

The cost of maintenance has been \$10,434.24, being \$223.37 less than in the previous year. The sum of \$5,407.02 was expended for food, being \$529.96 more on this item than in the year 1887-88.

#### THE NIGHT REFUGE.

The number of night lodgings given was 40,563—men, 39,366; women, 1,197; being an increase of 2,713 over that of last year.

#### SOUP KITCHEN.

The quantity of soup distributed was 100,943 quarts, with extra meals, being 1,600 rations more than last year.

#### DEATHS.

Nineteen deaths occurred during the year (eleven men and eight women), mostly aged persons, two of whom died in General Hospital.

#### KINDLING WOOD.

This industry has been carefully attended to, as will appear by the Treasurer's statement showing a balance of \$1,023.80.

A supply of dry wood is kept on hand. It is hoped that the friends of the Institution will continue to sustain it.

#### OUT-DOOR LABOR.

There has been a demand for men to do small jobs during the summer months, which we are unable to supply. During fall and winter months men have been sent out as usual, and have given general satisfaction.

The net proceeds of labor for the year carried to revenue account is \$843.09.

#### INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

The ladies of the Industrial Rooms, who are ex-officio visitors of the Institution, continue, with the valuable aid of Mrs. Milne, the lady manager, to labor successfully in their laudable efforts to provide work for a large and deserving class, who by this excellent and admirably managed society are placed in a position to help themselves.

We trust, as usual, to be able to give their Report.

#### BOARD OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The thanks of the Governors and of the public are due to the Board of Out-Door Relief, for the efficient manner in which they discharged the important and onerous duties committed to them.

#### POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Poor Relief Committee, which is really the executive of the Institution, met regularly, fortnightly in summer, and weekly in winter. The business of the House, routine and other, was fully and freely discussed, and faithfully and carefully transacted, and your Board, at its regular monthly meetings, had the pleasure of approving what has been so well and wisely done.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The usual religious services, both in the City Refuge and at the Country House at Longue Pointe, have been regularly maintained by the city ministers and other Christian friends.

During the late winter, on several occasions the inmates of the House at Longue Pointe were kindly entertained by the choirs of two of our city churches. Some members of the Christian Workers' Association, and friends from Longue Pointe, contributed to the furnishing of the Lecture Hall.

#### TREASURY.

In regard to our financial position at the end of the first six months of this year, the following statement was made in our semi-annual report: "As before stated, your Board have not only the cares always incident to the carrying on of a work like ours, but the added anxiety of having to do so with an inadequate revenue."

"This should not be so in this wealthy city. Surely the friends of the Institution do not wish its God-given work of charity to be in any way diminished, and yet that must be the result if our appeals for means to pay off the six thousand dollars debt still resting on our Country House, and for a small increase to our income, pass unheeded."

J. C. Watson, James Coristine, and Jonathan Hodgson, Esqs., generously volunteered to help by giving and collecting to make up the deficiency in our current revenue, which resulted in raising a sum of about fifteen hundred dollars, which sufficed to relieve us from our more pressing necessities.

Our income last year from all sources was \$15,386.77, \$1,397 of which was legacies. One thousand dollars was applied to lessen the debt on the Country House, which now stands at \$5,000.

The expenditure was \$15,995.61, which includes the special tax for street widening, and alterations and repairs to the Bleury Street houses.