

was tested only temporarily. The Managers do not see that they can do better than admit all comers who are sober and well behaved—leaving the test of the wood pile and the five-night limit to be renewed under other circumstances.

The Committee appointed in regard to the casual poor, had this subject of employment of casuals brought under the notice of the City Board of Works in the beginning of winter, and subsequently the matter was referred to the Board of this House, with the above result.

The Managers cannot say that the labor test has had a fair trial, because the House of Industry has not the facilities for such a test. It is not intended for such a purpose; and it is not equipped with such an object in view. In order to free the city from the great number of tramps seeking its hospitality, the Managers must either be enabled to engage these unfortunates at some continuous undertaking and keep them at it, or empowered to take the necessary proceedings to lodge them in the Central Prison, where they will be compelled to work.

The number of inmates in the House continues much the same. The comfort of the female portion has been increased by a substantial and thoughtful donation of the Treasurer, Mr. Scott, of thirty good feather pillows.

The Executive Committee has provided a new dietary, and under it the inmates will have no reasonable ground of complaint. Arrangements have also been made by this Committee as to religious services in the House.

The Consumers Gas Company have sent their usual donation of 1,000 bushels of coke—a gift which is always welcome.

The Managers, while desiring to remember those who are mindful of this House in their charity, regret that in mentioning the name of Mr. James Fleming, they recall one whose death has occurred since the last report—one who was an earnest and charitable member of their Board. Mr. Fleming left the House \$500 by his will, and the Managers record their

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