

welcome and a helping hand. That, together with the relief of the Scottish poor resident in this city, is now the principal, as it is certainly a most appropriate object of the active operations of this Society. During the last year, as your Charitable Committee has reported, "The St. Andrew's Home" has been of essential service in the accommodation, for longer or shorter periods, of many persons who would otherwise have been exposed to much suffering and temptation, and, thanks to the generosity of its numerous friends and benefactors, a very large amount of pecuniary aid has been dispensed in connection with it. Let me earnestly commend to your continued regards and liberal support this active and valuable charity, which is entitled to our fullest confidence because of the care and judiciousness with which it is conducted. And if, in pressing this matter upon your attention, I may take any other argument from the history of our Institution since last Anniversary, let it be the impressive fact which the altered state of our membership presents, for an unusual number of deaths for a single year has occurred, occasioning the removal, from a list by far too small, of the names of some of the earliest friends of the Society, and some of the most unostentatious but liberal contributors to its funds. Like them, we all must soon resign the post of usefulness and duty to other occupants. While now we have the opportunity and the means, let us honour the claims of a patriotic, Christian benevolence.