respect to the general merit of claimants, and to the extent of the relief it may be necessary to afford them.

To report to the Society any accident that may befall members, and such as stand in need of aid, or any sickness they may labor under, and to describe the nature and extent of the assistance it behooves the Society to give them, while in such circumstances.

PROVISIONS IN CASE OF THE ABSENCE, REMOVAL OR DEATH OF OFFICERS.

If any officers of this Society are, by sickness or otherwise, necessarily absent from a regular meeting, others shall be called, for the time being, to act in their room; and if any of the officers happen to remove out of the Province, or to die during the year for which they were elected, the members assembled at the next quarterly meeting shall, as upon the meeting in November, choose others to serve in their room for the remainder of the year.

SECTION V.

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY AND APPROPRIATION THEREOF.

All the money collected from the members or received by donation or otherwise, shall be applied to the best advantage for promoting the ends of the Institution; and if, at any time, there shall be more money in the funds than present exigencies require, the Treasurer, at the desire and by the direction of the Society, at any general or quarterly meeting, shall lend out the same upon interest on the credit of the Province, or unexceptionable personal security by bond, or by investment in real estate, within the City of Halifax, by bond and mortgage, this security to be taken in the name of the President and Vice-President for the time being, and the survivors of them, as Trustees for the said Society;