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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 27th November, 1862, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.

THE VERY REV CANON POPE IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst those present were, the Very Rev Monsignor O'Connell, P.P., St. Mary's, Irishtown, Very Rev Mgr Woodlock, Very Rev Canon Roche, P.P., SS. Michael and John's, Very Rev. Canon Pope, Adm., Metropolitan Parish, Very Rev Dr Curtis, S.J., Rev Father Duff, C.M., Rev Dr Murray, Maynooth College, Very Rev Canon M'Cabe, P.P., St. Nicholas, Rev. P O'Neill, Metropolitan Parish; Rev T O'Reilly; Rev Dr Murray, Archbishop's Secretary, Rev J

O'Rourke, Kingstown, Rev J Callan, S.J, Rev N O'Farrell, Metropolitan Parish, Rev Mr Purcell, do., Rev Canon Farrell, P.P, Rev P J Gilligan, C.C. Very Rev Monsignor Forde, P.P, Rev W H. Anderdon, C.U Rev M. Nolan, St. Mary's, Donnybrook Rev Malachy O'Callaghan, C.M., Rev D Heyfron, Metropolitan Parish, A. M. Sullivan. Esq, Rev J Kavanagh, Kingstown, Rev T Fagan, Blackrock, Professor Kavanagh, C.U, Mr Dwyer, Rev T O'Donnell, St. Laurence's.

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 this their Eleventh Annual Report to their revered President, to the Clergy of the Parish, and to the Members, Active and Honorary

The year, of which we are about to report, began June 2nd, 1861, and ended August 1st, 1862. During that period, the Association relieved 239 Sick Poor The whole family frequently depends upon the person that is sick, and thus, the individuals benefitted are much more numerous than the cases on the Roll. relieving these cases, 3047 visits have been made by the Active Members. The amount of relief given in money and in kind has been £218 1s. $6\frac{3}{4}$ d. Almost the whole of this sum has been distributed in kind, and in such quantity and quality as were suited to each case. Moreover, 367 articles of clothing have been bestowed. The Visitors report, that the relieved have been very grateful, and that they have exhibited great patience in their sickness. Nineteen of them have died, all fortified by the sacraments of the Church. Incidentally much good has been done, children sent to school, grown members of the family induced to go to Confession, and sometimes peace restored to families that had been disunited.

Funds.—The income of the Association last year has been £214 4s. 11d. This sum has been made up from the proceeds of the Charity Sermon, which realised £22 13s. 3d. from the Lottery, which amounted to £47 19s. 1d., and the remainder from donations and subscriptions. There is now a small balance on hands of £57 10s. $11\frac{1}{2}$ d. This is the smallest balance with which we have, for many years, faced the winter The Association has also received for the poor 250 articles of wearing apparel, 120 articles of bed-covering, and 70 miscellaneous.

Members.—Ten new Members have been received into the Association seven have ceased to be Members. chiefly by their removal from Dublin. There are seasons in the spiritual as in the material works of God. In this Association there has been, latterly, some want of vigour and a little chilliness, but, as the spring returns again, so this work of God will soon resume its energy, and its former life and usefulness. The distress to be relieved in this large parish is very great. Our respected Vice-President, who knows the poor well, declares, that three thousand persons arise every morning in this parish without the means of breaking their fast. Poor things! the most deserving of them will not make known their wants till sickness lays them prostrate. Of this class was a young man, whom we relieved during a part of last year, whose name was John Cronin. had been a coachman, and had got married about two years ago. He was young, and his wife was young. Everything seemed to promise them their share of happiness in this world when he caught a cold. The cold lay upon his chest and produced spitting of blood.

was a tedions complaint, and he could not keep his place. Little by little the savings went, then the furniture, and then the clothing. At last, the poor young wife, after fasting all day, would be obliged to go out after dark to beg a little for her sick husband and for herself. In this state she was when she was obliged to go to the Rotunda Hospital. Want, and much more, mental suffering, had so enfeebled her that she died her infant lived. The poor widower, the poor young man, was obliged to rise from his bed, and, with scarcely any clothing, applied at St. Brigid's for the admission of the poor little infant. The child was received, and he was put upon the relief list of this Association. With the nourishment and the sympathy his health returned and his spirits revived, in three months he re-A lady, who heard a Priest telling poor Cronin's story, at once supplied him with an excellent suit of clothes. He obtained a situation as sub-steward for the voyage, on board an emigrant vessel bound for Australia. He is now in a new atmosphere, in a new home. Most likely he will become a prosperous man, and in his prosperity religion will whisper to him, "Do not forget me, for in your adversity I remembered you."

Hundreds of cases occur, each in its way as touching as this. The members will, therefore, pray, that God may renew in each the spirit of her vocation. We will endeavour also to speak to our friends to come into the Association and recruit our ranks, and we will become suppliants to the wealthy, and procure funds for these Sick Poor that are so dear to God.

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Fadies' Association of Charity of

RECEIPTS from 1st of June, 1861, to 29th of July 1862.

	Total,	£275 12	61
Proceeds of Lottery,		47 19	
Donations and Subscriptions, Proceeds of Charity Sermon,		143 12 22 13	7
Balance on hands for Sick Poor, .		£ s. 61 7	d. 714

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, 1861, to 29th of July, 1862.

			£	S	. d.
Relief given in Food, Coals, Straw Meat,					
and Wine, £14	41	11	$2\frac{1}{2}$		
Relief given in Money,	3	19	$10\frac{3}{4}$		
			-145	1	1 14
Cod-liver Oil, Medicine, &c.,			0	6	8
Masses for the Association, the Sick, and the	de	-			
ceased Poor,			3	15	0
Stationery, &c., .			1	0	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Messengers, &c.,			6	4	6
Printing for Lottery, Reports, Sermon, &c.,			14	12	0
Office Rent,			18	13	4
Part of Expenses of Drawing,			5	1	8
Office Firing.			0	3	3
Advertisements for Sermon, Lottery, &c.,			13	16	6
Printing, &c., for Retreat, Cards, &c.,			0	13	0
Expenses of Charity Sermons,			8	4	6
		-			
			£218	1	$6\frac{3}{4}$
Balance in hands,			57	10	$11\frac{1}{2}$
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RELIEF IN KIND GIVEN TO THE POOR.

	lbs. oz.		lbs.	oz.	
Bread,	8,995 8		764	0	2,374 Stones of Coal.
Meal,	90 8	Cocoa,	5		
Flour,	113 8	Butter,	38	6	99 Eggs.
Meat,	44 15	Potatoes,	14	0	101 Candles.
Tea,	114 8				43 Straw Beds.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK POOR,

From June, 1861, to July, 1862.

[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.

N NA D	£	S.	d.
Mrs Henrion money prize returned),	5	0	0
Matthew Brett, Esq.,	4	0	0
Anonymous, per Rev Dr. Murray,	2	10	0
Per Rev W H. Anderdon, C.U.,	2	0	0
Richard Martin, Esq., North Wall, .	2	0	0
Thomas Martin. Esq., do.,	2	0	0
Richard Spring, Esq.,	2	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Barklie,	1	10	0
Rev D. Heyfron, C.C., St. Mary's,	1	0	0
The Misses Finucane, per Miss Scully,	1	0	0
Mrs Kane,	1	0	0
Mrs Jeffers,	1	0	0
Mrs Keshan, Kingstown,	1	0	0
Doctor Shannon,	1	0	0
John Dennan, Esq.,	1	0	0
John Queely, Esq.,	1	0	0
Henry O'Beirne, Esq.,	1	0	0
Doctor O'Reilly,	1	0	0
Mrs O'Connor,	1	0	0
Messrs Cannock and White,	1	0	0
Messrs M'Swiney and Delany,	1	0	0
Rev P O'Neill, C.C.,	1	0	0
J J Clarke, Esq., per Rev W Purcell,	1	0	0
Miss Coleman,	1	0	0
Mrs Walshe,	1	0	0
Miss Byrne,	1	0	0
Mrs Milermott, per Rev P O'Neill,	1	0	0
Miss Lentaigne,	1	0	0
T L. Kelly, Esq.,	1	0	0
Mrs D'Arcy, New Forest,	0	17	0
Per Mrs Murray and Miss Hayden,	0	15	2
Mrs Matthews and Friends, Sackville Street,	0	15	0
Mrs Connolly and Friends, Marlboro' Street,	0	20	0
Mrs and the Misses Gernon,	0	13	0

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Mrs Markey and Mrs Caraher,	0 10	0
Mrs Aungier, Eccles Street,	0 10	0
John Donegan, Esq.,	0 10	0
Mrs Riddick and Miss Daly,	0 10	0
Mrs and Miss Corbally,	0 10	
Thomas Nolan, Esq.,	0 10	
Mr Delany, Gregg's Lane, .	0 10	
The Misses Kelly, George's Place,	0 10	
Miss Phelan and Mrs Keogh,	0 10	
Mrs Cannon,	0 10	
Mrs Loughnan,	0 10	
	0 10	
Mrs M'Ternan,		
Mrs Corrigan, Merrion Square,	0 10	
Mrs Blount,	0 10	0
Wm. Cahill, Esq., Queenstown, .	0 10	0
Miss Monahan, per Rev W Purcell, C.C.,	0 10	0
Mrs Sullivan, per Mrs Walshe,	0 10	0
Mrs Ennis, Clontarf,	0 10	0
Per Mrs Hely (for Christmas dinner),	0 10	
Rev W Purcell, C.C.,	0 10	0
Mrs Edward M'Gauran, .	0 10	
M. F., Anonymous, per Miss Aylward,	0 10	0
Miss Aylmer,	0 10	
Mrs French, per Mrs Baldwin,	0 10	
Mrs Cahill,	0 10	
	THE RESIDENCE	11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Mr William Powell,	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.

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 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 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, blankets, shoes, etc., will be gratefully received at the Office of the Association, 6 Middle Gardiner Street, where a box is kept to receive Subscription.