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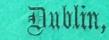
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ATTACHED TO THE METROPOLITAN PARISH OF DUBLIN, AND INSTITUTED FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR.

A Meeting of the above Association was held on the 16th January, 1861, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst the Prelates and Clergy present were, the Lord Bishop of Dromore, and the Lord Bishop of Kerry; Very Rev. Monsignor Woodlock, President of All-Hallows College, Very Rev Canon O'Connell, P.P., Very Rev Canon Roche, P.P., Very Rev Canon M'Cabe, P.P., Very Rev Dr. Russell, O.P., Very Rev Canon Pope, Very Rev Canon Lee, Rev Dr.

Power, President, Holy Cross, Clonliffe, Rev James Murphy, Very Rev D P O'Reilly, O.S.F.C., Very Rev Canon Forde, Rev Mr O'Donnell, Rev Laurence C. P Fox, O.M.I., Rev W Irwin, Rev Mr Heyfron, Rev T. Butler, Very Rev J. Callan, S.J., Rev W Purcell, Rev M. Cuffe, &c.

The following Report was read and adopted.

Before commencing their Report, the Council beg of your Grace to accept their most heartfelt thanks for coming to preside over this meeting. We only express the sentiments of our inmost hearts also, when we say that the success of our labours is due to the example and encouragement of our venerated President. In him the poor have a pastor, the sick a friend, and the Orphan a father

We have also to apologize for delay in presenting this Report, which was due some time ago. Indeed, the account we are going to give runs from June 1st, 1859, to June 1st, 1860. We trust that the storms which have kept us out of harbour are nearly over, and that we may be permitted to give our account each year at the proper time.

This Association consists of Active and Honorary Members. These, we are happy to state, are animated with an admirable spirit. The functions of the Association are carried out efficiently, the appointments are kept, the sick are attended with order and punctuality Indeed, considering that each Member has her home duties to attend to, the working of the Association is admirable. We are particularly happy to report that a spirit of charity reigns amongst the Members, who, coming together to perform good works, learn to esteem

and love each other; hence, the meeting will be prepared to hear that so many as eighteen new Members have been admitted during last year

It is worthy of remark too, that in general, the Members who go to other parts of Ireland, or to the Continent, continue their work of charity and correspond with the Association. This beautiful spirit of union and charity is due, in a great measure, to the superintendence, instructions, and example of our most esteemed Vice-President, the Rev Wm. Purcell.

The receipts of the Association during the year were £177 7s. 2d., in subscriptions and donations.

The Charity Sermon realised for the Sick Poor the sum of £40 10s., and for this, the Association thanks the Rev. Preachers most humbly and most sincerely

The proceeds of the Lottery were £42 1s. 4d. These, together with large quantities of clothing for the poor, and valuable and beautiful objects for the Lottery, are the chief items of income. The Association thanks, in the name of the poor and of the God of the poor, those many friends who have enabled them thus to serve Christ in his suffering members.

During the year, 215 cases of sickness have been tended by the Association. To these 215 cases, 4,416 visits have been made, which shows a large amount of attention to each case. Twenty-five deaths have occurred among our Sick Poor, and special care was taken of these. Indeed, some of our Members seem to feel no pleasure so keenly as the happiness of constant attendance at the death-bed of the Sick Poor

The amount of money disbursed by the Association during the year was £262 6s. 2d. With the exception of a few pounds for office-rent and the like necessities,

all this money went to support and comfort the poor in their sickness. It was managed with the utmost economy and discrimination, each visitor being bound in duty to examine personally each case, and to administer suitable relief. Besides this large sum of money, two hundred articles of clothing have been distributed to the Sick Poor.

But this gives a very faint idea of the relief given by the Association. Many poor sinners were instructed and induced to go to Confession, and they were relieved from the heavy pressure of their sins.

Many children were taken from or prevented from going to proselytising schools, and were sent to Catholic schools and to Catechism.

The Association endeavours to procure situations and work for those whom sickness had displaced in their employments, and, in many cases, success attends their efforts.

But, how much of human suffering is prevented, how much of human woe is alleviated by the visits and the attentions paid to the poor Sometimes the poor drunkard listens to the gentle rebuke and kind remonstrance of the Lady of Charity Sometimes differences are settled, and neighbours are reconciled, and blessed peace that had departed, returns with the visit of the Lady of Charity But, the generous nature, the keen perception, the sympathetic heart of our Irish poor, are always alive to the kindness done them. Hence, when they see our Ladies visiting them, instructing them, praying with them, feeling for them, they become relieved indeed, a light breaks in upon their souls, joy beams in their countenances, and they forget for a time their miseries.

In conclusion, let us animate ourselves to renewed exertion. The mass of poverty and sickness is very

great, and we stand in need of more Members and increased resources. Each Associate will pray that God may move those in the parish that are affluent to come to the relief of the Sick Poor Perhaps it might be permitted us to enforce this appeal with a beautiful extract from the Prophet Isaias:—" Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the needy and the harbourless into thy house when thou shalt see one naked, cover him, and despise not thy own flesh. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall speedily arise, and thy justice shall go before thy face, and the glory of the Lord shall gather thee up. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall hear thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am."—Ch. lviii.

Halance Sheet.

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RECEPTION IN A Sund, 1839, so her on Line,

Eadies' Association of Charity of RECEIPTS from 1st of June, 1859, to 1st of June, 1860.

Balance on hands for Sick Poor, . 113 2 $0\frac{1}{4}$ Donations and Subscriptions, 177 7 $2\frac{1}{2}$ Proceeds of Charity Sermon in 1859, 40 10 0 Proceeds of Lottery to 1st of June, . 31 1 0

Total, £362 0 2\frac{3}{4}

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.

St. Vincent de Paul, for the Kelief of the Sick Poor. EXPENDITURE from 1st June, 1859, to 1st June, 1860. s. d. Relief given in Food, Coals, Straw, &c., £183 12 13 12 8 Relief given in Money, Relief for purposes specified by Donor, 4 0 - 201 9 0 12 Cod-liver ()il for the Poor, 0 15 1 Golden Ointment for the Eyes, Wine, Medicine, &c., 0 Clothing for the Poor, Masses for the Association, the Sick, and the de-5 0 ceased Poor, 2 6 Car-hire for the Sick, 0 18 5 Bed covering, 4 0 Visiting Bags (7s. 6d. Collecting Boxes 16s. 6d. Printing Circulars, Relief Orders, Visiting Rolls, 5 10 Placards for Sermon, &c., &c., 3 2 6 Printing for Lottery, 0 0 Printing Annual Reports, 4 11 6 Part Expenses of Charity Sermon, 1859, 0 7 Postage and Stationary, 2 18 9 Advertisements, 16 0 Office Rent, 0 7 10 Office Firing, (5s. 10d.) Mending Office Clock, (2s. 0d.) 6 Caretaker at Office, Messengers, &c., 6 11 11 Sundry Expenses of Lottery, 1 Collecting-books and Rule-book, Returned to St. Bridget's Orphanage, (given in 0 mistake to this fund), 0 15 Towards purchasing a Mangle for a poor family, 0 £262 6 Balance in hands, 99 16 $8^{\frac{3}{4}}$ 23 £362 Total, RELIEF IN KIND GIVEN TO THE POOR.

lbs.	oz.		lbs.	oz.		
12,090	0	Sugar,	1,024	3	3,917	Stones of Coal.
432	4	Cocoa,	5	4	6	Pints of Milk.
254	8	Butter,	122	0	431	Eggs.
116	12	Potatoes	408	0	86	Candles.
141	4	Fish.	3	0	52	Straw Beds.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,

From June, 1859, to June, 1860.

[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.
Bequest of Mrs. Ryan, Moore Street, per David	0.	178	
Coffey, Esq.,	50	0	0
Charles Putland, Esq., Bray Head,	20		0
Rev. W H. Anderdon,	5		0
Michael Teevan, Esq., M.D., Brooklawn,	5		0
Rev. William Purcell, C.C., .	3	0	0
Matthew Brett, Esq.,	3	0	0
Miss Coleman,	2	10	0
Edward M'Vey Esq., per Very Rev Canon Pope,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Barklie,	1	10	0
Mrs. Cahill, Ballyconra,	1	0	0
Mrs. Smith, Eccles Street	1	0	0
Miss Byrne, Gardiner's Place,	1	0	0
Miss O'Beirne, per Miss Nowlan, .	1	0	0
Mrs. Walsh, Upper Gloucester Street,	1	0	0
T J Anonymous, per Miss Nowlan,	1		0
Henry Campbell, Esq.,	1	0	0
Per Mrs. Baldwin,	1	0	0
Kenelm Digby, Esq.,	1	X 25 1 1 1 1	0
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Mrs. Thompson, per Rev. Dr. Murray,	1		
Rev D. Heyfron, C.C.,	1		
Miss Lentaigne, .	2]		
Mrs. M'Dermot, per Father O'Neill,	bao l		
Mrs. Payne,	677		
Mrs. E. M'Gauran,	rus)		
Richard Martin, Esq., North Wall,	or I		
Mrs. Keshan, Gardiner Street,		0	
Mrs. Jeffers, Fitzwilliam Square,		1 0	
Mr. Delany, Mrs. Connelly and Eriends, Maribanauch Street			
Mrs. Connolly and Friends, Marlborough Street,	and the second		
Dr. Shannon, Brunswick Street, Mrs. Spring, Dorset Street,			
Mrs. Coleman,		1 (
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Mrs. Bradley, per Mrs. Matthews,	1	0	0
Mrs. Calderwood,	1	0	0
Mr. and the Misses D'Arcy, New Forest,		17	
Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. Keon, and Mrs. Caraher,	0		
Per Miss Goggin,	0		
Mrs. Matthews and Friends, Sackville Street,	0		0
Mrs. Gernon,	0	13	0
Per Miss Scully, Co. Tipperary,		10	10
Doctor Tuohill,	0	10	0
Lady Bradstreet, .	0	10	0
Anonymous, per Mrs. Smith,	0	10	0
Rev P O'Neill, C.C.,	0	10	0
Miss DeLacy, per Miss M'Dermott,	0	10	0
Mr. Powell,	0	10	0
Miss M'Donagh,	0	10	0
Mrs. Aungier, Eccles Street,	0	10	0
Anonymous, per Miss Corbally,	0	10	0
John Donegan, Esq., Dame Street,	0	10	0
Mrs. Riddick and Miss Daly, Dominick Street,	0	10	0
Mr. and Miss Corbally,	0	10	0
Nolan, Esq., Mountjoy Square,	0	10	0
The Misses Kelly, George's Place,	0	10	0
Mrs. Cahill, Granby Row,	0	10	0
The Misses Wade, Nelson Street,	0	10	0
Mrs. Matthews,	0	10	0
Mrs. Rowe,	0	10	0
James Allingham, Esq.,	0	10	0
W J Fitzpatrick, Esq., J.P., Kilmacud Manor,	0	10	0

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

N.B.—Subscribers are requested to examine the preceding list, 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.

ASSOCIATION LADIES' OF

ST VINCENT DE PAUL,

FOR THE

THE SICK RELIEF OF 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 Associa-

tion.

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 sorrow 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 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 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 con-

tribution 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 one 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 halfpast 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; and by the Members of the Association.

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