

tending no school. In some cases they have been refused admission, owing to want of proper clothing. In other cases the temptations of poverty induce the parents to employ their time in earning some chance trifle to add to their stinted means. In addition to such cases which require to be dealt with in a systematic way, calculated to aid the parents, in some cases poor widows, there is the class, unfortunately too numerous, of dissipated and criminal parents, utterly regardless of the true interest of their children. Cases have been reported to members of the Managing Committee that show the necessity for a truant officer being employed by the School Board, who shall not only ascertain the number of children who attend no school, but who will be prepared to interpose on behalf of poor but willing parents, and insist on their admission to the Public School. It is a reproach to our Public School system if it can be shown that it provides free education for the children of the prosperous tradesman and the skilled artisan, while it fails to overtake those who, alike from poverty and the lack of any healthful moral home-training, ought to have the first claim on any system of free education in the Public Schools.

MEDICAL OFFICER.

The prevalence of an exceptional amount of sickness among the inmates of the Lodging during the past year has confirmed the Managers in the necessity of carrying out some important changes, indispensable for the sanitary requirements, as well as the greater efficiency of the House for the successful prosecution of its special work; but which has only now been rendered possible by the completion of proper drainage to the street. The special thanks to the Managers are gratefully rendered to Dr. Wm. J. Greig for his kind and efficient services as medical officer during the past year.

TREASURER.

The past year has been one of exceptional outlay, chiefly in the important matter of draining, the city authorities having, at the request of the Managers, constructed an efficient permanent drain in the street. Other alterations and improvements on a somewhat exten-