

# COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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entered upon the books, which were all investigated and attended to, as far as practicable, by the Committee, and the sum of \$863.33 was disbursed for relief, including advances for burials, railway passes, etc. During the summer and autumn there were few complaints of lack of employment, but since this severe winter set in, the demands for assistance from the destitute unemployed, have been numerous and urgent. The annual recurrence of this absence of labour, during our long winters, suggest the question as to whether it would not be possible for our Provincial or Municipal authorities to provide some kind of work for men in the winter months, and thus prevent much destitution and suffering. In addition to pecuniary aid, many persons have been assisted by advice, obtaining employment, or admission to charitable institutions, and in various other ways, of which no record is kept. Orders were given for burial in the Society's ground, in St. James' Cemetery, of fourteen adults and four children.

## FINANCIAL.

The Treasurer's Statement shows that the financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory.

The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was .....	\$ 582 05
" Cash receipts were .....	7,081 82
Making a total of .....	7,663 87
The expenditure of all kinds was .....	6,930 12
Leaving a balance on hand of ....	\$ 733 75

Of this sum 243.75 is available for the beneficial work of the Society, the remainder being life members' subscrip-