

The Board of Management points with satisfaction to the record, showing that the city grant for outdoor relief, extending over a period of twenty-five years, only doubled, while the increase in population was fourfold.

This affords incontestible proof that the mode of relief adopted by this Institution is most decidedly anti-pauperizing in its effect.

5. The Treasurer's statement shows a large debit balance overdrawn at the bank. The supplementary grant from the city last year was inadequate to meet the requirements of the poor, and in consequence the management had to commence the work of the past season with the burden of a considerable debt from the previous year.

A deputation appointed by the Board represented the condition of our finances to the Mayor and Executive Committee of the City Council, and at the request of his worship the distribution to the outdoor was continued until the estimates for the year were considered, when our request would be granted for the necessary additional grant.

6. The reports of the various standing committees of the House, together with the Superintendent's and Physician's, will be found interesting, supplying as they do detailed information concerning the various departments of our work.

We desire thankfully to acknowledge a grant of 2,000 bushels of coke from the Consumers' Gas Company.

Through the voluntary assistance of several clergymen the religious services for the inmates have been regularly held.

The Management desire to express its entire satisfaction with the able manner in which the Superintendent, Mr. Arthur Laughlen, and Mrs. North, the Matron, have discharged their respective duties during the year.

The duties of Mr. Williamson and his assistant were faithfully discharged.

Appended to the report is a comparative table of the number of persons relieved by the House for the past eighteen years. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Secretary.

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Chairman.