

The Directors are anxious, as far as the interests of the poor will admit, to discourage the very common, and in too many cases, very objectionable practice of street begging—a practice as unpleasant to the industrious and worthy receiver, as it is disagreeable to the benovolent and kind hearted giver. If all who call at your door for alms were real objects of charity, as many of them doubtless are from adverse circumstances, it would be a pleasure for the Christian to relieve their distress; but the thought that many idle impostors, destitute alike of honesty and truth, are in the habit of thus appealing to the benevolent for very unworthy purposes, is a great drawback upon that pleasure. In the operations of this institution every precaution is taken to prevent such imposition. Doubtful cases are examined into, and improper recipients struck off the lists. Let the “Industrial Farm” be at once put in successful operation, and let the citizens of Toronto contribute to the support of your funds, “every man according to his ability,” and this desirable object may soon be accomplished.

The Directors cannot close this Report without expressing their deep regret at the removal from among them of one of their most active members, John Arnold, Esq., who, with much credit to himself, and satisfaction to them, has filled their chair for some time back. They trust his absence in England may only be temporary, and that they