hospital a short time, and, on the advice of the doctors, we assisted to send him home to his wife and relations, who could attend to him better than strangers. Another was the case of a young woman, who was also sick, and sent home to her friends. We very reluctantly send people out of the country, but in such cases as these we think it is the best way to do, and we mention them to show that the very small annual subscription of members does help emigrants in our adopted country, and also gives assistance to some of the very aged amongst us; and were it not for this fund many of our countrymen would be forced to ask of strangers what at present they can get from the St. Andrew's Society. Your Managers are glad to report that the Combined Charities' Society has made a great improvement in the conferring of charity, and that now there are very few of the regular tramp order asking help, and your Managers are fully impressed with the idea that if the other Scottish Benevolent Societies would join with us in the dispensing of charity even more benefit would result than from the present system of acting each for themselves; and we gladly hope that the suggestion of the chief officer of the Sons of Scotland, that all Scottish societies join hands in this laudable object be carried into effect. The St. Andrew's Society being the parent society it might be well to bring this question up at an early day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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