this way the faithful administration of the funds at the directors disposal was ensured. Daily attendance was given by the President, Messrs. James Forrest, John Farquharson, and John Symons, and the directors at the office and all cases were disposed of after mature deliberation. The plan, though not as yet perfect in every particular, was found to work well, and it is proposed to continue it with some modification.

PAYMENT BY THE CITY.

It is a matter of satisfaction that the amounts reported last year as due from the city for broken stone have been paid. In consequence of no provision in the appropriation having been made to cover interest, the face of the bills only was paid. It is hoped, however, that a spirit of equity will rule the deliberations of the City Council, and that a bill for interest, which has been submitted, will be provided for. It would be wholly unfair that a charitable association, should be required to borrow money from a bank and pay interest thereon in order that a wealthy city should have the use of the money for over two years in one instance for nothing.

RELIEF GRANTED.

During the season from Jan. 8th to April 7th there were issued as follows: Coal, 3,441 bushels; bread, 2,254 loaves; oatmeal, 2,840 pounds; molasses, 102 gallons; tea, 73 pounds; sugar, 193 pounds.

STATISTICS OF THOSE RELIEVED.

Three hundred and twenty families, composed of 1,201 members, shared in the distribution. Of course many of these have only a nominal connection with any religious body, but, taking their own representation of their religion, the figures stand as follows:—Roman Catholic, 56; Presbyterian, 28; Methodist, 44; Baptist, 54; Episcopal, 98; Missions, 50; total, 320 families.

Thanks are due to several friends who contributed to the furnishing of the rooms used as offices in Bedford Row.