

fact is forced upon their minds, that a large portion of their fellow-citizens, equally benefitted by your operations, and equally able with yourselves to assist in supporting the poor that are thrown upon the benevolence of the charitable, contribute not a farthing to the increase of your funds.

The Directors, from their frequent visits to the different wards of the House, are happy in being able to report that the greatest amount of comfort, consistent with strict economy and the state of their funds, is afforded to all the inmates.

The Superintendent and Matron continue to discharge their arduous duties with efficiency and fidelity. The wards are kept clean, the food is of a healthy kind and sufficiently abundant. Medical aid is always administered when necessary, and the general wants of all are looked after with tenderness and solicitude.

But the benevolence of the Board is by no means confined to the inmates of the House. There are many indigent families in all parts of the city who are feebly contending against the pinching hand of poverty, who cannot, and for many good reasons should not, break their family ties, and be removed to the wards of the House. These must be looked after at their own homes; and you will be glad to learn that no less than 200 cords of wood, and 3,176 loaves of bread have been distributed to them during the year.