

Hence the value of the visitation system initiated by the Association, by parcelling out the city into districts, and allotting to each a given number of visitors. The plan is attended with much self-denying and often unpleasant labor, but which we are glad to say, has been cheerfully undertaken, and faithfully carried out, by members who take upon themselves this self-imposed and responsible duty.

The Stone Shed, under the careful and efficient management of Mr. W. H. Neal, was during the past winter almost self-supporting. This is due in a great measure to the time, energy and attention given to it, not only during the past, but several previous years, by the gentleman just mentioned, and whose valuable services in this department have been a most important factor in the success which has attended operations in this direction. 47,068 bushels of stone were broken last winter in the Shed.

The amount paid for the stone was.....	\$ 785.70
Wages for breaking.....	1,631.84
Tools and repairs.....	93.75
Interest on money.....	146.83
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	\$2,550.00

Received for stone.....\$ 25.50

Loss on Stone Shed..... 108.12

It will thus be seen that the loss sustained in this work is only nominal, while it gave employment throughout the hardest of the winter months to two hundred and seventy-six men, who were thus able to earn, when employed, from thirty to fifty cents a day. Three cents are paid for breaking a bushel of stone, and a workman can break from twelve to twenty bushels a day, when fully employed.

No arrangement has yet been come to with the City Council as to the purchase of broken stone, during the coming year, but it is to be hoped there will be no difficulty in this direction.