

losing all freedom of action ; and further alarm them by continually repeated and unfounded assertions of extreme and objectionable practices prevailing in the House. We can only hope to *live* down such foolish misrepresentations.

Among Contributions sent in during the year, may be mentioned a great deal of Fancy Work, of which a large part has been sold for the benefit of the Building Fund.

Fifty parcels of Old Clothes for distribution to the poor.

Ninety-two presents to the Community, of different kinds, have been received.

The Accounts being too voluminous to be printed, are lying at the house, 38 Gerrard Street West, and are open to the inspection of every subscriber.

The House Rent and Fuel are provided by the Committee of Gentlemen.

The Fund for Maintenance is contributed by the Ladies' Committee, and amounts to \$35.00 per month.

To maintain a household consisting of two Sisters and a Servant, the above sum (viz. \$35 per month) does not seem to be excessive, and when the vast amount and variety of good works are taken into account, the outlay is indeed small compared with the results which are effected. It is however evident, that an increase in the number of our workers, while producing a large increase in all benevolent exertions, would not be accompanied with anything like a proportionate increase of expense ; and that increase in number, notwithstanding all discouragements, we still hope to obtain. It would surely be a most lamentable thing, that at the bidding of mere prejudiced opposition, any one should dream of giving up a work so thoroughly practical and benevolent in its character. Amidst the wretched strife of controversy about exaggerated differences now raging around us, it is