

During December, January and February, a meal was prepared daily in one of the rooms, and given to those needing it, when dinners, equal to one for 1897 persons, were supplied at a cost of about 3½d. per head; and 37 persons not otherwise aided were supplied with clothing.

The receipts of money are acknowledged under the head of subscriptions, and in this connection reference is requested to the Treasurer's account, showing the total income and outgo of funds.

Many bundles of clothing, old and newly made up, a piece of Tweed cloth, a clock, a lot of bonnets, several lots of meal, fish and flour, a box soap, several parcels shoes and rubbers, several bags and barrels vegetables, a number of books, and a few other articles were received; but in so many instances without the name of the giver that it is thought best to acknowledge them all in this general way.

It is believed that the most was made of all contributions, and that those who gave, will be satisfied with the results here reported. It should be scarcely necessary to add that the utmost catholicity was observed: all Protestants found needing aid, got it in proportion to the claims of each case, without regard to denomination, although it appears that the majority aided were or called themselves of the Church of England.

The efficiency of the effort was kept up by a meeting every Monday of the Ladies, who then appointed their Executive and the Visitors for the week, and so faithfully were their duties fulfilled that it appeared that as many as twenty-five of their number gave prolonged attendance at the Rooms, or visited the homes of the poor within one month, reporting in the latter case very fully as to the condition and the claims of those whom they had seen. Miss Harvey especially devoted herself very fully to the work.

There was also a monthly meeting always well attended, presided over, the first of them by the late Reverend Dr. McGill, who had attended the public meeting, and manifested a warm interest in the effort, giving it more of his countenance and co-operation than perhaps it received from any other, and one of whose last public appearances was at its Rooms; and the subsequent ones by Rev. Dr. Taylor, Dr. Wilkes and Mr. Fraser respectively, all of whom gave the effort, both as to its design and its carrying out,