

thing has occurred to mar the harmony that has prevailed among us, a harmony and spirit which we hope at no distant day to see permeate the whole volunteer force of the city.

The objects of the Association may be thus briefly summarised:—

1st. The cultivation and fostering of a spirit of brotherhood among the members of the different volunteer organizations of the city.

2nd. The granting of relief to members in time of sickness.

3rd. The respectable burial of the remains of deceased members.

4th. The general efficiency of the volunteer force of the city.

We attain the first object by means of our regular meetings, where the men of the several corps mingle together, form acquaintances, cultivate friendship, and having one common object in view, they soon look upon each other's interests, as volunteers, as inseparable from their own.

The second object is provided for by the regular monthly fees which are paid by each member.

The third object is provided for by a direct grant out of the Management Fund, or by a special assessment on the members.

The fourth object is assured by the strict medical examination which each candidate has to undergo previous to becoming a member of the Association, which effectually excludes men who are unfit for service, and the by-laws provide against boys under eighteen becoming members.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

I am happy to state that the membership of the Association has steadily increased during the year. The Association started with 20 members and has now reached 100 in good standing. I am sorry that none of the members of our sister corps, with the exception of the O. F. B. have joined the Association yet. This is owing to a mistaken idea which got abroad, that the Association was only for the Foot Guards, but now that several prominent members of the Field Battery have joined, and our objects are becoming better known, we hope, at least, to have a fair representation from each corps in the city.