

are some two dozen charitable institutions in this city, but with the exception of the Toronto General Hospital there is no one more generally regarded as what might be called a "State Institution" than the House of Industry. The public will appreciate the difficulty of collecting for an institution which does not appeal to race or creed, and which while endeavouring to provide for all classes, is on that account not within the special charge of any class. The managers do not complain of its private subscription list, though it might be extended, and they accept with thanks, donations, cheerfully given they believe, and always thankfully received.

The managers in this connection have to record with satisfaction the many persons who by their wills and otherwise have considered this House a desirable medium for dispensing their charity. In this year we have to acknowledge \$1,000 from the estate of the late Mr. E. H. Rutherford. Mr. John Macdonald has sent us a munificent contribution, and the Toronto Savings Bank have continued the good practice of bestowing a portion of their Charitable Trust Fund upon this House. An inspection of the list of contributors will convince any one that the charity of our subscribers is well evinced by the handsome sums given by many for the relief of the poor.

WORK OF THE HOUSE.

The number of inmates in the House gives no idea of the work done by it. The great work is the out-door relief, and the temporary assistance to that class known heretofore as the tramp. The inmates are chiefly old and infirm people. The retired pensioner takes kindly to our Institution, and the managers feel that they have discovered the method of taking care of those who in their time were the guardians of the Empire.