

tribution of soup in connection with the house was in existence at the beginning of the season ; there has been one for the past three years, and donations of that nutritious beverage given to a large number of poor families. This mode of relief has been attended with the most beneficial effects and is much appreciated by the recipients. The managers have much pleasure in reporting that since the last annual meeting warm and cold baths with shower baths have been constructed in the house for the use of the inmates ; the use of them has been attended with the most beneficial effects.

The managers cannot too strongly urge upon their patrons and the public in general the necessity of refusing to give to those vagarants who may apply to them in the streets or at the private residences of the charitable. As this institution is established for the express purpose of assisting the destitute and deserving poor in our midst, it is desired that all such applicants be sent to the house, where they would, upon its being ascertained that they were deserving, receive a donation of coal, bread, and soup. If such a proposal could be carried into effect it would give the managers an opportunity of ascertaining the exact number of the destitute poor in the city and might lead to procuring employment for those able and willing to work for and assist themselves.