

funeral. Also, Messrs. John Burstall, Henry Fry, Samuel Bennett, W. G. P. Mountain, life members, and George Bacon, an ordinary member.

The Committee are pleased to record an increase in our membership. Twelve new members are enrolled in our Society since last report, and we would recommend to our successors that continued efforts should be made to increase our membership.

The resident membership now stands at 129, of which 56 are life members, as follows:

Life—Resident.....	56	
Absent	26	82
Ordinary—Resident.....	73	
Absent	72	145
Total.....	227	

As authorized at General Meeting, on 7th January last, donations of \$25 each were made to the Finlay Asylum, Ladies' Protestant Home, Woman's Christian Association and Jeffery Hale's Hospital.

Christmas dinners have been distributed, as in former years, to thirty-five poor English families of this city.

The year 1897 is memorable as the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and, if practicable, an effort should be made by the Society to commemorate the event.

The whole respectfully submitted.

RICHARD TURNER,
President.

E. T. NESBITT,
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