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INSTITUTED FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL  
RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR.

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*A Meeting of the above Association was held on the 20th  
November, 1861, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the  
Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.*

THE RIGHT REV DR. WHELAN, LORD BISHOP OF  
BOMBAY, IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst those present were, the Very Rev Monsig-  
nor Woodlock, Rector of the Catholic University, Very  
Rev Canon Pope, Adm., Very Rev Canon O'Connell,  
P.P, Very Rev Canon Roche, P.P; Very Rev Canon  
Farrell, P.P, Rev Edward Kennedy, P.P, Very Rev  
Father Curtis, S.J, Very Rev Father Russell, O.P,

Rev Mr Purcell, C.C., Rev. J Gowan, C.M Rev  
 W Irwin, C.C Rev P. O'Neill, C C. Rev N  
 O'Farrell, C C., Rev D Heyfron, C.C., Rev Mr  
 Cuffe, M C Rev J Donnelly, C.C., Rev J Leonard,  
 C C., Rev J Duff, C C., Rev T O'Donnell, C C.  
 Rev B. Delany, C.C., Alderman James Martin, Peter  
 Paul M'Swiney, Esq &c.

The Right Rev Dr WHELAN on taking the chair  
 said he had to apologise for the absence of his Grace  
 the Archbishop, but though he was unavoidably absent,  
 they had with them his blessing and his good wishes to  
 co-operate with them in every way

### *The following Report was read and adopted.*

The Council of the Ladies' Association of Charity  
 of St. Vincent de Paul, Metropolitan Parish, beg to  
 submit to His Grace the Archbishop, and to the  
 Members, Active and Honorary, this their tenth An  
 nual Report.

To His Grace the poor are much indebted, he  
 has upheld this Association, and made it productive  
 of good, he has laboured for the poor, defended  
 their cause, exposed the evil doings of some who  
 are miscalled their guardians, and evoked the sym  
 pathies of the humane of these countries in their  
 behalf. It is, therefore, with great pleasure, that the  
 Council Reports to His Grace the work done for the  
 Sick Poor of his immediate parish. The account  
 which the Council submits to-day, runs from the

2nd of June, 1860, to the 1st of June, 1861 It is understood that the Confraternity of the Ladies of Charity was instituted by its holy founder, St. Vincent de Paul, for the double purpose of affording temporal and spiritual relief to the poor in their sickness. We will Report, first, the temporal succour, and then, as well as we can, the spiritual.

During the year, the amount of relief given in food, fuel, medicines, &c., was to the value of £169 2s. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 300 articles of clothing have been distributed to the most destitute. In the distribution of this relief, the Ladies have paid 3199 visits.

The number of cases on the Sick Poor Roll has been 210, and thus 210 families have become recipients of the Charity of the Association. Of these, 21 cases have died, 189 have recovered and gone to their employments, and 26 are still on the Sick Poor list.

It is only right to add, that many of the visitors, being touched by the cases which they visited, gave of their own means, in addition to the orders supplied by the Association, and besides, performed many kind offices that go to the hearts of the sick more than food or money Thus, one Lady, having visited a poor creature who had seen better days, sent her servant every morning, for a considerable time, to light the little fire and make up the room.

With regard to the spiritual relief, Ladies cannot afford much, for the plenitude of spiritual power was given by Christ to the Pastors of his Church. In their humble way, however, they have done their

best. They have taught the Catechism to the sick, and thus prepared them for the Priest, and, in some measure, for the Sacraments. They have supplied some good books to those who could read, and have helped many to bear their pains with more fruit, by reading for them the duties of the sick and the examples of the Saints. They have induced many absentees to go to Confession, sometimes keeping places at the confessional for poor men who could not wait long. They have supplied clothing to several convalescents to enable them to go to Mass. They have looked after the children, taken them away from proselytising schools, and sent them to Catechism. These are some of the spiritual works of mercy, done by the Members of the Association. But it would be an injustice to our poor not to add, that many of them have edified the visitors by their faith, their resignation, their cheerfulness, and the beautiful and religious sentiments that constantly fell from their lips.

At this moment, we have 26 cases upon the Sick Poor Roll. These 26 cases represent nearly 26 families. They are poor now, for they are sick, and they cannot work. St. Vincent de Paul once moved a whole assembly by the recital of the wants of one sick family. Here are 26, and when these recover, or when they die, as some of them will, they will be succeeded by 26 others, for there is no lack of poor and of sickness here. In what state are these poor sick? what do they suffer? what do they want? how do they feel? Ah if the Ladies of the parish and of the city could be induced to visit them. Here is a little room in which two sisters dwell. They

have lived together and worked together during life, and now one is sick. You enter the little room, it is almost dark, for four of the six panes of glass are patched with paper to keep out the cold. There is no fire, very little bed-covering, one-and-three pence must be paid weekly for the rent, and the income is now six-pence a day, with one or two idle days usually in the week. The poor creature lies upon her sick bed all day and suffers in silence. Her sister comes home late in the evening, tries to light a little fire and to prepare a little food. A cup of miserable tea and a little dry bread, the whole costing about two-pence, form the chief, and almost only meal of the two sisters. This is how the poor live, and how the Sick Poor suffer, and yet, when we entered, that poor sick one was saying her beads for the conversion of sinners, yes, for the cold world that surrounded her

Come to the next case: it is a man, he has five children, and his wife is dead. One of his children, a girl, is at service, four are with him, the youngest, two and-a-half years old. He had a situation of fourteen shillings a week. He was an honest and a hard-working man. He is now six weeks on that sick bed. The poor room is bare, three of the children are huddled round a few sparks of fire, the fourth is beside his bed, pulling the corner of the old quilt that covers him, asking for a bit of bread, and he says he has none to give it. We enter, we ask where is the furniture, he says it is gone for food, we ask where is his bed, it is gone for food, and he is lying now these three weeks upon a hard sack of straw. The skin of his back has broken, and

the living flesh of his poor back is lacerated by the straws that come through his pallet. He thinks that his only chance of saving his children and his only hope of regaining his honest employment, is to keep out of the poor-house. This is how the honest poor suffer in the midst of us.

Come to the next case, it is a young man of twenty-six. He has led a careless life and a dissipated one, and now God has struck him with sickness. His means of support is gone, of course, with his work, and his sister applies for relief. He is visited. His soul is more sick than his body. He has not been in the habit of practising his religion, and now his spirit chafes against his chastisement. He says he has been severely dealt with that no one has suffered as he is suffering. Poor young man! the Lady of Charity calls to see him again and again, she speaks to him, she entreats him, she prays with him. At last, he consents to read the lives of the Saints. Reading them, his heart is changed, and he gives himself up to the holy and consoling influences of religion. He has now received the last Sacraments, but he has never been confirmed. One of the Ladies goes to the Archbishop, and he goes to the sick bed and administers the Sacrament of Confirmation. Happy young man in two hours after receiving the Holy Ghost with His seven gifts, he dies. These few examples give a glimpse of the spiritual and temporal relief which the Association is called upon to administer to the Sick Poor.

The receipts of the Association during the year have been £195 17s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Of this sum, £63 0s. 7d.

was obtained by the annual lottery, and £39 0s. 6d. by the annual sermons which were preached this year by Dr Anderdon, C.U., and the Rev William Purcell. These two good Priests have not only pleaded the cause of the poor in the pulpit, they are devoted, heart and soul, to the poor and the orphan. The Association owes them a debt which God alone can pay. 300 articles of clothing have been received for the poor, and several valuable and beautiful objects for the lottery, for which the Association most respectfully thanks the charitable donors.

During the year, thirteen new Members have been received, one has gone into religion, and one has died. We cannot omit some mention of the loss the Association has sustained in the death of this Member. She has been nine years on the Council. She was not content with the work which fell to her as a Member. From her own means, she gave relief to the Sick Poor, unknown to the Association. Besides, her interest, her time, and her information, were at the service of those who had recovered from sickness, to procure situations for them, and there are some now living comfortably who are indebted for all to Mrs. Francis Murray. She was a native of France, but she had, long ago, taken Ireland for better for worse, and she was faithful to her plighted troth to the end.

With regard to the internal state of the Association, the Council has to report that a good understanding, harmony, and charity reign throughout. The several duties allotted to the Members have been discharged with a reasonable degree of punctuality and intelligence, and we have only to supplicate the

Almighty God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and of St. Vincent, to increase the fervour and the number of our Associates. To all appearance, a hard winter awaits the poor. The Association has proved itself by experience to be admirably suited to the administration of relief. We ask the charitable, therefore, to recruit our ranks and to increase our resources.

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# Balance Sheet.

## Ladies' Association of Charity of


RECEIPTS from 1st of June, 1860, to 1st of June, 1861

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hands for Sick Poor,	99	16	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Donations and Subscriptions,	93	6	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Proceeds of Charity Sermon in 1861	39	9	6
Proceeds of Lottery,	63	0	7

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Total, £295 13 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

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 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 Relief of the Sick Poor.

EXPENDITURE from 1st of June, 1860, to 1st of June, 1861

	£	s.	d.
Relief given in Food, Coals, Straw, Meat, and Wine,	£152	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Relief given in Money	14	10	5
Cod-liver Oil, Medicine, &c.,	0	12	4
	167	7	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Clothing for the Poor,	0	7	5
Money given to re-establish convalescents in their former little business,	1	15	6
Masses for the Association, the Sick, and the de- ceased Poor,	3	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stationery, &c.,	0	13	9
Messengers, &c.,	4	5	6
Printing for Lottery, Reports, Sermon, &c.,	10	15	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Office Rent,	16	0	0
Part of Expenses of Bazaar, 1859,	2	10	0
Sundries,	0	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Office Firing,	0	6	1
Advertisements for Lottery and Sermon,	1	14	6
Part of Lottery Expenses,	0	9	2
Prize Money for Lottery,	5	0	0
Meat for Christmas dinner,	1	17	6
Bread for ditto.,	0	18	8
Vegetables for ditto.,	0	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Account-book and Receipt Stamps,	0	5	6
Expenses of two Charity Sermons,	16	0	0
	£233	19	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balance in hands,	61	14	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total,	£295	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

## RELIEF IN KIND GIVEN TO THE POOR.

	lbs.	oz.		lbs.	oz.	
Bread,	11,070	0	Sugar,	1,000	0	3,100 Stones of Coal.
Meal,	320	5	Cocoa,	5	0	8 Pints of Milk
Flour,	200	0	Butter,	100	0	300 Eggs.
Meat,	100	0	Potatoes,	300	0	60 Candles.
Tea,	120	4	Fish,	6	0	52 Straw Beds.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,

From June, 1860, to June, 1861.

*[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.
Per His Grace the Archbishop, for the Poor,	5	0	0
Rev W H. Anderdon, C.U.,	5	0	0
Mrs. O'Brien, Money Prize returned,)	5	0	0
Rev Wm. Purcell, C.C.,	3	0	0
Matthew Brett, Esq.,	3	0	0
Thomas Martin, Esq.,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Barklie,	1	10	0
Mrs. M'Dermott,	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Reilly, per Miss O'Reilly	1	0	0
Mrs. Coleman,	1	0	0
Miss Coleman,	1	0	0
Mrs. Colclough,	1	0	0
Per Rev Wm. Purcell,	1	0	0
Mrs. Jeffers,	1	0	0
Mrs. Calderwood,	1	0	0
Mrs. Spring,	1	0	0
Mrs. Keshan,	1	0	0
Richard Martin, Esq.,	1	0	0
Doctor Shannon,	1	0	0
Mrs. Connolly's Friends, Marlborough Street,	1	0	0
Dr. M'Donnell,	1	0	0
M. Cahill. Esq.,	1	0	0
J J Clarke, Esq.,	1	0	0
Alderman Carroll,	1	0	0
Bernard Kiernan, Esq.,	1	0	0
Rev D. Heyfron, C.C.,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Rev W Irwin,	1	0	0
Messrs. Cannock, White & Co.,	1	0	0
Mrs. D'Arcy, New Forest,	0	17	0
The Misses Kelly, Sherrard Street,	0	15	0
Mrs. Matthews and Friends, Sackville Street,	0	13	0
Mrs. Gernon,	0	13	0
Mrs. Madden,	0	10	0
Mrs. Sullivan, per Mrs. Walshe,	0	10	0

	s.	d.
Mrs. Corrigan, Merrion Square,	10	0
Mrs. Cannon,	10	0
Mrs. Lentaigne,	10	0
Mr. Nowlan,	10	0
Mr. Delany,	10	0
John Donegan, Esq.,	10	0
Mrs. Mackey and Mrs. Caraher	10	0
Mr. and Miss Corbally,	10	0
The Misses Kelly,	10	0
Mrs. Aungier,	10	0
Mrs. Riddick and Miss Daly,	10	0
Rev P Smith, C.C.,	10	0
D. Allingham, Esq.,	10	0
Miss M'Donagh & Mrs. Dunbar, per Mrs. Moran,	10	0
Lady Bradstreet,	10	0
Mr. Wm. Powell,	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.

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LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHARITY  
OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL,  
FOR THE  
RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,  
And the Instruction of the Ignorant.

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*"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*

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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 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 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 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 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; and by the Members of the Association.

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 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.