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OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL,

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

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*At a Meeting of the above Association, held on the 21st of  
June, 1855, in the Presbytery of the Church of the Imma-  
culate Conception, Marlborough-street,*

THE REV THOMAS POPE, ADM., PRESIDING,

*The following Report was read and adopted.*

THE Council of Management submit to your consideration the following Report of the proceedings of the Association of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, during the year which has passed, the Fourth of its existence in the metropolis.

Each year, as it elapsed, has found this little work of charity established on a more solid basis. Increased experience has been acquired by the members from their frequent intercourse with the Poor.

Several families, reduced to extreme want by protracted illness, have been raised from their misery by the timely aid and encouragement afforded them by its means, and placed in a position to fill again their former place in society, and support themselves comfortably and respectably.

The severity of the past winter called forth an increased amount of exertion on the part of the Associates, the sufferings of the Poor being almost unparalleled during the protracted season of frost and snow.

Three sets of visitors were obliged for a long period to go daily amongst them, to alleviate in some degree their wants by a little timely relief.

The charity of a few good persons enabled us, by means of a small fund, to relieve some of the *Destitute* Poor, as well as those who were struck down by sickness.

The Sick Poor have received Relief since our last Annual Meeting, in Food, Coals, Straw, &c. &c., to the amount of £242 19s. 7¼d., the Destitute, to the amount of £13 4s. 6½d.; making a total of £256 4s. 1¾d. Could the Benefactors of this charity but see the good effects of their alms in many instances, they would feel repayed in some degree for their generosity

The number of Active Members announced in our last Report as entered on our Register, was 119 Since then, 9 have entered their names, making a total of 128.

We have with regret to record the death of one Active Member, the second which has taken place since the establishment of the Association.

We have not the services of all those registered, for some have left Dublin, and are settled in various places, where, in many instances, they have proved themselves not unmindful of the duties of Christian charity

Our visiting staff would be more numerous still, were educated Catholics alive to the advantages arising both to rich and poor from constant mutual intercourse. The sorrows of the necessitous frequently paralyse their energy, and without it how can they escape the perils of destitution? And oh! how quickly are temptations strown upon the path of the very poor The snares of the proselytiser are spread under their feet, and if the love of Divine truth still glows within their breasts, and preserves them for a while, the fatal spirit shop presents a stimulus to their cold, and weak, and scantily-

nourished frame. To avert such evils from the Poor is the aim of the Association of St. Vincent.

Not by money alone do the Associates labour to effect their object their counsel, their care, is even more valuable than the pecuniary relief bestowed. It is not by lavishing large alms the Poor are to be lastingly or materially served, it is by teaching them their own dignity, the dignity of children of God; by instilling into them high principles of morality, habits of industry and order, and by teaching them the practice of true confidence in God, namely, an unbounded reliance on Him, whilst using every possible exertion on their own part.

The poor will not understand nor practise these lessons in a moment, patient, earnest, gentle perseverance, is necessary on the part of those who for God's sake engage themselves in their service. We must prove to them that we are their true friends, that we seek their eternal, much more than their temporal, welfare.

“ The widow —— is one of those cases where success blessed the efforts of the Ladies. The Association was called upon to attend a respectable tradesman. In health he earned twenty-five shillings a-week, but he lay stretched upon the couch of sickness, when they paid him their first visit. His room was a model of neatness, five children, blooming in infant beauty, hung around his now disconsolate wife. Death was coming apace upon the poor man.

“ In another month the young wife had become a mourning widow Day after day, hot tears chased each other down her cheeks. She sat upon her bed clasping the youngest child in agonies of grief and hopelessness. The Poor-house stared her in the face, few saw any prospect of self-support for her, for she knew not how to sew nor to wash. But widow —— became the object of untiring, zealous care to one of the Associates. This charitable Lady visited her frequently, encouraged her, procured her employment in a family, we may say that she educated the widow, for she taught her to rely upon self-exertion. Having relieved her of the eldest girl, by

placing her in an orphan-asylum, she led the mother on, step by step, from one employment to another. The widow never desponds now. With a grateful, confiding heart, she blesses God, and the glorious Mother of God, for the Divine protection she has experienced. By her honesty, activity, and industry, she has made 'a connexion' for herself, and is, at present, raised above want."

The average number of cases on the Sick Visiting Rolls has been about 40 each week.

30 Deaths took place amongst the Sick Poor under our care during the past year.

260 cases have been relieved in that period, 1300 individuals dependent on them, have, consequently, received relief from the Association.

5890 Visits have been paid to the Sick Poor during the past year by the Active Members of this Association.

260 articles of old Clothing have been distributed, besides 26 Blankets and 34 Quilts.

The expenditure for Cod liver oil will be found in the Financial Report greater than last year, but we have found it of such incalculable benefit to the Poor in cases of Scrofula and affections of the lungs, that we have thought it well to say a word about it here, for the advantage of those charitable persons who interest themselves in benefitting the condition of these poor sufferers.

We have gratefully to acknowledge a donation of blankets from an anonymous friend during last winter's season of frost and snow.

Again we have to testify our gratitude to the "Charitable Lady" mentioned in our last Report as having given some handsome prizes for the Raffle. To her we are indebted for some of the beautiful Prizes drawn at the Lottery held on the Feast of St. Joseph last; amongst others, a large figure, exquisitely modelled in wax,—(the scourging of our Lord at the pillar).

We also wish to record our grateful thanks to the good Nuns of St. Mary's Priory, Princethorpe, and of the Benedictine Convent, Winchester, for their numerous and valuable gifts.

*Jane Aylward at school here*

With reference to the Annual Lottery, now fixed for the 19th of March, the Feast of St. Joseph, we are anxious to request the friends of Charity to aid our exertions on behalf of the Poor, by giving or procuring Prizes.

We are happy to say we realised by the Lottery £47 2s. 3d. An anonymous "Friend of the Poor" has generously presented us with a valuable gold chain, to be raffled during the coming year.

Our late respected Vice-President, the Very Rev. Dr. Taylor, having been appointed to a Parish in his native diocese, that office became vacant. With the approbation and concurrence of His Grace the Archbishop, the Rev. Edward M'Cabe, of St. Mary's, was solicited, and charitably consented to act in that capacity. We cannot speak too highly of his untiring and laborious zeal in the cause of the Sick and Poor. This Association owes him a deep debt of gratitude, for his willingness at all times to sacrifice his time and his convenience to forward its interests.

Some charitable persons give from time to time contributions towards a fund, called by us the Anti-Proselytising Fund. To such, the subjoined sketch will not be found uninteresting, showing as it does the application of some portion of it.

"In the depth of last winter's snow, the attention of one of the Ladies of St. Vincent, out on the usual Sick Visitation, was called to the case of a little orphan girl. Her mother, her last surviving parent, had died the day previous, and left this poor child a lone being upon the world, kith and kin, all, with the exception of a step-brother, were gone to America.

"The step-brother, who had a wife and child of his own, lodged in a wretched place. The frameless windows, and large apertures in the boards, gave the Visitors, who first went in search of the child, the idea of the house being tenantless, who could inhabit that dwelling? They passed on, and the pursuit might have been a long one, had not a woman from the neighbouring street volunteered as guide.

“ Ascending the crumbling staircase, they met a shirt-maker, who also lodged in the house. To their questions they received saddening replies.

“ The innocent orphan was carried daily to the Protestant school in Sackville-street—and more—it was strongly intimated, that the step-brother was ready to barter away its faith for a maintenance, the narrator, all the while, appearing to hold him blameless poverty, in the eyes of some, is an apology for treason. It was an appalling scene, the exterior desolation seeming but too indicative of the recklessness of these poor creatures.

“ The Ladies strove to get the child into the Parochial Female Orphan Asylum, they could not—there was no room. Weeks went on, the family wandered into another court, and the risk of the poor little girl’s salvation increased. But, Providence interposed, the Rev Mr M’Mahon kindly consented to take her into the Josephian Orphan House, Wellington-street, on consideration of the Association of St. Vincent paying £10 out of their ‘ Special Fund’ for such purposes.

“ This little girl is now in that happy home. The Ladies of St. Vincent, confiding in the charity of Catholics, trust they may have means afforded to them of rescuing other orphans from similar dangers.”

The following extract from a letter, received by one of the Members from a good Priest in a remote part of Ireland, will probably not be found uninteresting.

“ It affords me the utmost gratification to see that the Association is taking a hold upon the public mind, more and more each year, as the increasing ‘ balance on hands’ evinces, after a correspondingly large expenditure. I fear, however, that the many objects, which the awful severity of the present season, and the high prices for the necessaries of life, must necessarily throw in your way, will leave very little as a ‘ balance on hands’ for the next report to record.

“ And I think, at all times, in so wide a field as Dublin,



where so much distress and misery must prevail, that it cannot but be morally and physically impossible to hunt out and give relief to half the number of cases that might otherwise be fairly considered objects coming within the domain of your sympathy and assistance.

“ I have perused with deep and thrilling interest your unostentatious Annual Reports. Oh! it is a grand and a high privilege, whilst relieving the most crying physical necessities, to be, at the same time, *subordinate* saviours of souls, and this is exactly what your society is daily engaged at, and I believe few can conceive the full extent of the requirements of such an Association in such places as Dublin, where misery the most awful, temporal and spiritual, would otherwise exist unrelieved, and pass away unnoticed.

“ I wish the Reports were diffused as widely as possible. Much benefit to the Association, or rather to God's poor, through it, would result therefrom. There is no genuine Irish Priest, that reading them, would not assist you in some way. If too poor, owing to his own immediate wants, or some more pressing demands near home, to afford money, he would not fail to say a Mass, or offer a prayer for your success. And as I wish always to support an opinion by some sort of proof, I will beg your attention to the passage in page 11 of your First Report, where the poor mother, referring to the deceased little ‘ Joseph,’ says, ‘ And we were saying, if ever God raised us again in the world, we would do without eating or drinking for three days, that we might get Mass said for his soul!’

“ Who could resist that most eloquent appeal, and pious, heroic aspiration of that poor devoted Mother? Would fast for three days and three nights! though, at this time, perhaps, too well acquainted already with the sad and terrible necessity of fasting. I do not believe, that under the sun you would get a heart to suggest such a burning eloquent idea as that, save among God's *poor* on the *Irish soil*.

“ Her aspiration was not destined to go unrequited. Even in the remote wilds of the West it was heard, and the Mass *was* said for the poor boy, whose memory her maternal piety

had so fondly cherished, and towards whom the stern necessity of poverty alone put bounds to her glowing charity. That is one reason why I would desire the wide dissemination of the Reports.

“ If my poor prayers be of any avail, they shall be poured out from a sincere heart for yourselves individually, and your success as an Association Go-on, prosper, make as many as possible join you. Happy they who do And any one who lends you the smallest aid, in any possible way, has my humble, but sincere and fervent blessing.”

We wish to apprise the Patrons of this Charity, that, in consequence of the landlord giving up the house, at 20, Lower Dorset-street, where the Council Meetings were held since its establishment, we have removed to 6, Middle Gardiner-street, where the Weekly Meetings are now held, and sick calls received.

For the satisfaction of those who are anxious to hear some details of the Sick Poor, we subjoin the following.

“ In the month of February last, two ladies, who had for that day the care of inspecting the cases before their being put on for general visitation for the ensuing week, set out on their mission of charity It was Sunday. The snow was deep upon the ground, the air piercingly cold. In one of the narrow lanes of St. Michan's parish, they sought a poor sick woman, to whom they brought relief. On a damp earthen floor a few particles of straw were strown to serve as a bed for this poor widow her tattered garments and the squalid appearance of her son, a lad earning three or four shillings a-week, almost the sole support of his mother and little sister, sufficiently indicated the poverty of the whole. This day was rather a feast-day with them; they showed us a sheep's head, from which they were making broth, as the son, she said, required nourishment, but anything like that he would not get again for the whole week.

“ But withal, charity burned brightly within their hearts, and, as we shall see, they were giving even from their scantiness.

“ Before we left, she said, ‘ There is a decent tradesman’s family in this house, who will, I fear, be found dead in their room of starvation. Turning to her children she said, earnestly, ‘ Did you hear any stir in the room to-day?’ They answered in the negative. ‘ They have not eaten a bit,’ she said, ‘ to-day, (it was then late) ‘ *I sent them something yesterday.*’ That poor starved creature sharing with her poorer neighbour!

“ The visitors entered their room near a few embers was seated the father of the family, a respectable old man the wife, whose countenance was overspread with ashy paleness, exclaimed, as we entered, ‘ Ladies, we’re very badly off. She was suffering from violent cough, no food had been in that room since the previous day, desolation reigned in and around the habitation. A cup of cold water was placed near the poor sufferer She had sent her little boy to Drumcondra, to try and borrow a few pence. Two daughters, besides, had to be supported one who had been in service, with good discharges, but no clothes now to make ‘ an appearance.

“ Having given them what would supply their temporal wants, inquired about their souls’ concerns.

“ The poor man had not been to confession for about seven years. One of the Ladies undertook the care of instructing and preparing him to go to his duty, she frequently visited him in his poor abode. He made his confession. Clothes were given to him to look for work, and some work was procured for him. His daughter’s clothes were released, and she was placed in a situation.

“ The prospects of the family began to brighten. The poor man frequented his duty regularly A short time since, in crossing C—— bridge, an orange-peel got under his foot, he fell, and was hurt severely Death was advancing slowly and steadily

“ A few hours since, we went to see that poor sufferer. Upon entering his room, we were greeted by the tears and sobs of his family His sufferings were at an end. The spirit had passed away A calm and placid look now replaced that of bitter, but patient endurance

“ After having joined with the family in prayer for the departed, we entered into conversation with his poor wife. ‘ The *starvation* of the winter, she said, bursting into tears, ‘ it was that came against him now, he wasn’t used to it. ”

“ In the Parish of St. Mary’s, our attention was directed to the case of a young woman, ill, and in extreme want her husband, whose family were highly respectable, had lately held a situation under government, which by some inadvertence he had lost.

“ Both were in a state of great depression of mind. The poor young man had no clothes sufficiently good to seek for a situation. We were glad to have them to send him, and to give them support. He succeeded in procuring a situation, and has written a letter full of thanks and gratitude for the help afforded to them in their hour of need.”

Our respected President, the Very Rev J Curtis, having, with his wonted zeal, a deep anxiety that this charity should be established on as solid a basis as was possible, and believing, as he announced at our meetings, that it being a Parochial charity, it never would be on a sufficiently solid foundation till it was attached to the Parish Church, the Rev. Edward M’Cabe, of St. Mary’s, Marlborough-street, on the part of the Clergymen of that Church, expressed to him, (as will appear by the subjoined letter), their willingness to second his wishes, and to do that which the Rev Mr Curtis’s experience led him to believe desirable for the stability of a charity, which had in so short a time effected so much good amongst the poorer classes.

The following is the letter above alluded to :—

“ Very Rev. and Dear Sir,

“ I had on this day a visit from two Ladies, consequent upon an interview which they had with you in reference to the future position of the Ladies’ Association of Charity

“ Some time since we were given to understand, that at a monthly meeting of the Association, you expressed an opinion,

that the society, as being a parochial institution, having for its object the relief and instruction of the Sick Poor of these united parishes, ought to be placed on a parochial basis, by being affiliated to the parish church.

“ The matter having been mentioned to the Archbishop, he gave his full assent and approbation to the contemplated change. The Clergy with whom I have the happiness of being associated, fully sensible of the immense good effected by this pious society in its intercourse with the Sick Poor under their care, expressed the greatest willingness to give their cordial co-operation to the carrying into effect the suggested change, as being deemed conducive, by you and the Archbishop, to the permanency of an institution productive of so many blessings to the Poor.

“ As the fourth year of the existence of the society is drawing to a close, perhaps we could not look for a more fitting occasion for inaugurating it as a parochial institution, than that which the coming Annual Meeting will offer. If, therefore, you do not deem it detrimental to the interests of the Association, we are prepared to open our church to the next Annual Meeting.

“ I am sure that I speak the sentiments of all the parochial Clergy, when, in the name of the Sick Poor, who are our portion, I thank you most sincerely for the encouragement which you have given to a society, which for four years has been the source of many blessings, and which is, I trust, destined to extend its sphere of usefulness, and to multiply a hundred-fold in future years its past charities.

“ Whilst thanking you for all your kindness, let me express a hope, that this Association, to the stability of which you have so largely contributed, may not lose for many years the benefit of your counsel and encouragement.

“ Believe me, Very Rev and dear Sir,

“ Faithfully yours,

“ EDWARD M'CABE.”

We take the following extract from the Rev Mr. Curtis's reply:—

“... I feel happy in the reflection that the advantages of the Association are now so fully understood, and that it has so firm a hold on the public favour. I sincerely hope, that it will advance in prosperity, and extend yet more the sphere of its utility. For my part, I shall lose no opportunity for promoting its welfare.”

In concluding this Report, and committing to the care of Divine Providence, this work of charity, and testifying our gratitude for the blessing which has been bestowed upon it, a few words of St. Vincent, whilst addressing a meeting, (such as this,) of the Ladies of Charity in Paris, will not be inappropriately dwelt on. “During the last year, some Members of your Association have departed this life: and, O Saviour! had they been told the last time they assembled here, that God would call them out of this life before their next meeting, what reflections would they not have made on the shortness of this life, and on the importance of spending it well! How much would they not have esteemed the practice of good works, and what resolutions would they not have made to devote themselves to the love of God and their neighbour with greater earnestness and fervour than ever. Let us give ourselves to God to enter into those sentiments. They are now in the enjoyment of glory, as we have reason to hope, they experience how good it is to serve God, and to assist the poor, and on the great day of judgment they shall hear these consoling words addressed to them by the Son of God.—‘Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you; for I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; naked, and you clothed me, sick, and you visited and relieved me.

“Let us then make to God the offering which is so beautiful and meritorious in His sight,—the offering of ourselves, in order that, whilst the opportunity presents itself, we may render ourselves worthy of joining on a future day that happy

band who are in the enjoyment of glory ; and let us now, for that object, propose to ourselves the good we would wish to do, if we were persuaded the present would be the last meeting of the Association which we should ever attend."

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

MARGARET AYLWARD,  
 AGNES MARY SCULLY,  
 FRANCES MURRAY,  
 JANE O'HAGAN,  
 MARGARET MARA.

Balance on hand for Sick Poor, ...	£ 2	11	0
...	£ 365	5	3
...	£ 11	4	0
...	£ 19	8	0
...	£ 13	4	0
<b>Total,</b>	<b>£ 400</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>


...	120	0	...	117	0	...	300
...	200	10	...	75	0	...	...
...	120	0	...	...	...	...	...
...	250	0	...	...	...	...	...
...	1000	10	...	...	...	...	...

The Members return their grateful thanks to the charitable individuals who have kindly sent to their Office, 6, Middle Garden-street, donations of old carpeting, clothing, &c., so useful for the Poor.

## Ladies' Association of Charity

RECEIPTS FROM 10th JUNE, 1854, TO 12th JUNE, 1855.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands for Sick Poor, .. .	89	6	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Donations and Subscriptions, . . .	196	3	11
Proceeds of Charity Sermon, .. .	35	15	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Proceeds of Lottery, . . .	47	2	3
	£368 8 2 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Balance on hands—Anti-Proselytising Fund,	12	15	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Donation for do., .. .	1	0	0
Balance on hands—St. Mary's Industrial Institute,	7	10	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Receipts for do. do.	2	18	0
Destitute Poor Fund,	13	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£405 15 9 $\frac{3}{4}$		
Total,	£405 15 9 $\frac{3}{4}$		


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## of Saint Vincent De Paul.

EXPENDITURE FROM 10th JUNE, 1854, TO 12th JUNE, 1855.

	£	s.	d.
Sick Relief, ... ..	242	19	7½
Office Rent, ... ..	8	13	4
Office Messenger,	2	14	10
Office Fire, .	0	10	4½
Office Furniture, . . . .	3	9	7
Removal of Furniture to new Office, &c., ...	0	3	1
Papering and Painting former Office, ...	1	13	1
Masses, . . . . .	3	5	0
Printing, Printing Reports, Stationery, .	10	11	2
Postage, ... ..	0	9	8
Book-keeper, . . . . .	0	8	0
Cod-liver Oil, . . . . .	0	19	8
Wine, . . . . .	0	3	0
Car-hire for Patients to Hospital, ... ..	0	2	0
Collecting-boxes, ... ..	0	16	6
Beads, Crosses, &c., for the Poor,	0	12	7½
Prize for Raffle, ... ..	0	16	0
Servant's attendance at Meetings, ... ..	0	7	0
Money to the Poor for purposes specified by the Donors,	5	1	0
Printing, Advertisements, &c., for Lottery, ...	5	12	1
Printing, Advertisements, & general expenses for Sermon,	10	17	8
	300	5	3½
Balance on hands for Sick Poor,	68	2	11
	£368	8	2½
Paid from Anti-Proselytising Fund, £11 4 8 } Balance on hands, . . . . . 2 10 4½ } Expenses of St. Mary's Industrial Institute, Paid from Destitute Poor Fund, ...	13	15	0½
	10	8	0¾
	13	4	6½
Total,	£405	15	9¾

RELIEF IN KIND, GIVEN TO SICK POOR.

	lbs.	oz.		lbs.	oz.	
Bread,	12048	0	Cocoa,	117	0	362 Eggs.
Meal,	2452	12	Butter,	73	½	63 Straw Beds.
Meat,	124	4	Rice,	9	4	36 Candles.
Tea,	234	2	Soap,	2	0	91 Quarts of Milk.
Sugar,	1029	13				4350 Stones of Coal.

*Signed on behalf of the Association of Charity,*

THOMAS POPE, *Administrator.*

## 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,	2	0	0
Do. do. Rome,	5	0	0
Council of Ireland of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,	20	0	0
Bequest of the late Oliver Plunket, Esq., North Great George's-street,	5	0	0
An Honorary Member, per Very Rev. J. Curtis, S.J.,	5	0	0
Rev E. M'Cabe, St. Mary's, Marlborough-street,	5	0	0
Mrs. Connolly, Kilmore, per Rev E. M'Cabe, St. Mary's,	5	0	0
Richard Spring, Esq., Dorset-street,	5	0	0
M. S. Anonymous, per Miss Aylward,	4	0	0
Matthew Brett, Esq., Lower Gardiner-street,	3	0	0
Mrs. J. Henry and Family, Kingstown,	2	12	0
Miss Farrant, Montague-street, Portman-square, London,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Corbally,	2	0	0
The Misses Byrne, Lower Dorset-street,	2	0	0
Mrs. Meldon, Casino, Roebuck,	1	10	0
Mrs. Connolly and Family, Marlborough-street,	1	10	0
The Misses Lenehan, Hardwicke-street,	1	5	0
Per Miss R. Cruise, Malahide,	1	1	8
John Martin, Esq., North-Wall,	1	0	0
Richard Martin, Esq., do.	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Very Rev. J. Curtis, S.J.,	1	0	0
Nicholas Doyle, Esq., Great Charles-street,	1	0	0
Mrs. Markey and Family, Glasspistol,	1	0	0
Mrs. Doherty, Westland-row,	1	0	0
Mrs. and Miss Keshan, Dalkey	1	0	0
Doctor Shannon, Great Brunswick-street,	1	0	0
Mrs. Spring, Dorset-street,	1	0	0
Mrs. Jeffers, Pembroke-road,	1	0	0
Mrs. Smith, Eccles-street,	1	0	0
Mrs. Payne, Fitzgibbon-street,	1	0	0
Mrs. Byrne, Besborough-terrace,	1	0	0
Kenelm Digby, Esq., Tunbridge-Wells,	1	0	0
Mrs. Digby, do.	1	0	0
Mrs. Dillon, do.	1	0	0
Alfred Trevellyan, Esq., Kingstown,	1	0	0
Thomas L. Kelly, Esq., Lower Gardiner-street,	1	0	0
Do. do. 2nd),	1	0	0
Rev Dr. Taylor,	1	0	0
Rev Dr. Marshall,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Dr. M'Veigh,	1	0	0
Mrs. James Campbell, per Miss Campbell,	1	0	0
Mrs. Ennis, per Very Rev. J. Curtis, S.J.,	1	0	0
The Misses Ennis, per do.	1	0	0
Henry Smyth, Esq., Eccles-street,	1	0	0
Miss O'Beirne, Rathmines-road,	1	0	0
Rev J M'Cann, St. Michan's,	1	0	0
Mrs. Oliver Plunket,	1	0	0
G. B. O'Kelly, Esq., Rutland-square,	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
A Friend, Clontarf,	1	0	0
Mrs. Nugent, Belvedere-place,	1	0	0
Mrs. Rowe, Blessington-street,	1	0	0
Rev. E. M'Cabe, Marlborough-street, .. (2nd),	1	0	0
Miss Esmonde White, Talbot-street,	1	0	0
—— Forde, Esq.,	1	0	0
The Misses Taaffe, Cherrymount, ..	0	15	0
Mrs. Aungier and Family,	0	15	0
Mrs. and the Misses Gernon, Rokeby, Booterstown,	0	13	0
Mrs. D'Arcy and Family, New Forest, ..	0	13	0
Miss Daly, North Great George's-street,	0	13	0
The Misses Jones, Upper Rutland-street,	0	13	0
Mrs. Migh and Family, Upper Dorset-street,	0	13	0
A Lady, per Very Rev J Curtis, S.J.,	0	10	0
Mrs. and Master Corbally, Rathbeale,	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Pilsworth, Eccles-street, ..	0	10	0
Lady Bradstreet, Crescent,	0	10	0
Rev. J Smyth, Lower Exchange-street,	0	10	0
Miss Aylmer, Hardwicke-street, . . .	0	10	0
Mrs. Morris, Paris, per Miss Barry, . . .	0	10	0
The Misses Gaynor, Belvedere-place,	0	10	0
Madame Bautier, Lower Dorset-street,	0	10	0
Mrs. Payne, .. (2nd),	0	10	0
Mrs. Calderwood, D'Olier-street,	0	10	0
Mrs. Russell, Co. Meath,	0	10	0
Mr. Powell, Thomas-street, . . .	0	10	0
Mr. Delany, Gregg's-lane,	0	10	0
Mrs. Ryan, Moore-street, ..	0	10	0
Mrs. Fitzhenry, Capel-street,	0	10	0
Miss Doyle, Mary-street,	0	10	0
John Queely, Esq., Marlborough-street,	0	10	0
The Venerable Archdeacon Hamilton, P.P., St. Michan's	0	10	0
Rev E. M'Cabe, Marlborough-street, .. (3rd),	0	10	0
Rev W Irwin, do.	0	10	0
Rev J Mulligan, do.	0	10	0
Rev R. Woods, do.	0	10	0
Rev. M. Staunton, do. ..	0	10	0
Rev P O'Neil, do. . .	0	10	0
Rev. J Crotty, Waterford,	0	10	0
Miss Kelly, Church-Park, Ardee,	0	10	0
Miss Graham, North Brunswick-street,	0	10	0
A Rev. Friend, per Miss Barklie, . . .	0	10	0

Active Members give their Contributions (*secretly* at the monthly meetings, where a bag-collection is made.

#### DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

Rev T Pope, Marlborough-street, for a poor Widow, . . .	2	10	0
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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, 6, Middle-Gardiner-street, Dublin.

## ANTI-PROSELYTISING FUND.

RECEIPTS FROM 10th JUNE, 1854, TO 12th JUNE, 1855,

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands,	12	15	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Anonymous per Mrs. Scully,	1	0	0
	£13 15 0 $\frac{1}{4}$		

### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To a Widow to assist her in business,	1	0	0
Paid for Food for Children,	0	4	8
To placing an Orphan in Josephian Orphan House, Wellington-street,	10	0	0
	11 4 8		
Balance now on hands,	2	10	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	£13 15 0 $\frac{1}{4}$		

## ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands,	7	10	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mr. and Mrs. Errington,	2	0	0
Cash received for Stove, &c.,	0	18	0
	£10 8 0 $\frac{3}{4}$		

### EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Materials provided for Workers, &c.,	3	17	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Assisting nine poor People in the dealing line,	1	15	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
To a poor Family commencing business,	2	0	0
Assisting a poor Woman in the vegetable trade,	1	0	0
Releasing Clothes for seven poor Persons, to enable them to take situations,	1	5	2
Purchasing Working Implements for Labourers,	0	8	6
Two Advertisements to procure a Situation for a Servant,	0	1	0
	£10 8 0 $\frac{3}{4}$		

## DESTITUTE POOR FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Per Very Rev J Curtis, S. J	7	11	6
Mrs. Ennis,	3	0	0
Mrs. Payne,	1	0	0
Per Very Rev J Curtis, S.J., for coals,	1	0	0
Miss Ellen Ryan,	0	5	0
Anonymous, ..	0	8	0½
	£13	4	6½

### EXPENDITURE.

Bread,	lbs. oz.		lbs. oz.	
Meal,	680 0	Butter,	0 2	}
Meat	118 0	Flour,	7 8	
Cocoa,	9 12	Soap	8	
Tea,	41 12	1½ Quart of Milk.		
Sugar,	0 22	5 Candles.		
	54 2	452 Stones of Coal.		
			£13 4 6½	

60 Destitute Families were relieved by the above.

THOMAS POPE, *Administrator*

J. M. J. W.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHARITY

OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL,

FOR THE

RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,

And the Instruction of the Ignorant.

*"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 the 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, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough-street, 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 the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough-street, at Twelve o'clock, on the first Monday of every month, at which meetings the Archbishop, or a Clergyman appointed by him, 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 the Immaculate Conception Marlborough-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, 6, Middle Gardiner-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, 1855.

 Donations of old clothing, carpeting, sheets, rugs, blankets, shoes, etc. will be gratefully received at the Office of the Association, 6, Middle Gardiner-street, where a box is kept to receive Subscriptions.