

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

1889-90.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Trustees and Managers of the House of Industry beg to report that the funds entrusted to their charge have been administered with all due care and prudence as will appear by the appended reports of the several Standing Committees.

There has been a slight falling off in the matter of subscriptions received, as regards both their number and their amount, but in view of the increasing demands on the resources of the Institution it is earnestly hoped that the public will continue to extend a liberal support to the funds of this charity.

As will be seen on reference to the report of the Committee on Casual Poor the success of the experiment in the treatment of Tramps according to the labor test is now a settled fact.

The great work done by the House is the relief to the Outdoor Poor during the severity of the winter, and although the past has been an exceptionally mild winter it will be noticed that the number relieved has increased by about two hundred families as compared with the number assisted last year, there being a total of 1459 families relieved as compared with 1280 of the preceding year.

Within the past year the respected Superintendent of the House, Mr. North, has been removed by death, and the Managers desire to place on record their appreciation of his faithful services.

Mr. Arthur Laughlen received the appointment of Superintendent, and at the same time the Managers wishing to retain the valuable services of the widow of the late Superintendent have appointed her Matron of the Institution.