

amount received by this Institution from this old Estate is, including interest, \$5,809.83.

Intimation has been received from the Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society, that the Hon. John Young has been appointed to succeed Mr. J. C. Becket, as their representative Governor at this Institution.

Your Board are called to mourn the recent death of Mr. John Greenshields, and of Mr. W. H. A. Davies, two of the Life Governors of the Institution. Mr. Greenshields acted as Chairman of the Poor Relief Committee since our first inauguration, and Mr. Davies had rendered important services in arranging the Finance Department. Both these gentlemen were our warm and active friends from the commencement of our work, and their loss will be felt as well, by the public in general, as by the poor, in whose well-being and relief they always took so lively an interest. Another old and respected citizen, recently deceased, William Watson, Esq., was also a Life Governor of this Institution.

Bereavements so sudden, call upon all of us to be actively employed in works of Christian usefulness, and charity, for "The night cometh when no man can work."

In regard to a Country House, it was stated in the last Annual Report, that at the end of the present year, when the last instalment ought to be all paid, and when the amount of the permanent Fund could be clearly ascertained, the Governors would be able to judge whether the funds would be sufficient to warrant the expenditure required for a country House—independent of the annual expenditure. We would recommend that the Board for the present year take up the question thoroughly, and report within the next three months, and that they also report on the maintainance of both the town and country house. Your Board are of the opinion that a yearly collection for this purpose will be found indispensable, but in this effort they see some difficulty, while the Out-Door relief-charity is dispensed from this House, and the funds raised by voluntary effort. They trust, however, that the Committee that may be appointed, may be enabled to devise some plan to meet the difficulty.

When we reflect on the great increase of population, especially of the poorer classes, and on the increased price of provisions and rents, and notice the very large number of individuals and families that have been relieved during the past, and two or three previous winters, and thus kept from absolute want and starvation; it appears like a Special Providence that has raised this Institution into existence, to prevent a large amount of human destitution, misery, and even death: which must inevitably have occurred.

Let all those who have thus had it in their power, to relieve the wants of their fellow creatures, be thankful to God who has said, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor, for, when the time of trouble comes, the Lord will deliver him." And let them remember that it is to the

good providence of God that they owe their ability to aid. "Who maketh thee to differ?"

In accordance with the 19th Bye-Law, your Board would respectfully recommend, that Edwin Atwater, Esq., a Life Governor of this Institution, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Management, caused by the death of the late Mr. Greenshields: and they would further recommend, that the Hon. James Ferrier, another Life Governor, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of late Mr. Davies, each for the unexpired term of office, viz: Mr. Atwater till the third Wednesday of April, 1869; and Mr. Ferrier till the third Wednesday of April, 1868.

The names of the retiring members of the Board of Management are as follows—all of them being eligible for re-election:

H. L. Routh,	Hugh Mathewson,
David Brown,	G. H. Frothingham,
J. C. Becket,	James Ferrier, jun.
Andrew Wilson,	Henry Bulmer,
H. A. Nelson,	N. B. Corse.

An election to fill these vacancies will take place at a Meeting of Governors, to be held within eight days.

The parties, so elected, hold office for three years.

It will be the duty of the Board of Governors this day to elect twenty-four Elective Governors to serve for one year, in place of the following, who retire:

H. T. Lamplough,	M. H. Gault,
N. B. Corse,	Thos. Peck,
Wm. Lunn,	Theodore Lyman,
Jno. Dougall,	J. Hutton,
Alex. Walker,	Henry Bulmer,
Alfred Savage,	Thomas Paton,
Richard Holland,	Alfred Rimmer,
J. McMillan,	Jas. Court,
Wm. Clendinning,	J. E. Jaques,
Andrew Wilson,	Robert Campbell,
Hon. John Rose,	William Gunn,
David Brown,	Jno. J. Day.

The names of those eligible for the office of elective Governor, will be found attached to the printed copies of the Bye-Laws.

Your Board, in conclusion, would call to mind, with devout thankfulness, the care and protection of our Heavenly Father throughout the year, which has elapsed, and would invoke the continued guidance of Him, without whose blessing, all our efforts would prove fruitless and vain.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. REDPATH,  
President.

The following Clergymen have conducted Divine Service at the dates stated:—

1866.

April 1,	Rev. Jno. Paterson, Hemmingford.
" 8,	" Andrew Paton.
" 15,	" R. Irvine, D.D.
" 22,	" Thomas Fraser.
" 29,	" Edw'd. Sullivan.