

*The stone shed only present fine one of which remains so. Keep operation through summer, to ease paying of interest. It is necessary to purchase coal, stone. It is necessary to prompt in paying fuel.*

# REPORT.

such an association as this should not only exist, but be ever exerting, through the activity of its visitors, a healthful influence in exposing the fraudulent devices of unprincipled mendicants. Not less needful are the incessant and self-denying labors of the visitor in order to the discovery of those who have a just title to the relief of their necessities.

The Board, then, would seek to impress upon the members of the association, as one great and general duty, a constant and cordial support to its visitors; which will best be shown by strict adherence to the rule which binds them "to relieve no one, except through the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives." It is no doubt much easier to afford relief at once, without the intervention of a visitor, than to go through the forms which reference to him involves; but, it should be borne in mind, that every infraction of its rules is a blow at the permanence and usefulness of the association.

The Board now retiring from the management of the affairs of the association, impressed, as the result of their own experience, with the great value of the rules which have been cited, have deemed it not inappropriate for them, at this time, to urge the recommendation that no relaxation in the observance of those rules may be sanctioned, but that all would strive to follow them implicitly.

It is one of the impressive and encouraging "signs of the times," that similar associations are rapidly multiplying in Great Britain and in the United States of America: and, from the process of thorough systematization which is going on, it is not too much to hope that great effects will yet be realized in the restraint of mendicity, the alleviation of the evils of pauperism, and a diminution of the facilities for imposture.

Let us, then, not faint nor be discouraged, but continue our beneficent enterprise, animated by the belief that it has already been productive of good, and that it will, if faithfully prosecuted, achieve, in still greater degree, the success of which it is worthy.

The operations of the Association in the past year, may be summed up as follows:—

The stone-shed having been blown down, was reconstructed at an expenditure of \$86.61. The cost of stone was nine hundred and ten dollars: and the amount paid for breaking it, \$1,825.40. Adding to these items interest paid to the bank for cash advanced—purchase of

*4231 loads of stone at 18 cents a load.  
 17 sales for expence, hammers, saws 3 a load  
 this year no 10 pro. pay 3 1/2 of fuel & other nec.*

hammers, &c., we have stone-breaking, of fifty-two thousand bushel.

The Central Board during the year to indigent females to

The gratuitous of January, February of the visitors (in w occurs), we find an comprising nineteen above months, who supplied:—

Bushels of Coal.	
January.....	739
February.....	1188 1/2
March.....	840
2767 1/2	
Tea.	Sugar.
bs., 46 1/2	lbs., 97 1/2

The Central Board hitherto no special ap been found necessary excess of the amounts the Treasurer to mak without showing any been times when the the Board would requ early in the season as

Halifax, 1st November

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 747 were employed  
 47 to 61  
 an average 56  
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