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ATTACHED TO THE METROPOLITAN PARISH OF DUBLIN, AND INSTITUTED FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR.

1853,

At a Meeting of the above Association held on the 10th of June, in the Vestry of the Church of St Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street,

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN PRESIDING,

The following Report was read and adopted.

THE time having arrived, when, according to the rules of this Association, the Annual Meeting should be held, and office-bearers elected for the ensuing year, the Council of Management, whilst resigning into the hands of the Associates the charges with which they have been entrusted, submit most respectfully the following Report of the proceedings of the past year to the generous Benefactors of the Poor, the grateful recipients of their bounty

Divine Providence has vouchsafed to this little work of charity a full, rich blessing.

The Sick Poor, the special objects of the solicitude of this Association, have received increased relief, the dearness of provisions, the severity of the past winter, and, consequently, the

many and pressing necessities of the poor sufferers, rendered an additional amount of aid imperative on us. In our last Report we announced the Relief given to the Sick Poor during the first year of our existence to have been to the amount of £101–19s. 9d. This year we have given to the amount of £193–3s. $10\frac{1}{2}$ d., being an increase of £91–1s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. over our Expenditure of last year

The large sum of £426 11s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. has passed through our hands during the past year for the varied works in which we have been engaged.

The adopted charities of this Association continue to flourish and prosper most successfully

The origin of this Institute, its Spirit, its Constitution, and form of Management, have been in the First Report so clearly explained, that it would be needless now to enter more fully upon them.

In our First Report we announced the number of Active Members to be 54. Since then 37 have added their names to those already entered on our Register, making a total of 91.

It is worthy of remark, that though we have had to record with regret the death of some of our Honorary Members, not a single death has taken one of our Active Members from amongst us. On the contrary, though many were very delicate when they first engaged in the service of the Poor, their health has been since so wonderfully improved, that they themselves are astonished at it. Some have left town, and reside now in France, England, and in the country parts of Ireland, and they have brought with them an undying love of the Poor, and an ardent desire to benefit them.

An instance has just come under our notice. A lady, young, gay, and lively, in the enjoyment of the world's joys and pleasures, was urged by her mother, a good Christian woman, to engage in the active duties of this Association in its very first commencement. She hesitated, said she would go to the Installation Meeting, but could not resolve upon taking an active part in the duties. Her mother urged her, saying, "Such an Association is badly wanted in Dublin were I young enough,

gladly would I engage in it. If Catholic Ladies will not look after the wants of the Poor, who will do it?"

Her daughter, who was favoured by God with good natural dispositions, attended the meeting, and soon entered her name as one of the first members. A few days since, she declared to us that all good had come to her by it. Visiting the Poor, she began to think, to reflect; and thinking and reflecting, she began to act with greater earnestness and greater fervour, and many spiritual blessings with which God has favoured her, all, all, she unhesitatingly and openly avows to have come to her through means of the Association. Living now in a far-distant home, her whole heart, her thoughts, her cares, and her exertions, are all for the dear Poor, whose blessings have brought to her so much good.

The average number of cases on our Sick Visiting Rolls has been about thirty-six each week. Two hundred and thirty-six cases have been relieved during the past year. Eight hundred and twenty-eight individuals, dependent in some degree on these poor sufferers, have received relief from the Association.

Some have been visited and relieved daily; others three, four, or five times a-week, according to their wants and necessities.

4,425 Visits have been paid to the Sick Poor, during the past year, by the Ladies of this Association. "Catholic charity is that which flies not from the view of misery and infirmity, which conquers the repugnance of sense by seeing only the immortal soul which suffers and is purified. The Catholic religion says, be generous, be merciful, relieve Christ in the person of the poor man, behold the sufferings of the wretched; and if the wretched do not come in your way, leave your way, and descend in search of them through penury's roofless huts and squalid cells."

The number of the Sick Poor on our Visiting Rolls having increased so much during the past year, and our district being so extensive, as we visit in St. Michan's Parish and St. Peter's, as well as St. Mary's, it became necessary to have an additional number of Visitors daily on duty

The varied branches of charity which now require the aid of

the Associates, lead us to wish that many more would join us in our charitable occupations. How many pious persons spend hours in prayer to Jesus Christ, whilst he is soliciting their aid in the persons of his suffering Members!

We must here record our gratitude to an anonymous Lady, who presented a valuable gold bracelet, set with turquoise, to be raffled for the benefit of the Sick Poor, by which £34 was realised.

The Associates have had to deplore, with sincere regret, the death of one of the earliest and truest friends of this Association, our late respected Vice-President, the Very Rev Dr Cooper. His best exertions were always at the service of this charity, to forward its interests in every way he possibly could. The poor and the sorrow-stricken have mourned over his grave, and we, who bear in grateful remembrance the aid he gave to this Association when it needed it, pay this faint, but willing tribute of gratitude to his memory

The Members will be happy to know that the Very Rev D Moriarty has kindly consented to hold this office.

We are glad to announce the establishment of the Association of Charity in the Parish of St. Paul, Arran-quay, under the superintendence of the zealous and truly benevolent Pastor of that Parish, the Very Rev Dr Yore, VG This will be found to produce incalculable good in that locality and neighbourhood.

It has also been established in Cork, under the personal care of the Bishop of that Diocese, and has already been found to produce great good amongst the zealous Ladies themselves, as well as amongst the Sick Poor, the special objects of their care.

The attention and sympathy of the Association have been evoked by the Rev Thomas M'Namara, in favour of the poor parishioners of the Rev Henry Leader, P.P of Rath and of the Islands of Cape Clear and Sherkin, whose wants this good Pastor has so vividly laid before the public in his truly touching appeal. Successive years of famine added to the poverty so long endured by the people of this heavily-stricken locality. In want of clothing, whole families were unable to leave their wretched homes the chapel and the school house were alike neglected.

The Association undertook an organized system of proceeding to solicit and obtain old and new clothing, &c., for this afflicted people, believing that, according to the spirit of its holy Founder, St. Vincent, its services should not be confined to one place or one people, but that they should gladly be rendered in any place where the Poor of Christ are to be served. A Committee was appointed to carry out effectively this good work, bearing the name of the "Cape Clear Clothing Committee." 159 articles of old clothing were received from charitable individuals for this truly meritorious purpose, which, together with 473 articles of new clothing, (making a total of 632 articles), were forwarded to the Rev Henry Leader for the poor of that district.

VISITING OF THE SICK POOR.

The visiting of the Sick Poor, the cherished object of the Association, continues to be fulfilled with unabated zeal, and with great love and charity. The mysterious principle of an interior life, communicated in the mysteries of the Catholic religion, produces this love of Jesus Christ, and this desire of serving him in the persons of the afflicted poor. Even on earth there is to be found a recompense for this truly consolatory duty. To be the means, no matter how humble, or how unworthy, of bringing to these poor sufferers, comfort, consolation, and relief; to bind up the broken heart, to raise the drooping spirit, to pour the balm of consolation, of comfort, and of hope, into the minds and hearts of the destitute and the afflicted;—all this brings peace, and joy, and comfort, and happiness, to the hearts of the persons engaged in so blessed a service.

"We were called to attend a young boy, aged 13, named * * * * * * * * residing in * * * * street. His illness was a very tedious one. From the first moment, we felt deeply interested in him, as he was surrounded by numberless dangers. His unhappy mother had long led a life of sin she cared little in what religion her children were brought up, and as the goods of this world were offered to her for them, if they became Protestants,

their danger was great. The Visitors entreated her to think of her salvation, to go to confession; she promised that she would do so it was fourteen long years since she had ever been in a chapel. The poor dying child, favoured by God, was in most happy dispositions. He was instructed, and received the holy Sacraments, with all the sweet, pure feelings of childhood.

"Time passed on; he became worse, scarcely able to utter a word, the vital spark appeared almost extinct, when, in a solemn, earnest manner, he asked one of the Visitors to listen to him. It seemed to her that his effort to speak was almost supernatural, so death-like was he.

"His love for his mother gave him strength. 'Oh!' said this poor little angel, 'will you speak to my mother? she is going to the bad. I am unhappy about her;—try and make her speak to a Priest. I longed to tell you this, for she will lose her soul. After saying all this, he seemed content. The Visitor spoke to his mother. She burst into tears, and said he was ever speaking thus to her himself, and that he was the only comfort she had in the world. She promised to comply with all his wishes.

"Shortly after, the boy died. The Visitor to whom he had spoken, intended to call on the mother to follow out his dying request; but she put off doing so, and to her horror, when she went, her former lodging was deserted, and she then learned that the wretched woman had, in a fit of despair, thrown herself into the canal, but, thanks be to God, a passer-by rescued her from perdition. The Member lost no time in finding her out she received her with joy, and at once told her tale of misery

"She said, that at his death, she felt herself getting into a state of despair, and determined on going to look at her child's grave at Glasnevin, and on her return, to drown herself. Whilst on her way, the Devil whispered her to do the deed at once, and she, answering to his call, at once flung herself in.

"Her feelings, as she described them, were awful. When the first plunge was made, she saw at once, as if drawn out before her, the long black list of her sinful acts, and beneath her, she felt that Hell was open to receive her Worlds she would then have given to be out of the water She sank, rose again, and

saw an apron thrown out to save her. She tried to grasp it, but, 'Oh!' she said, 'it was only handsful of water I was catching, and she dreaded that this, her only hope, would be taken away, as she feared the man might think she was rejecting it. At last she was taken out, and surely, she says, she may attribute this mercy to the Blessed Virgin, whose medal she had on, and also to the prayers of her angel-child. Her whole heart is now changed and converted, and her most ardent wish is to turn to God in good earnest for ever—She shudders when she thinks of her wonderful escape. She has been to confession, and feels now that she can never do enough for that all-merciful God who spared her

"She told us that after her child's death, she saw the Visitors pass on their way to some other poor persons. She longed for them to come, and she declared that if they had done so, if one kind person had spoken to her, at that moment, a word of comfort, she would have been saved from the commission of this dreadful act, but when she saw them pass by, wending their way to the cheerless homes of many a child of sorrow, her cup of bitterness appeared filled to overflowing."

We relate here the following fact, to encourage, (if need be), the Members to persevere unceasingly in bringing souls to God.

"Some time since, as two of the Members entered into a wretched lane, to visit a sick person, a woman rushed out from her abode, and entreated the Ladies to come and speak to her husband, who was lying sick, and had never been to confession from his boyhood;—he was in his 40th year, and even to prepare for his marriage, he had not approached the sacrament of Penance. The Visitors were zealous and experienced,—they followed her. They entreated the poor man to begin now at least, and think seriously of his salvation; to prepare for his confession. He made many good promises whilst on his bed of sickness. They called again, he was recovered, and all his resolutions were forgotten.

"One of these Visitors came to him again and again; still,

she could not get him to go to confession. For seven long months she sought to bring back the prodigal to his Father's house, urged him, entreated him, exhorted him, to begin his confession, but all in vain. She then had the happy thought of sending to London, to the Oratory, to have him prayed for by the Confraternity of the Precious Blood of our Divine Lord. One month after she had executed this pious design, God's allpowerful grace seemed to have touched his heart he promised he would go to confession. He did so. Not having received absolution, he was directed to return in a few days, but before that time had expired, he became seriously ill. The Visitor spoke to him about finishing his confession. He now gladly consented. The Priest attended him;—it was his last confession, in a very few days he was no more. We trust he found mercy from the loving Heart of Him who died for all At the dread moment of judgment, what an ardent appeal will not that soul make 'Mercy, O Lord mercy now for her who, in

Oh that those whom God has blessed with the goods of this world, would witness the sufferings of the poor How much of their superfluities would they not bestow upon them, seeing and believing that that which is *trivial* in the estimation of the rich, is *great* in the eyes of the poor, who possess nothing Their sufferings during the snow were excessive.

"A poor widow whom we visited in ——s-lane at that time, excited our warmest sympathies. Accustomed to warm clothing, she was obliged to part with some to obtain food to sustain life. The cold snow-wind penetrated into her dreary room, and seems to have marked her as one of its victims. She ventured out her shoes being bad, that illness, which had already begun, now fastened upon her We found her with scarcely sufficient strength to articulate, but filled with resignation, and love, and confidence. Her two children seemed her greatest care. One had been in the receipt of six-pence a week, and highly valued by her poor mother was this pittance, this,

however, she had lost, no more work being there for her. We told her that we would receive this little girl into St. Mary's Industrial Institute, and have her taught work, and that after three months she might be able to earn two-and-sixpence a week. The poor mother was overcome with joy, and with her dying lips exclaimed, 'Oh blessed be God I never thought I should live to hear such news.'

"The bed was a hard palliass, she had had a straw bed, but the want of fire, of covering, and the excessive cold, obliged her to have this straw removed, in order that the ticken or cover in which the straw was, might be put over her in place of a blanket. This wretched bed was obliged to accommodate, beside the dying woman, her two children, and her sister's two children. And on the bare ground beside her lay, at night, this fond and affectionate sister, who left her situation, as cook in a hotel, to come and attend her, and seems to think that she loses all when it will please God to take to himself this destitute and comfortless poor woman. The Association provided them with coals, straw, food, and some bed-covering Through the exertions of a member, one of her children has been placed in an orphanage. The prayers of this poor family cannot fail to bring a blessing on those who labour in so great and meritorious a work."

ATTENDANCE ON THE DYING

Personal attendance at the death beds of the poor, is fraught with spiritual advantages, graces, and benedictions, to all those who engage in it. The lessons of resignation, of confidence, and hope, that the poor so practically inculcate, can only be un derstood and fully appreciated by those who, receiving almost their dying breath, witness their heroic virtue. Their detachment from earth and earthly things is great indeed, though for them, as for us, natural affection has its claims and its ties.

"A poor labourer, named * * * * * , living in * * * * * * * , required our visits. We found him in the last stage of consumption. With the first appearance of this dying man,

and the wretched cellar in which he lived, we were deeply awestruck. He lay on the bare ground, his only covering a wornout quilt—no fire, and not an article of furniture, in his damp and dreary abode. Beside him was placed a small broken pitcher of cold water. It was not for some moments we could discover all this, the cellar was so dark, but by degrees his features became visible, and on approaching him and speaking to him, our consolation and edification were great, finding his dispositions so saintly. His voice was weak, and his eyes were dim; but that same voice gained strength when he raised it to bless God, and resign himself without reserve into his hands. And those glassy eyes seemed to regain their brightness, when, looking upwards, he fervently joined us in aspirations of love and resignation to the Lord Jesus. We promised him some clothes and bedding, for which he gratefully thanked and blessed us; adding, 'Though my bed is hard, it is not so hard as the cross on which our Saviour died for us.'

"The relief he got enabled his poor wife to procure him a drink; he had long been obliged to bear the suffering of extreme thirst, but knew how to turn that trial to account. 'Ah,' said he, 'what had our Saviour on the cross to quench his burning thirst?'

"Our Blessed Lord called him soon after to himself.—He died in most edifying dispositions."

Thirty-two deaths took place amongst the Sick Poor under our care, during the past year

ACCESSARY OR ACCIDENTAL WORKS OF THE INSTITUTION

All, of course, understand that the Spiritual and Temporal Relief of the Sick Poor is the main object of this Association; however, we have adopted many other charities, being most willing to aid in any good work in which our services might be useful. The Members are only obliged to the visitation of the Sick Poor, each in her turn, which could not come oftener than once a month, unless she wish for it more frequently. In every other work, the Members are quite free to render greater

or less services, or none, according to their zeal and leisure. The business and management of all our adopted charities are entirely and wholly subject to, and regulated by, the Council of this Association.

Some of the Members instruct children and adults of both sexes, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from half-past eleven till half-past twelve o'clock, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street. Persons from any parish are received and instructed.

"A poor woman, between fifty and sixty years of age, entered the church during the time of instruction. She inquired what the Ladies were doing; upon being told, she ex claimed, Oh would they tell me how to go to confession? I have not been there since I was a child, and I never received the Holy Communion. A series of instructions were given to her, to which she attended with earnestness and regularity. She has made her confession and received the Holy Communion: thankful to God, she declares she never felt such happiness before. She says she often made an attempt to go to the Sacraments, but always felt something keeping her back. She had always been living in Protestant families."

The Associates, in entering the courts and alleys in the visitation of the Sick, make strict inquiries as to where the children go to school, and labour to induce such parents as send their children to Protestant schools, to send them to approved Catholic schools, into which, through the kindness of the patrons of said schools, they give tickets for free admission, and premiums for regular attendance.

These tickets are to be had at the office of the Association, 20, Lower Dorset-street, every Friday, at twelve o'clock, from the superintendent of this department.

We find the emissaries of heresy still engaged in their un holy mission amongst our people. An unsuspecting person would be easily deceived in going amongst the class of poor with whom they tamper. Duplicity and falsehood are the lessons wherein they are instructed. We ourselves are often ap-

palled at the duplicity of children. Their young hearts betray, frequently, a skill in deceit, ill becoming lips so juvenile.

"In the month of May, a lady on the Sick Visiting duty, recognised the dress given in the S——street Protestant school, on a nice little girl, about ten or eleven years of age. Stopping the child, she charged her with having been in the above school. The lady was soon surrounded by a group of poor, the apparently innocent and artless denial of the child, deceived her for the moment. Again she repeated, whilst holding the garment, 'This dress came out of the S——school.' Hereupon, a respectable-looking woman forced her way up to the lady: 'You are right, Maam,' she said, 'that girl's mother lodges in my house, and sent her to that school, and it was there she got it. The child herself cast down her eyes, and then confessed the truth."

We have known them to deny the fact of attending such schools, though a few hours previously we had seen them issue from the school house.

The Association, during the past year, has bestowed more attention upon the Sunday-schools than upon the day-schools. Dangerous as are the latter, the Protestants do not look upon them as a denial of faith. Sunday-school, on the contrary, they consider, especially for children, equal to going to church. Such as attend, they say, are "virtually Protestants."

The great distance of Catholic free-schools from the homes of the poor, is repeatedly urged by parents of young children, as their chief reason for sending them to Protestant schools.

Confiding in the providence of God, which has so wonderfully supplied the wants of the Association, the Council of Management indulge the thought of being enabled to open an Infant School. The only fund available at present for it, is the Anti-Proselytizing Fund, which only amounts to a trifling sum, fourteen pounds, this they reserve for the purpose, trusting that, as they now make known their intentions, a charitable public will assist them to realise it, and thus make manifest, that the confidence with which they rely upon the ever-flowing fountain of charity, has not been unfounded

The school is intended for the convenience of the populous neighbourhood, known under the names of Pender's-court, Walsh s-row, Windsor-court, King's-lane, &c., &c., whence the little ones are often decoyed into the Protestant school of Mount-joy-street.

The advantages of a Catholic Infant School in this locality are manifest. Virtuous mothers, who would perish rather than peril the souls of their offspring, are, in many cases, detained at home to care young children, this necessity has already prevented parents, who are good needle-women, from availing themselves of the resources St. Mary's Industrial Institute affords. To them it would be a great advantage were their infants attended to in the Infant School, leaving them free to avail themselves of the work in the Institute.

ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

The pressing necessities of the Poor, their earnest and oft-repeated entreaties for work, in our constant intercourse with them, the advantages which an Industrial Institute presents, under the direction of an Association, together with the personal inspection and services of its Members, have induced us to try, by undertaking this, to benefit the condition of this most deserving and most suffering class. We have taken, for this purpose, the concerns, 5, Upper Dorset-street, (late Commins' Coach Factory), the work-rooms are spacious, and capable of accommodating hundreds of workers. At present a large number of persons are employed therein. A Mistress from the north of Ireland has been engaged, who understands the sewed-muslin-work or embroidery in all its branches, to teach the same gratuitously to all who may wish to learn.

We are anxious to receive orders for work of all kinds, for plain-work, muslin-embroidery, dress-making, knitting, netting, crochet, and quilting.

The Work-Mistress, (Miss Fulton), receives all orders for work, at the Institute, from 9 to 5 o'clock.

We have to record the grateful thanks of the Associates to the Council of Ireland of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, for the prompt and generous co-operation and aid which we have received from them in this good work.

The Sick Poor, also, under our care, have largely benefited by their liberality.

The expenses of establishing an Industrial Institute are, of necessity, heavy; but in so good a work, a benevolent public will not fail to assist us.

Several persons, once favoured by fortune, but now in the depth of misery, seek therein a means of support. With crushed hopes, blighted prospects, and aching hearts, they enter, and ask a Christian community to assist in saving them from that starvation which they endure, by affording them remunerative employment. We have heard there one who, though possessed a short time since of a large property, thanking God that though she had had the previous day but one meal, she was not hungry A few shavings form the bed upon which she rests her wearied limbs, and to protect her from the cold of the night,—bed-covering she has none

Another, magnifying His holy name for having, through means of her small earnings therein, been saved from the jaws of death, from which she saw no means of escaping.

Once in the enjoyment of great comfort, and then from want, and the extreme suffering of her family, broken-spirited, sad, and cheerless, she seeks for admission; hope and joy return; a new vitality seems to have been infused into her. True it is, the decent poor are easily satisfied! Come, Catholic ladies, come, see the children of sorrow, mingle your tears with theirs; listen to them whilst in patient anguish they relieve their bursting hearts; hear their tales of suffering, see the comfort which even this affords them, the consolation, the peace, the joy See all this, and say will you hesitate to give a portion of your time, and your exertions, to benefit the condition of those so dear to Him who became poor for our sake, and is pleased to be represented in their persons.

An anonymous friend has presented, as one of the prizes to be raffled, for the benefit of St. Mary's Industrial Institute, a valuable pair of pearl earrings; another, a pair of rare Turkish cushions. A silver snuff-box, and various other articles, have been given, for the same purpose, by the zealous friend of this charity, the Very Rev J Curtis, S.J

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy Mercy from Him whose smile is the light that kindleth the universe; whose justice is the beauty for which all thirst."

We earnestly invite those who have not as yet shared in our labours, to hesitate no longer. The wants and necessities of the poor are pressing, time is passing quickly away, so quickly, that we have scarcely thought upon it when eternity has engulfed the passing moment, with its cares, its joys, and its sorrows, our foolish amusements and ill-spent time.

In concluding this Report, we offer to the God of Mercy, the Father of the poor, our humble and grateful thanks for the bountiful benediction which he has bestowed on this little work of charity

Signed by the Council of Management, on behalf of the Association,

MARGARET AYLWARD, FRANCES MURRAY, AGNES MARY SCULLY, EMILY SEAVER.

Octave of Corpus Christi, Dublin, 1853

Ladies' Association of Charity

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands for Sick Poor, 10th June,	43	7	91
Do. for the branch Charities of this Association	tion, 15	17	$2\frac{1}{4}$
Donations and Subscriptions,	179	19	11
Proceeds of Raffle,	34	0	6
Donations for specified Persons and Purposes,	33	16	0
	307	1	41/2
For the distressed Poor of Cape Clear,	62	17	11
For the Industrial Institute,	56	12	10
Total,	£42	6 15	2 11/2

The Members return their grateful thanks to the charitable individuals who have kindly sent to their Office, 20, Lower Dorsetstreet, donations of old carpeting, clothing, &c., so useful for the Poor

of Saint Vincent de Paul.

EXPENDITURE

				£	s.	d.
Sick Relief,				193	3	$10\frac{1}{2}$
Office Rent,				6	10	0
Office Messenger,				2	13	11
Office Fire,			 Rotal, et 	0	5	6
Masses,				3	5	0
Printing, .				8	1	0
Stationery,				0	12	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Postage,				0	4	0
Cod-liver Oil,				0	13	6
Sick-Visiter's Manual for use of Mer	nbers of	n vis	iting du	ity, 0	3	0
Car-hire to Hospital with a Sick Po	erson,			0	0	6
Servant's attendance,				0	5	0
Raffle Stationery,				1	16	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Raffle Messenger, .				0	11	2
				£218	5	$3\frac{1}{2}$
To Specified Poor,				35	11	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Balance on hands,				53	5	$0\frac{1}{2}$
				£307	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
To the Poor of Cape Clear,				62	17	11
Expenses of Industrial Institute, Balance on hands for do.,	£34 21		$\frac{11\frac{1}{4}}{10\frac{3}{4}}$	56	12	10
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DISTRIBUTED TO THE SICK POOR.

	lbs. oz.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Tea,	$117 6\frac{1}{2}$	Milk, 28 pints.
Sugar,	884 12	Eggs, 656.
Butter,	138 0	Straw, 23½ cwt.
Meat,	536 0	Coals, 2550 sts.
Meal,	3836 12	ptavett .
Rice,	1 0	dimerke avuke
Bread,	23130 0	205 A 749 88%

Signed on behalf of the Association of Charity,

JOHN CURTIS, S. J President.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

[For the sake of brevity, we only give, in the following List, the names of Benefactors who have contributed Ten Shillings, or upwards, to the funds of the Association.]

	£	s.	d.
His Grace, THE MOST REV DR. CULLEN,			0
Council of Ireland of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,	10	0	0
Part of Dr. Doyle's bequest, per the Venerable Archdeacon			
Hamilton, for the poor of St. Michan's,	5	0	0
The Misses Farran, per the Very Rev J. Curtis, S. J.,	5	0	0
Anonymous, per do. do		10	0
Mrs. Henry, Blessington-street,	2	12	0
Mrs. Clarke, Greenmount,	2	10	0
Part of Dr. Doyle's bequest, per Rev D. O'Brien, St. Michan's	2	0	0
Matthew Brett, Esq., Lower Gardiner street,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Mrs. Rodolph Scully,	2	0	0
A Friend, per Miss Kelly, Lower Gardiner-street,	2	0	0
The Misses Byrne and Friends, Lower Dorset-street,	2	0	0
Doctor and Mrs. M'Donnell, Great Denmark-street,	1	5	0
Mrs. Roe, Blessington-street,	1	5	0
The Misses Kelly, Lower Gardiner-street,		5	0
Martin, Esqs., North-Wall,	1	5	0
Mrs. Oliver Plunkett, 14, North Great George's street,	1	4	4
Miss O'Beirne, 14, Middle Gardiner-street,	1	0	0
Miss Fellowes, London,	1	0	0
Mrs. James Roche, Cumberland-street,	1	0	0
Nicholas Doyle, Esq., Great Charles-street,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Rev W Irwin,	1	0	0
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Thomas L. Kelly, Esq., Lower Gardiner-street,	1	0	0
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Mrs. Sweetman, Fitzwilliam-square,	1	0	0
Mrs. Payler, Mountjoy-square,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Rev H. J Rorke, S. J.,	1		0
Mrs. Martin, Lower Gardiner-street,	1	0	0
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Kenelm Digby, Esq., Dover,	1	0	0
Miss M'Kenna, Thomas-street,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Cruise,	1	0	0
Mrs. Meldon, Casino, Roebuck,	1	0	0
Mrs. Coppinger, Mountjoy-square, West,	1	0	0
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Mrs. Spring, Upper Dorset-street,	1	0	0
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Mrs. Reddick, Phibsborough,			-	15	0
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Mrs. M'Dermott and Friends, Phibsborough,			STATE OF	13	0
Mr. and Mrs. Power, Sinnott-Place,				12	
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lloyd, Drumcondra,			-	12	
The Misses Hickson, Lower Dorset-street,				12	0
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Materials for Clothing,		20		10
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N.B—Subscribers are requested to examine the preceding lists, in order to ascertain whether their Names and Subscriptions have been correctly stated. Should any error or omission have occurred, they are requested to send notice of the same, directed to the Secretary, Office of the Metropolitan Association, 20, Lower Dorset-street, Dublin.

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LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHARITY

OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL,

FOR THE

RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,

And the Enstruction of the Egnorant.

"I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; naked, and you covered me; sick, and you visited me. Amen, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."—Matt. xxv

The Ladies of this Association earnestly solicit you to contribute to its funds, that whilst they endeavour, in the exercise of the spiritual works of mercy, to instruct and console the Sick Poor, they may also be enabled, through your bounty, to relieve their corporal wants.

You are also requested to interest your charitable friends in behalf of the benevolent and merciful designs of this Association.

A contribution of *One Penny* per week suffices to entitle the Subscriber to a share in all the merits of this Society

"O soul! which dwellest within fleshly, perishable walls, give whilst thou canst—give unto thyself from thy own substance, for fleeting is what thou possessest, and God offers thee a kingdom in exchange for thy works of mercy"

"Alms are compared to the dove which Noah sent from the Ark, and which returned to him in the evening with a green branch of olive, for, in the evening of our days, as death draws on, and the deluge of sorrows surrounds us, this dove will return to us, bringing confidence, peace, joy, and immortal glory"

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on the first Monday of every Month, at Eight o clock, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Subscribers and Members, and for the Sick Poor visited by the Associates, also on the 19th of July, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, and

on the 8th of December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On the last Monday of the month, the holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at the same hour, for the eternal repose of the souls of the deceased Members, as also of the Parents and Relations of the Subscribers to this Association, and for the deceased Poor who had been visited by the Associates.

This Association is composed of Active and Honorary Members. The active Members visit the sick (with a companion), each in her turn according to the order of the Register of the Society They are not required to visit in case of contagious disease

The Honorary Members, though exempt from the charitable functions of the Society, share in the merits of them, by a contribution towards their meritorious purposes.

The Active Members only are privileged to attend the Monthly Meetings, which are held in the Presbytery of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, at Twelve o clock, on the first Monday of every month, at which meetings the Very Rev J Curtis, S.J., presides.

To have a communion of prayers, and draw down the blessings of Almighty God on the Associates and their works of charity, all the members are earnestly recommended to say daily the Lord's Prayer, the Angelical Salutation, the Gloria Patri, and the Memorare, with the Invocation, "St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us."

Children and adults receive instructions, and are prepared for the sacraments, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from half-past Eleven to half-past Twelve o clock, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street.

Persons wishing to become Active Members, can speak upon the subject with the Superior on Tuesdays, at One o'clock, at the Council-Room of the Association, 20, Lower Dorset-street.

Subscriptions and Donations received and thankfully acknowledged by His Grace the Lord Archbishop, by the Rev. Gentlemen of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough-street, of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street, of St. Michan's, Anne-street, of St. Peter's, Phibsboro', and by the Members of the Association.

Dublin, Feast of the Annunciation, 1852.

Donations of old clothing, carpeting, sheets, rugs, blankets, shoes, etc. will be gratefully received at the Office of the Association, 20, Lower Dorset-street, where a box is kept to receive Subscriptions.

ST MARY'S INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE,

IN CONNEXION WITH

The Nadies' Association of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul,

DUBLIN

Specially approved of by His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr CULLEN.

The best mode of assisting the Poor is to enable them to assist themselves, by providing them with remunerative employment. This is the object of the present undertaking. The *Public* are, doubtless, aware of the extensive earnings afforded in several parts of the country to females of the humbler class, by sewed muslin and other kinds of ornamental needle-work. The demand for work of this description is unlimited, the employment it affords, is capable, consequently, of being indefinitely extended, and the wages it yields to the workers are highly encouraging in all places where it has succeeded.

Any failure of success has been owing chiefly to an effort to combine the work with general education in schools, or to an improper selection of persons, who could not afford time to occupy themselves sufficiently at it. The pupils in such cases were slow in learning the work, and had not patience to persevere till it became remunerative.

On this account it is proposed to take into employment in the present project, only such persons as will be free to devote to it their whole time, and to follow it up as a regular pursuit of industry. Persons so circumstanced, and so disposed, will, after three or four months' application, be qualified to earn from 2s. 6d. to 4s. a week, which, of course, will increase according to the quality and quantity of work they will be capable of executing by continued practice.

The friends of charity may easily calculate what a source of benefit such employment would open up to the Poor It is not too much to say, that in a population of one thousand poor families, there is one female in each, on an average, whose services could be entirely spared from the works and wants of the family Such a population would, therefore, furnish one thousand workers, who, at the rate for instance of 3s. per week each, would earn a total of £150 each week, or £7,500 a year What a sum to distribute amongst the poor of a district, and how much more serviceable to the recipients than if it were given in the way of gratuitous charity'

The Institute further proposes to avail itself, according to opportunity, of every prudent speculation that shall present itself for the advantage of the workers in every kind of employment suitable to females.

By thus enabling the poor to support themselves, it will be diminishing the demands upon public charity, and maintaining that self-reliance so desirable to be upheld amongst the humbler classes.

The Ladies of the Association of Charity have daily opportunities of seeing the distressing want of employment that so extensively exists amongst the Poor. They also witness their decided objection to any eleemosynary relief, if they only had the most scanty earnings for their support. The Association, therefore, with the approbation of his Grace, the Archbishop, presents this project most respectfully to the benevolent consideration of a bountiful *Public*, trusting they will deem it worthy their best encouragement and support.

A house is to be engaged and suitably appointed for the purpose, a duly qualified teacher to be employed, and encouragement to be given to the workers during the period of instruction, until the

work become in some degree remunerative.

To meet these various demands to the extent they may well be expected, means to a considerable amount shall be needed, and not being at liberty to divert their funds from the Sick Poor, who are the special objects of their charity, the Association will have to create a particular fund for the purpose of this Industrial Institute.

Contributions will be gratefully received by His Grace, the Archbishop, 55, Eccles-street, the Very Rev Dr. Yore, V G., 69, Queen-street, the Very Rev John Curtis, S. J., Upper Gardiner-street, Guardian of the Institute, the Rev Thomas M'Namara, St. Peter's, Phibsboro', Sir John Power, Bart, 20, Harcourt-street, Sir Edward M'Donnel, 31, Merrion-square, South, Frederick Lucas, Esq., M. P., 21, Hardwickestreet, Michael Errington, Esq., Victoria-Terrace, Kingstown, James O'Ferrall, Esq., Gresham-Terrace, Kingstown, Henry W Wilberforce, Esq., 5, Crosthwaite-Terrace, Kingstown, Michael Powell, Esq., 13, Fitzwilliam-Square, East, Charles Bianconi, Esq., Longfield, and by the Ladies of the Association of Charity

The above Institute is now opened, at No. 5, Upper Dorset-street. Orders for all sorts of plain and fancy work are earnestly solicited.

St. Mary's Industrial Institute,

5, UPPER DORSET-STREET,

NEAR DOMINICK-STREET,

(LATE COMMINS' COACH FACTORY.)

THE Public are respectfully informed, that, at the above Institute, all sorts of Plain-work, Shirts, &c., are promptly and neatly executed. Also, Church Linen, Surplices, Soutanes, &c., made and repaired. Muslin Embroidery, Collars, &c., Knitting, Crochet, Netting, Quilting, Dress-making.

The object of this Institute being solely to benefit the condition of that distressed, but truly deserving portion of the community, viz., the Industrious Poor, will, it is hoped, meet with the generous and ready support of a benevolent Public.

Females are gratuitously instructed in Muslin Embroidery by a duly-qualified Mistress, who has been engaged for the purpose. When they can embroider well, they are always sure of remunerative employment.

Orders for work are respectfully solicited, and received by the Work-Mistress, from Nine till Five o'Clock.

All kinds of work satisfactorily executed for Churches, Families, Colleges, Merchants, Outfitters, Shop-Keepers, Hotels, &c.

Persons wishing to be admitted as workers, must bring with them a character for honesty and general good conduct.

Charges will be found moderate.