

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

1888-9.

The Annual Meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 30th April, 1889. There was a fair attendance of subscribers. His Worship Mayor Clarke was elected chairman, and Rev. John Gillespie acted as secretary.

The following reports were then presented.

The Trustees and Managers of the House of Industry beg to submit their Fifty-second Annual Report of the affairs and management of the institution, together with Treasurer's statements, and statement of all property held by the trust.

The past year has been one of unusual activity.

Owing to a very general desire on the part of the citizens, that the means should be supplied by the city to enable the management to materially improve the accommodation for casuals, and in connection with the improved accommodation to inaugurate a system of labor, which, it was believed, would discourage and in effect exclude the professional tramp from its benefits.

The experience of the management in attempting to supply labor, being hitherto unsatisfactory, it was thought advisable to examine the system prevailing elsewhere. At the suggestion of the city authorities, the Rev. A. J. Broughall, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the House, accompanied by Mr. Taylor, the Relief Officer of the corporation, proceeded on this mission, and made an inspection of the plans in dealing with the poor in some of the centres of the United States. The result of these investigations was formulated in an exhaustive report presented