

homes, sure of employment, but finding themselves disappointed, sought the advice of your Committee. Too proud spirited to beg, they wished for work, which was after some trouble found, and the means thus afforded them of returning home. In several instances the Committee were called upon to render assistance to strangers, who were also in need of medical aid. These calls were promptly and cheerfully attended to by Dr. Hall, physician to the Society, to whom we are much indebted for these gratuitous favours. Cases which call for assistance, often have and will continue to come upon us unexpectedly, and when from pressure of business the Committee are prevented from meeting to take these cases into consideration. To obviate this difficulty a sub-committee of three has been formed for the purpose of managing in cases of urgent necessity, and this sub-committee report their proceedings to the General Committee. The utility of this has been proved.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Society have been regularly, although not so numerously attended as could be desired, owing no doubt to the fact that they were held at a time when the majority of the members were otherwise engaged. Be that as it may, Article 2nd of the Bye-Laws which provided that fifteen members should form a quorum for the transaction of business, has been altered in such a way as to make it competent for seven members to transact the business of the Society. The Committee would fain hope, however, that a bare quorum may never meet in that capacity, but that the inte-