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

A Meeting of the above Association was held on the 1st of December, 1857, in the New Chapel attached to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough-street,

THE VERY REV CANON POPE, ADM., PRESIDING

Amongst the Clergymen present were the Very Rev. Canon M'Cabe, PP, Very Rev Dr Russell, O.P, Very Rev J Curtis, S.J, Rev. W Irwin, Rev E O'Neill, Rev Dr. Murray, Rev. W Purcell, Rev M. Cuffe, Rev C. O'Neill, Rev W H. Anderdon, C.U Rev. J Dwyer, S.J, and Rev J Fox, O.M.I.

The following Report was read and adopted

The account which we submit to-day runs from the 2nd of June, 1856, to the 2nd of June, 1857 Various circumstances rendered the postponement of the present meeting desirable, but it would not be altogether so late only for the absence of our revered President. We wish not only to do our work with his approbation, but (as far as may be) under his eyes, and be in his hand the humble handmaids of Holy Church.

We give thanks to God and our Lady for the blessings that He has given our work during the past year. The Sick Poor have been relieved to a large extent, their tears dried up, and their spiritual welfare also attended to. Our Members have worked in harmony and charity, have mutually edified each other, and profited by the great spiritual helps provided for them by this Association.

But, to encourage each other in the good work, and to show our patrons and benefactors to what account their kindness has been turned, we give some particulars.

During the year, the Association has had on its books 226 cases of Sick Poor In general each of these cases stands for a whole family, and thus, somewhere about 1,150 individuals have felt the charity of the Association.

To these 226 cases, 4,695 visits have been paid, which shows that, as a rule, each case has received due attention, that the sick have been tended and relieved till they were re-established and at their work again. By our balance-sheet it will appear, that almost every kind of relief has been given—food, clothing, bedding, medicine, and money—thus showing that discrimination has been exercised, and the relief suited to the case.

Some persons who had filled good situations were reduced, by the mysterious hand of Providence, to the necessity of applying to our Association. Our Members have watched them with special care, and, in some cases, have been the means of restoring them to their position in society

The Association has received during the year, (exclusive of Orphan fund), the sum of £250 9s $5\frac{1}{2}d$., and has made the Almighty a debtor to the members and benefactors to the amount of £259 3s $0\frac{1}{4}d$., which for them has been given to the poor

330 articles of dress, old clothing, blankets, quilts, &c., have been given to the poor

The poor man's bed (straw), which, alas is often a great boon, has been given to every one that asked it.

During the year, 22 deaths have occurred among the Poor, they have edified us by their patience and resignation—have been fortified by the sacraments of the Church, and have, we hope, gone to God, where there is no mourning any more.

One of our Members has deceased—being only the third since our foundation. She was full of love and charity for the Poor Not content with her appointed days of visitation, she went among her Saviour's friends almost every day. She has had her reward. We visited her several times in her last sickness, and she told us all her fears were vanishing as she drew near to eternity. "Indeed," said she, "I wonder at myself, I, who used to be so fearful, can now look at death, and even wish for it, but I'm sure," she continued, "it is the prayers of the Poor that have obtained for me this grace and joy." She still lives in the hearts of the Poor, and they pray unceasingly for her One poor woman begged to be taken out of her bed and carried to see her remains. May the Father of the Poor receive her soul.

In the course of the year we have received 26 new Members, who will supply the places of some, who, by change of residence, have been conducted by a good God to sow the seeds of St. Vincent's works in other localities.

We must not omit to notice one of the most beautiful works of the year—the spiritual retreat, which took place in the last week of January At the last Annual Meeting, His Grace an nounced the retreat, and gave us for that purpose the Chapel attached to the Cathedral We applied to Dr Dowley, and he, in his great charity, arranged that one of his Priests should give us the retreat. The different associations of the city and suburbs were invited, and it was cheering to see almost all the Ladies of Charity assembled every day at the exercises, and

with singular punctuality They could not be less than three hundred. They came from Rathmines, Clontarf, Kingstown, and thronged the Chapel—it was a blessed reunion. All were delighted, many came to us to beg that we would express their gratitude to the good Father Lynch, and indeed we trust it may be many a long year before we forget his beautiful and practical lectures.

These figures and facts, so gratifying, do not, however, measure the amount of good done. Many of the ladies, while engaged in the visitation, have become interested in peculiar cases, have taken them up and watched over them for years, unknown to the Association, and thus kind acts have been done in secret, and bonds of Christian friendship cemented between individual Members and the Poor, delightful to both. Many of these generous acts shall never be known till the Great Day, when their lustre will startle their humble doers as well as us. By accident we have come to the knowledge of some of them

Calling to see a Member a short time since, we were struck by the attractive demeanour of a mild and pretty girl We questioned the lady "Oh, don't you remember," she replied, "the ————, one of the first families whom we visited six years ago, she is a good child, we have never lost sight of her, and have had one or other of the family with us ever since."

Another day we were admiring a lady's dress, and inquired the maker "Miss—," she said "One of the family which we relieved, where the poor man died?" we asked. "The same," she said. "I met her that time on the visitation, I got her some customers, I find her very satisfactory, she follows any directions I give, but she lives in such a wretched place, I wish she could take a better"

When a family is struck with sickness a second or third time, and comes on our roll again, one of our first questions, on visiting them, is, "How have you fared since?" Not un

frequently we receive for answer, "God bless —, she came to me a year—two years ago—and she has not lost sight of me since, she got a situation for my little boy, she made me call at her house every week or so, she gave me little jobs to do, and I got on bravely till this sickness, God be praised, came again."

The following letter has been received by one of our Members from a good woman now in the extreme settlement of Illinois. Her husband had preceded her to America, and she was left with her little children in Dublin, because they had not money enough to take all out together. She became distressed, and our ladies took care of her till her husband sent home money. One of our Members took a special interest in her, and made her husband charge himself with the care of her embarkation. To this lady the letter is written. It is a long time in her hands, yet we cannot deny ourselves the opportunity of publishing, through it, the gratitude of the Irish heart, and the perils and privations which beset the poor children of Ireland on their way to banishment, as well as the affections which begin to entwine themselves round our Association:—

"Kewana, State of Illinois, North America.

"MADAM,

"As soon as I have found a resting place for the sole of my foot in this new world, I hasten to fulfil my promise to you. It always should be one of our deepest obligations to fulfil our promise, whether of much or little matter

"When you, dear Madam, like an angel of mercy, helped and cheered me along, when I had the happiness of your acquaint-ance in Dublin, you knew no more about me than that I was poor and sorrowful. You will be pleased to learn that, though separated from you by an infinite ocean, and nearly 2,000 miles more of the wilderness of the new world—though thus far, far away from you and Ireland, by the waters of the great Mississippi, every kind act

and word of yours towards me are still as fresh in my heart as the day I left Dublin, and shall never be forgotten by me, whether or not it is my destiny ever to return to Ireland.

"Oh if I could prove to all these good people who were so kind to me in Dublin during my loneliness there, how deeply I feel for their interest in me, how happy would I now feel But I bow in humble obedience to the will of an infinite and all-wise Providence

"Madam, the story I have to relate for you is, in most part, one of the deepest pain and sorrow to me. After having for nearly three weeks a very favourable passage, our ship—Loch-Mahon Castle struck on a rock and was completely wrecked. This calamity happened at the mouth of St. Laurence, on a ridge called the Birds' Rocks, and nearly 1,000 miles from Quebec, for which place I had paid my passage in Dublin to the agent. He took my money, and when I went to Liverpool I could obtain neither my money nor passage to New York. So after delay, expense, and annoyance, nothing was left but to take a berth in the beforenamed vessel for Quebec. She was far out in the river, and I had to hire a boat at my own ex-This incident not only proved fatal to me in pense to get to her the loss of my two children, whom I loved more than my own life, but robbed me of every vestige of the little property which I carried with me on board, and almost threw me out of the correspondence of my husband and friends until I might have perished as well as my children. But to return. Towards evening, our flag of distress being up, a small trading vessel came in view It was agreed to by the captain to take the women and children of the Loch Mahon to Quebec, numbering 210 souls, the rest to be left to their fate. At this time my poor children were very sick with the measles I had to take them out of their warm bed we were not allowed to take an atom with us but what we had on, not as much as a shawl or a bed-cover to wrap about us. With the greatest difficulty I let them down into a small open boat, already too crowded, and over which the waves were rolling every moment and drenching to the skin all in it. We were to get from this on board the other vessel there was no place for us but to stand up. I could not be up in time with my children, there was such a hurry to get away, this being the last boat that was to to come to the rescue. We had 12 miles of a raging sea to get over

I saw my boy before my face fall to the bottom of the boat, when he was almost smothered by a broken surge which just had come in. However, we arrived more dead than alive, but having neither change of clothing nor nourishment, the sickness was driven in about my poor children's hearts, and they both perished.

"My poor boy's grave is beneath the waves of the ocean, but my girl has had a Christian burial, having lived until we landed at Gross Island, near Quebec. I had the delight of being enabled to behold a young tree planted at the head of her little grave.

"This, madam, is the sad story which I have to send you, but it is but one of the thousand which the poor children of Erin have to relate wherever they are all over the world. Mayest thou, O Father of Mercy, have mercy upon them, and mayest thou, Immaculate Virgin, ever plead before the throne of God for the suffering children of Ireland

"I was now a broken-hearted woman. More than one thousand seven hundred miles from my friends. I thought I would, ere long be sleeping by the side of my child, but from the care of the medical officer of the island, Mr W Douglas, I once more became well in health. After seven weeks (before which I had no answer to several letters to my friends) I again set out to complete my pilgrimage. I am already here two months with my husband and friends, and, but for my great loss, could feel happy, But I will strive to be resigned. I must close. Please say to Miss——that I send her my best wishes. And now, madam, I am yours, with gratitude and respect,

' M. E. O'B."

We might give many more details, showing how individual Members have given volunteer services in teaching the ignorant, rescuing the Poor from the proselytisers, protecting widows, sending children to school, procuring employment and places for the destitute, bringing absentees to their duty, but we turn to another subject;—it is to commune with our dear Associates upon the means of improving the spirit of our institute.

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Our dear Saint Vincent has left us a maxim which we must keep constantly in view He held his banner of charity always aloft, and repeated ever, *Plu sen avant*. Each Member must, therefore, strive to become better every year, and do more for the Poor—better, by striving to be more holy God will give his blessing to the Association and its works in proportion as its Members observe the rules, and become more humble, patient, unselfish, gentle, and loving. On this head we quote from our first Report the following remarks:—

"The Members are instructed by the rules to recommend to the Almighty by constant prayer the interests of the Association, they likewise unite in prayer for the spiritual and temporal welfare of each other, and when assisting at the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and also when they receive the God of Charity in the holy Communion, they offer with their other pious intentions these great acts of religion to obtain the graces they stand in need of, in order to discharge the duties of their institute in a manner conducive to the greater glory of God, the spiritual and temporal welfare of the sick poor, and the sanctification of their own souls."

We beg also to recommend to each Member the study of the Manual, and to endeavour by every means to perfect themselves still more in the manner best suited for conveying instruction to the Poor on the chief mysteries and the sacraments, and to study our Lord's life, that they may better sympathise with, encourage, and console his favourites in their affliction. Our respected Vice-President gives most useful and appropriate in structions at the Monthly Meetings, and punctual attendance would contribute very much to the sanctification and usefulness of each Member.

We must encourage each other, not only to visit and help the Sick Poor in the best manner, but also to endeavour to provide substantial comfort for them. Each Member, both Active and Honorary, should try and bring home to herself the responsibility of the Association, and act as if the weight lay upon her shoulders alone. Hence, every Member must open her ears to the cries of Christ's little ones who are asking for bread. She will then make herself their purveyor in her family and in her circle of acquaintance. One shilling's worth is often a great relief to a sick family, and where is the Member that would not be able to collect that much every month? The French are, perhaps, of all people the most operative in charity, yet their works are supported by small sums. Everybody gives a little, and a great many collect a little, and, as they would say themselves, "Voila tout." Each Member can also deny herself to a certain amount every month, and bring the fruits to the sick poor treasury. What an acceptable offering that will be

Many Members will also be able to find a little time to make, mend, or alter clothes for the poor. How many pieces of old cloth and garments are lying in many families, waiting for the touch of some charitable hand to transform them into garments, beautiful in the sight of the poor Many creatures, rising from their sick beds, can neither go to work nor to Mass for want of that covering which is, perhaps, rotting in a lumber room.

We would, therefore, take the liberty of saying to our dear Associates, toil on, do a little every day be constant and work to the end, that the God of Charity, and the Father of the Poor, may clothe us with immortality, and inebriate us with the pleasures of his house.

To animate ourselves to this, let us take a glance at what the Association has done since its foundation. The sum of £2,056 8s 3d. has passed through our hands to the sick and the destitute up to the 2nd of last June, and, if we carried our account up to the present time, we might say, considerably more. Nearly 30,000 visits have been paid, and upwards of 1,000 families have been relieved for periods varying from a week to thirty weeks. Many ignorant creatures whom we met, and who were sent to us by clergymen, have been instructed, and many of the

dying poor have been helped by our feeble hands and words towards their happy departure.

In the very infancy of our Association our attention was turn ed to the question of proselytism. We did what little we could to warn and protect the poor Our very first Report in 1852 gave a large space to an exposition of the deceits of the proselytisers, we pursued them ever since, and we are happy now that every man's hand is against them from Dan to Bersabee. They are at their unholy work still, but by keeping public attention turned to them, with God's and Our Lady's help, a few years will witness their utter discomfiture.

It is a source of singular pleasure to us, that several other associations of charity have sprung up in different parts of the country. We look back with satisfaction to the help we gave to some of them in their infancy. Under the fostering care of the Irish clergy those that are established will flourish, and the ladies of other localities will emulate their example, and band themselves together for the relief of the poor sick children of St. Patrick.

On the whole, looking back upon the past six years, we ad mire the goodness of God, and we give His Majesty most heartfelt thanks for the good that He has been pleased to do. How many hunger-pangs appeared—how many tears dried, griefs so-laced, hopes that had been broken renewed—how many poor dwellings lighted up with the cheerful fire—how many families gladdened by the restoration to health of their head or their stay—how many stubborn spirits bent to the yoke of Christ, how many bruised souls healed

We will, therefore, give ourselves with renewed zeal to this holy work of God, and we ask the generous lovers of the sick poor to continue their assistance to us, and we invite the ladies of the district to come into the Association, and share our happiness.

SAINT BRIDGET'S ORPHANAGE

WE cannot conclude this Report without saying a few words of St. Bridget's Orphanage—an accessory work which we undertook during last year Since the foundation of the Association our great difficulty was the Orphan and the destitute child. From year to year we procured the admission of some into different Orphanages. The more we probed the society of the poor, the more we saw of the destitution of their poor in-At the last annual meeting a resolution was passed requesting us to try and establish a large orphanage. Our untiring friend, Very Rev J. Curtis, S.J., has helped us to form a committee, partly of ourselves and partly of a number of influential ladies outside the Association. This committee held its first meeting at 6, Middle Gardiner-street, on the 16th of last January, maugurated in Gods name the good work, and invoked upon it the name of our own St. Bridget. At this meeting an address to the Catholic public was adopted setting forth the Orphans' case. From that time to this the committee has held business meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. We cannot detain this meeting to tell the particulars, but we feel in our hearts, and many here who know the particulars feel, that this is the work of Providence—that it was God who urged us on, through his great love for his faithful Irish Church, to save the little ones of her flock from the dreadful calamity of heresy and perdition. May His Divine Majesty be for ever praised.

We feel that we have not done enough to make this work known, yet we have received a prompt and generous encouragement. Nine Archbishops and Bishops have encouraged and blessedit, a number of good Priests likewise, and a great many pious Catholics, have expressed very warmly their good wishes for its success. Among these we cannot help mentioning John F Maguire, Esq., M.P., who wrote in his paper in its favour, and has lately presented to our treasurer his beautiful book,

" Rome and its Ruler." This present has come to cheer us in our hard struggle, and holds before us the example of the highest on this earth—the great and good Pius IX. We find him founding several new orphanages in a country already possessing immense orphanage accommodation, we see his gentle and tender heart always sensitive to the Orphan and destitute child, we know that he will feel more for his poor Irish children on account of their spiritual danger, and when he is asked —as he shall be—he will bless St. Bridget's work with a copious benediction. It is not ten months since the first meeting of the committee, and yet, thanks to God, we have received forty-three children. These forty-three children were so many souls saved from error, for unless St. Bridget or some one for Gods sake had taken them up, they had surely fallen into the snares of heresy It would not be prudent to tell their story now, but faithful memories will keep this singular tale till the time comes. The friends and benefactors will ask, what has been done with their adopted children. Forty of them are with nurses in the country, and three in Dublin. our members visited them lately in their cottages in the county Wicklow She did not give notice of her visit, and consequently saw things in their real every-day state. The children are with small farmers, and she found them treated in the same way as their own children. They eat at the same table, play together, are clothed alike, call their nurses "mother," and enjoy a mother's affection. Very few are of an age to go to school, still, some are going and all are taught their prayers. They are, thus, nurtured healthily, will grow up robustly, and will in time fall into their natural places of farm-servants and labourers. They must hereafter work their way through life, and hence the advantage of being in youth "to hardy independence bravely bred." We have in prospect some regulations which will give us still greater security for their proper education, but these must be adopted gradually and by way of trial, and hence it is at present premature to speak of them. The first half year's salary of the nurses is not yet due, and so we will not give a

balance-sheet till our next account, but we give an ample subscribers' list. In our "Address to the Catholic Public," we showed the necessity of establishing this orphanage, and now after nearly a year's additional experience, we may be permitted to add that all the sad particulars in that address of the destruction of Catholic children are true, and many of them under the truth. Indeed, some of the institutions which we only pronounced to be suspicious, have turned out, upon examination, to be very bad. The orphanage, North Circular-road, for instance, contains more than one hundred children, and they are nearly all children of Catholic parents. It is a sad thing to allow a Parliamentary grant to be given annually to this institution.

The fears that we expressed regarding the Protestant Orphan Society have also been confirmed. We find at their last annual meeting the Chairman declaring that that society is calculated to do more injury to the Catholic Church than all other modes of proselytism. We have met with several cases where overtures have been made to poor Catholic widows to give their children to Protestant societies. And let Catholics remember that this one society has received during last year alone the immense sum of £3,825, and maintained 450 orphans, and for the past year they have refused (as they say) 'no eligible child.'

It would not be right to detain this Meeting by going over the ground which we travelled in the address, but we repeat that the orphan and destitute Catholic child is surrounded and beset with danger in this city. What shall become of these? Some are left alone without either parent; some have one, and a weak one, for others, we confess we have frequently admired the triumphs of faith in these poor widowed mothers who bore hunger and squalor, and the cries of their infants, sooner than provide for them in heresy.

We are confident that this Association, this Meeting, and, indeed, the Catholic public, will flat what is done, and will

strengthen our hands for the future.—Our work is simple in its working, has a broad foundation, and is capable of immense extension, and if our unworthiness do not place obstacles, is destined to do something for God's glory and the Irish Church. The beautiful Irish Church, the Church of St. Patrick and St. Bridget, the witness of Catholic faith in the West. Through centuries of poverty, and tears, and blood, she has borne her testimony, and remains to this day a faithful witness.—But, her little ones have, for ages, been torn from her arms and cast into orphanages of error, foundling hospitals, charter schools, military schools, alms houses, and receptacles of heresy, and still she bore her testimony, weeping, and crying aloud that the infants of her bosom were destroyed, and unto this day she mourns. She has given to us our faith, let us help her to bear witness and protest against the spoliation, by fanaticism, of her infants, and if we cannot restore to her love all her lost ones, we will, at least, keep guard from this forth over her precious treasure, and save the Catholic child from perversion.

In Gods name, and our Lady's, and St. Bridget's, Irish Catholics must do this thing.

Let us, therefore, take heart again, and begin anew We need not remind the Catholic that there is no safer investment for his labour and his sympathy than the Orphan and destitute child, nor any more productive of interest. God will repay him, and repay him a hundredfold. Let each try and do something for St. Bridget, let each pray, that faith and patience and zeal may be increased to those engaged in her work, interest others in it, and make it a work of mercy for the poor children of Ireland, that himself may find mercy with God, and—

"That his bones, When he has run his course and sleeps in blessings, May have a tomb of orphans tears wept on em." Signed by the Council of Management, on behalf of the Association,

MARGARET AYLWARD, Superior AGNES MARY SCULLY, Assistant. ANNA CAMPBELL, Treasurer MARGARET MARA, Second Assistant JANE O'HAGAN, Secretary

Ladies' Association of Charity

RECEIPTS FROM 3rd JUNE, 1856, TO 2nd JUNE, 1857

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands for Sick Poor,	86	8	61
Donations and Subscriptions,	139	16	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Proceeds of Charity Sermon,	25	2	0
Proceeds of Lottery,	77	13	11
	£329	0	$5\frac{3}{4}$
Balance on hands for Anti-Proselytising Fund,	0	17	0
Donations for do. in small sums,	1	2	6
" per Mrs. Scully,	5	0	0
per Miss Aylward,	1	15	0
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Total,

£337 14 113

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

of Saint Vincent de Paul.

EXPENDITURE FROM 3rd JUNE, 1856, TO 2nd JUN	E.	185	7
	£	s.	d.
Relief given in Food, Coals, Straw, &c., . 1	89	13	101
Do. given in Money,	16	14	0
	16	0	0
Office Fire,	0	6	81
Messengers,	3	1	6
Cod-liver Oil,	1	18	0
Golden Ointment for the Eyes, and Wine,	0	8	0
	1	2	0
Clothing,	1	4	U
Paid for conveyance of a poor family to the country to a	0	3	0
situation,	0		0
Car-hire for Poor to Hospital,	0	1	10
Advertising for a situation for a servant,	0	1	6
Masses for the Association,	3	5	0
Paid with an Orphan, according to the wish of the Donor,	1	0	0
Repairing Office Furniture,	0	7	9
Post-Office Directory, .	0	7	.0
Collecting Books,	0	7	8
Printing Circulars, Blank Forms, Annual Reports, &c,	12	3	1
Postage and Stationery,	1	0	8
Advertisements, .	2	4	6
Sundry Expenses for Lottery,	0	5	6
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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,	5	0	0
Do. do. 2nd subscription,	3	0	0
Do. do. 3rd subscription,		0	0
Right Rev. Dr. Cantwell,	$\frac{2}{1}$	0	0
Anonymous, for specified purposes,	5	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Aylward, for specified purposes,	4	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Campbell,	4	0	0
Mathew Brett, Esq.,	4	0	0
Kenelm Digby, Esq.,	2	0	0
Mrs. Byrne, Winton House,	2	0	0
The Misses Farrant, London,	2	0	0
Mrs. Ennis, Merrion Square,			0
A Clergyman, per Miss Aylward,	2	0	0
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Mr. and Mrs. Connolly and Friends, Marlborough Street,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Barklie		10	0
The Misses Lenehan,	1	5	0
Rev Canon Pope,	1	0	0
Rev Mr. M'Namara, Phibsboro', .	1	0	0
Mrs. James Esmonde,	7.1	0	0
J. D. Meldon, Esq.,	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
Henry Smyth, Esq.,	1	0	0
Miss Kelly, Church Park,	1	0	0
Nicholas Doyle, Esq.,	1	0	0
Sir John Bradstreet, Bart.,	1	0	0
Mr. Tighe, per Rev W Purcell,	1	0	0
An Honorary Member, per Rev W Irwin,	1	0	0
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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 ir 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 to 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 duty of visiting does not, in general, come to their turn oftener than once a Month, unless their charity leads them to wish for it more frequently.

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 are required to attend the Monthly Meetings, which are held in the Presbytery of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough-street, at 12 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.

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Dublin, Feast of the Annunciation, 1857.

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