

been increased to thirty and the city divided into as many districts; blank reference cards with lists of the visitors and their respective districts are furnished to subscribers, who have thus a guarantee that the case of any applicant for assistance referred by them to a visitor, will receive prompt and due attention. Many of the gentlemen who have kindly undertaken the duty of visitor have had no previous experience; most of them are not even members of the Board; the movement is altogether experimental, and its issue is awaited with much interest by the Trustees. That means of relief may be more readily accessible to the suffering portion of the community, arrangements are being effected for the distribution of bread at two centres, in addition to the House; one in the eastern, the other in the western section of the city. Provision has also been made for the temporary reception elsewhere, of such casuals as for want of room cannot be accommodated in the outbuilding. The soup kitchen has been in active operation since the 1st inst.; soup is distributed daily (Sundays excepted), free of charge, to all applicants, between the hours of twelve and one, the daily distribution thus far averaging 170 gallons.

To meet the increased demand upon their resources, which under existing pressure, must soon be exhausted, the Board decided to dispense temporarily with the services of a paid collector, and to make, for the first time within ten years, a personal appeal to the citizens. The amount collected last year in the usual manner was barely \$1,500, a sum utterly incommensurate with the work of the House and the wealth of the city. The managers confidently hope that this appeal will meet such a response as will enable them not only to continue their present measure of relief, but if necessary to enlarge it. The collectors wish to call upon every citizen,

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