

mittee has by strict examination and careful scrutiny generally arrived at a correct estimate of the merits of each case as it has presented itself. In some instances, however, it may have judged too leniently, and assistance may have been given to those who were not really entitled to it, but your Committee believe that it has never, by judging too harshly, refused the really deserving. Whatever inconvenience or loss of time may have been experienced by your Committee, the grateful and heartfelt thanks of many an honest Englishman and woman have been sufficient repayment, and it must be gratifying to every member of the Society to know that almost daily during the past year some portion of his contribution was being employed in the good work of charity, in comforting the sickly, the hungry and the down-hearted. The remembrance of the good that has been done, should encourage our successors to renewed exertions, for on the energy of their management materially depends the future success of the Society.

During the year about 300 cases of distress have been enquired into, and relieved to the extent the funds of the Society would permit. It would occupy too much space to give the particulars of every case, but in compliance with a wish expressed at the December meeting, your Committee will now allude to a few of the cases which may not prove uninteresting.

Two widows of Englishmen who died in this country have been assisted to return to England, and several poor families aided with passes to Montreal and Quebec on their way home. Four members of the Society, and a life member of the Quebec St. George's Society, have been materially assisted during the past year. A respectable young man, a clerk from Liverpool, had \$10 loaned to him to proceed to New York, for which he gave security, and is now doing well. Another was loaned \$8 also on security and is doing well; the money in both cases will no doubt soon be repaid to the Society. An old Englishman with a large family received assistance three