

distributed to the outdoor poor this season, as against 23,929 loaves last year, which cost the house \$2,134.07. The groceries distributed, consisting of oatmeal, rice, tea and sugar have reached the unprecedentedly large amount of 15,205 lbs., costing \$818.50, as against 5,119 lbs. the previous year, of the value of \$277.32.

The members of this Committee have taken part in the meetings of the Conference of Associated Charities, and have had the opportunity of correcting misunderstandings that frequently arise concerning the work of this queen of our charitable organizations. In conferring with the representatives of other noble societies, the nature and far-reaching extent of the operations of the House of Industry and Refuge have been clearly brought out, compelling the admiration of all those whose hearts beat in sympathy with the afflicted and the distressed.

Your Committee would more and more emphasize the importance of applying the labour test, whenever practicable to all the departments of our work. To furnish the necessities of existence to the able-bodied, leaving them in idleness, sloth, improvidence and intemperance, is demoralizing and degrading in its effects. Our object is not to nourish a brood of paupers, but rather to provide the poor with the means of earning support, and thus save them from pauperism.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of Committee.

D. J. MACDONNELL,
Chairman.

THE MEDICAL REPORT.

During the year ending April 1st, 1891, seven men and six women (of whom ten were over sixty-seven years of age) have died in the House from incurable diseases of long standing. There has been no death from any other cause, although we have had the usual amount of current sickness.

Respectfully,
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