and South streets,	W. D. Sutherland,	83 Hollis st.
Tobin, Kent and Green streets, Smith's lane, Victoria road (Smith's fields).	Chas. Stayner,	37 Queen st.
Ingles street, and all the district lying south of Ingles street, Tower road, Spinpool road and Studley, .....	Chas. Fletcher,	Green st.
	W. H. Neal,	121 Spring Garden road.

DISTRICT TWO—WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

J. S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

<i>Streets.</i>	<i>Visitor's Name.</i>	<i>Visitor's Residence.</i>
Albermarle, 2 to 104, 43 to 140, .....	D. R. Lowden,	28 Sackville.
Albermarle, 142 to 186, 167 to 231, .....	Joseph Townsend,	102 Argyle.
Albermarle, 164 to 142, 149 to 169, .....	Thos. C. Johnson,	179 Barrington.
Argyle, from Sackville to Jacob, .....	G. D. Martin,	48 Cogswell.
Barrington. 42 to 213, .....	Martin Payne,	156 Granville.
Barraek, 1 to 61, .....	J. H. Sutherland,	Blackwood & Sutherland's.
Barraek, 67 to end, .....	E. M. Manning,	43 Granville.
Bredford row, .....	G. D. Martin,	48 Cogswell.
Buckingham, .....	Edward Morrison,	Office Market wharf.
Bell's lane, .....	Edward Morrison,	do.
Bake, .....	S. Waddell,	80 Queen.
Berge, .....	S. Waddell,	80 Queen.
Brafton, 40 to 120, .....	W. D. Harrington,	Nash's Corner.
Brafton, 121 to 153, .....	George Kent,	Rickard's & Co., Granville.
Brafton, 154 to 211, .....	Jas. C. Curren,	23 Starr.
Granville, from Sackville north, .....	Lawson Fenerty,	60 Birmingham.
Granville, south side, .....	Edward Morrison,	Office Market wharf.
Grince, .....	W. Heatherington,	Gordon & Keith's, Barring'n.
Granville, north side, .....	Lawson Fenerty,	60 Birmingham.
Lower Water, 165 to 216; Upper, 1 to 82, .....	G. D. Martin,	48 Cogswell.

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## DISTRICT THREE—WARD FIVE.

W. H. HARRINGTON, Chairman.

<i>Streets.</i>	<i>Visitor's Name.</i>	<i>Visitor's Residence.</i>
Water street, from Jacob to Gerrish,...	Wm. Roche, Jr.,	281 Upper Water st
Lockman street, from its southern extremity to Gerrish street, including Gray's lane	John Thompson,	94 Lockman st.
Brunswick street, from Jacob to Gerrish, Proctor's lane and Hurd's lane, Starr street, north side Jacob street and Cornwallis street,	John Longard,	129 Brunswick st.
Maitland street, from Brehm's lane to Gerrish street, including Prince Wm. street and Brunswick lane,	Edward Jost,	69 Brunswick st.
Gottingen street, from Cogswell to Gerrish	George Bowes,	81 Maitland st.
Maynard street, from Cogswell to Cunard,	Jas. G. Smith,	159 Lockman st.
Creighton street, from Cogswell to Cunard street, Cogswell, Falkland, Park and Bauer streets,	Thos. Wesley,	28 Cornwallis st.
Cunard and John streets,.....	T. W. Johns,	
Moren, Bayer, Gerrish, James, Agricola, and West streets,;	G. G. Gray,	5 Moren st.

## DISTRICT FOUR—WARD SIX.

C. C. VAUX, Chairman.

<i>Streets.</i>	<i>Visitor's Name.</i>	<i>Visitor's Residence.</i>
Albro.....	Thos. Conran,	171 Brunswick st.
Almon.....	Sidney Harrington,	212 Gottingen st.
Artz lane.....	D. M. Sterns,	83 Lockman st.
Bilby.....	Sidney Harrington,	212 Gottingen st.
Brunswick, from corner Gerrish to North City,.....	D. H. Starr,	185 Brunswick st.
Gerrish, north side,.....	J. T. Edwards,	132 Maitland st.
Gottingen, from corner Gerrish to North Lockman, from corner Gerrish to North, Mary,.....	Thos. Conran,	171 Brunswick st.
MacCara,.....	Thos. Conran,	171 Brunswick st.
North, from Water to Gottingen,.....	D. M. Sterns,	83 Lockman st.
Upper Water, from North to Night's road,	Sidney Harrington,	212 Gottingen st.
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	D. M. Sterns,	83 Lockman st.
	H. Harris,	570 Upper Water st.

## DISTRICT FOUR—SUBURBAN SECTIONS—WARD SIX.

Kempt road, from King's corner to the Three mile house,	John A. Bell,	{ Water Works Office, Bell's lane.
All the settlement lying to the north of Knight's road, along the line of Railway, including Africville to 3 mile hs.	R. T. Roome,	Roome street, Richmond.
West of Kempt road, north of North st east of Kline's road, extending northward to Dutch Village,	J. L. Whytal,	204 Hollis street.
Leahyville to head N. W. Arm, thence to above Kline's road joins the Dutch Village,	J. L. Whytal,	204 Hollis street.