

the benevolent public of British Columbia will not suffer its usefulness to be curtailed for the want of the necessary funds.

"The legacy of the real estate of the late John G. Taylor, so judiciously realized upon at the right moment and now safely invested in the healthy site and commodious buildings at Hillside, and which for generations to come, it is hoped, will remain to perpetuate his memory, has had an unfavorable effect on our income. It has left the general impression that we are wealthy and in no need of help. A glance at the Treasurer's statement quickly dispels this charm, and reveals the fact that we are in the greatest need of assistance. Our purse is practically empty, with only a few annual subscriptions available until the close of the year; besides which the temporary accommodation obtained on the most generous terms from the Bank of British Columbia must shortly be repaid.

"A careful scrutiny of the financial statement shows that the expenses for maintenance of each inmate of the home has been less than the satisfactory showing of \$77 per capita of last year. After charging maintenance with \$560.51, interest on mortgage, and smaller amounts for taxes, insurance, etc., the total cost for each inmate during the year 1894 has been \$71.50, or a trifle less than \$6 per month, which, considering that this includes board, lodging, clothing, washing and primary education, can only be regarded as a marvellous tribute to the Ladies' Committee, to whom the internal affairs of the home are entrusted.

"Early in the year a systematic division of the city into collecting districts was made, and collecting books