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&c. About 500 lbs. of bread which remained were sent to the Boys' Home, the Girls' Home, and the Protestant Orphan's Home, and a number of families not English were also supplied. The distribution took place on Saturday, December 23, in the store on Front street, lately occupied by Messrs. M. & L. Samuel, kindly granted by these gentlemen for that purpose.

The Committee are pleased to be able to report, that as the result of a better and more suitable class of emigrants being sent out, as well as the more efficient arrangements for their distribution by the Emigration Department, a much less number of newly arrived immigrants were applicants for assistance than in the previous year, and these mostly arising from sickness, shipwreck or other misfortunes. Numbers of even the most deserving, however, and who form a welcome addition to our industrial population, find it necessary to obtain assistance to pass through the first winter, more especially those connected with the building trades and other out-door employments. Arriving during the summer, they are scarcely able to do more than keep their families and make themselves a home before winter sets in, they are thrown out of employment, and want stares them in the face. The relief of such cases is one of the most satisfactory uses to which the funds of the Society can be applied. There are several other classes of recipients equally deserving, but the Committee regret to notice that there are many instances where the same applicants come up year after year, and where the giving of charity is only another name for encouraging improvidence. The utmost care, discrimination and firmness are required to eliminate such cases, and to apply to them the Apostolic injunction, "that he that will not work, neither shall he eat."

In conclusion, the Committee would press the urgent claims of the Society on the support of all Englishmen and their descendants, and more particularly the present membership. It is believed that with a little effort every member of the Society could get at least one new member to join its ranks during the coming year, and the Committee venture to express the hope that that effort will not be wanting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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A. F. PAULI, *Secretary.*

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