

These Ladies will be assisted by a Committee of Gentlemen, one of whom in turn, will give an hour's attendance daily at the Rooms.

Money will in no case be given; and it will be the anxious endeavor while relieving present necessity, so to foster habits of industry and providence, as to prevent the recurrence of the claim for aid. Men, applicants for relief, able to work, will be sent where work is likely to be obtained, a register being kept of the names of persons having it to give. A register will also be kept of the names of all persons either relieved or employed. Women and children able to work will be directed to individuals, or to those institutions of industry whose primary object is the giving of work to those able and willing to perform it, and refuge to those who are its fitting subjects.

It is thus not proposed to create a new Institution, but to unite and direct Protestant benevolence to carry out, during the exigencies of the winter season, in a convenient and central place, and one of common resort, a system of temporary relief, in the way of food, fuel, clothing, and employment to the needy, but virtuous and honest poor.

These statements of their object as at the outset set forth by the Committee, are repeated here because of some misapprehension of it which in some quarters existed, and in the hope that if that yet exists they will be sufficient to correct it; and as serving also to show the plan adhered to, and so far as they can judge found adequate and successful throughout the whole period of their effort. They may also indicate for future use a plan already found to work well.

The Committee were careful to publish monthly reports of their work, shewing the number of persons who had applied for aid and the number aided, acknowledging contributions received and stating expenditure. They now give the aggregate Report for December, January, February and March, the months during which the Rooms were open.

Number of applicants entered upon Register, most of them representing families,.....	289
Visited and found not deserving,.....	26
do do not suitable cases,.....	14
do do not needing aid,.....	2
Not found by visitors, and not having returned, entered as unworthy,.....	52
Relieved at their homes, and in some cases, work supplied,.....	91
Referred to Churches,.....	13
Found work for,.....	7
Found situations for,.....	37
Provided lodging and fuel for,..... (and their families,)	17
Employed at sewing and knitting; and in the school	30— 289