

Report, that the Sabbath Services have been conducted regularly by the different ministers of the city.

Your Board feel it to be their duty, before concluding their remarks on the labors of this Committee, to say that the thanks of the Governors, and Community, are justly due to them for their arduous and self-denying labors in the discharge of their duties.

Second, the United Board of Out-door Relief, This board, is not, strictly speaking, a part of this Institution, but is composed of gentlemen from the different National Societies, who, having found it more efficient and economical to centralize their charities, have joined this Institution for that purpose, and with the Poor Relief Committee, aided by the City Missionaries, give out their aid from the House of Industry, to the deserving poor of the different nationalities whom they represent. This Out-Door Relief is upheld by voluntary subscriptions independent of the funds of this Board.

This report shows in detail, the large amount of relief given to many hundreds of poor families during the most inclement season of the year, for which, we particularly recommend a careful perusal of the Report. Your Board are well aware of the great difficulty of relieving the poor, either out-doors, or in-doors, without the dangerous tendency of pauperizing them; yet your Board are bound to say, that every effort has been used to prevent such injurious effect; almost every case being regularly reported on by the Missionaries, who visit, as far as possible, every family receiving relief.

Thirdly, your Board have also to submit, the annual Report of the Ladies' Industrial Committee, from which it will be seen that a large number of out-door poor have been supplied at their own homes with needle-work. The Ladies Committee have also, as far as practicable, supplied work to the female inmates, besides regularly visiting the House, from week to week. Their Report shews, that they have paid for out-door work during the year, about \$2000; that they have expended for material rather more than that amount, while they have received for sales and other items, detailed in the Report, the sum of \$4693, less the amount of \$411, balance on hand at the beginning of the year.

The very great advantage of the Ladies Committee, in their self-denying labors, is in furnishing so large an amount of industrial work, a department in which, this Institution finds its greatest difficulty, both among the males and females.

Fourth, the Report of the Visiting Surgeon, H. S. Tew, Esq., M. D. This report is satisfactory as regards the general health of the inmates, and your Board feel much indebted to Dr. Tew, for his faithful services, which have been given gratuitously for two years past.

Fifth, your Board would refer with special satisfaction, to the number of destitute children sent away by the United Board of Out-Door Relief, to comfortable homes in the country. It will also be perceived, that the experience of

the Board during the past two winters, leads them to recommend the establishment by the City Authorities, of a House of Correction for certain classes, who will not provide for their helpless families. Your Board are of opinion, that the thanks of the whole community are due to the gentlemen composing the United Board for their zealous and self-denying exertions on behalf of the poor.

Your Board beg also to express their gratitude to our City Ministers for responding so willingly to the invitation to conduct Divine Service, in rotation each Sabbath, with the poor. Appended is a table of the services held.

Your Board feel, that the thanks of the Governors are also due to our Solicitors, Messrs. Rose, and Ritchie, for their gratuitous services, and to J. Lovell, Esq., for his generous offer to print the reports of this Institution free of charge.

Your Board are happy to express the belief that the large subscribers who were in arrears, will pay their respective amounts, with the exception of one, who has positively refused to do so, unless compelled.

The Finance Report, herewith submitted, shows the total Receipts for the year at \$20,895.82; including the sum of \$12,300 received on account of the last instalment, which fell due on the first of November last; and the Expenditure at \$7,963.05. The amount invested during the year is \$15,387.68, which brings the total amount invested in first-class securities up to \$32,181.60. The large sum of \$10,535 is shewn as arrears, but it is expected that this sum will shortly be considerably reduced. These arrears, and the Molson Farm, with the vacant lot on De Bluary Street, form the only other available assets of the Institution.

It is obvious to your Board, that an effort must soon be put forth in order, some way or other, to supplement the present Revenue.—The Relief of our Protestant poor is being gradually concentrated more and more at the House of Refuge, and the drain upon our resources may be expected to increase rather than diminish, from year to year. Your Board, however, have no fears but that the important work in which they are engaged will be sustained by our fellow citizens as occasion requires. They would here remind our City Churches, that an Annual Contribution of \$25.00 entitles their respective Clergymen to a seat at the Board of Governors.

The Governor will perceive, included in the Finance Report, the handsome donation of four hundred dollars from the City and District Savings Bank; one half for the Endowment Fund, and for which the thanks of the Board have been tendered. The large sum of three thousand dollars has at various times been received as donations from the Directors of that Institution.

The Marsteller Estate has been finally closed by the payment of the last instalment, by Mr. Wilson, at the date it was due, and the necessary discharges have been signed. The total