

HONORARY MEMBERS.

I regret very much that none of the Commissioned Officers have availed themselves of the clause in the Constitution having reference to honorary members, as, I think, that the support of the officers would go a great way towards establishing the Association financially and otherwise on a firm basis. I attribute this want of interest on their part, to the fact, that the Association is a move in a new direction, and they wish to see its utility tested, and the advantages to be derived from it demonstrated in a practical manner, before they recognize it, but, I hope, that during the present year they will give it their support and a fair trial; and when the matter is properly laid before them, that not only the regimental officers of the city corps, but the head-quarters and district staff officers will be largely represented on our roll of honorary members; and by thus encouraging us in our good work, they will at the same time be practising that charity which blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.

RELIEF.

The practical good which the Association can accomplish has been tested in a measure during the past year. There have been several cases of sickness among the members in each of which the attendance of the Doctor and medicine were given free. One case of exceptional hardship occurred during the year, in which the Association granted the weekly allowance of three dollars, in addition to the medical attendance and medicine. Private Shanley of No. 3 Co., one of the members who assisted in the formation of the Association, had been out of employment during the greater part of the summer. He was engaged to work for a gentleman a few miles from the city. After working for a few weeks he was compelled to stop and return home, having been taken seriously ill. Being out of employment for a considerable length of time, and having a wife and family of two children depending upon him, he was consequently in very straitened circumstances, and altogether his position was one that deserved the greatest consideration at the hands of this Association. The circumstances of this case having been reported to me at a meeting of the Committee arranging for the Concert, a few days after the November meeting, and as the case was a very pressing one, we consid-