

as furnished by WM. MOLSON, Esq., the Treasurer of the Institution :

Amount at Credit of Current Account as per Bank Book.....	888 71
At Credit of Deposit on Interest Account, as per account rendered.....	3,300 00
Balance of Interest at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. accrued on Deposit to 31st March, 1865, for the half year ending that date, the Interest for the first half of the year being credited Current account.....	93 99
Balance in hands of Treasurer 31st March.....	\$ 4,282 70
Add Balance in hands of Supt., same date.....	128 25
Total at Credit of Institution, 31st March, 1865.....	<u>\$ 4,410 95</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. LUNN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
19TH APRIL, 1865.

The Poor Relief Committee have the honour to report that the new buildings were opened on the 16th December last, and the work has been carried on during the Winter months with considerable success and satisfaction. In the Night Refuge the aggregate number of night's lodgings given to the poor is 6,735, of which 1,634 were Roman Catholics.

The Soup Kitchen has been kept constantly going, and from it the number of rations distributed have been 25,197, the cost of each ration being a little over four-fifths of one cent and each ration measuring one quart.

The permanent poor regularly maintained during the Winter has numbered about 80, and this number will not likely much diminish. If the funds would permit, it would be desirable to have all these removed to the Farm, according to the decision arrived at last year. But in the meantime they can be taken care of in the town buildings. If the building in the country was ready, it would be better to remove the entire establishment out of the town building, leaving only sufficient attendants to meet urgent cases of destitution requiring immediate relief.

As the work is carried on at present, the cost of each inmate is about 15 cents a day, including all expenses of maintenance and management.

Great difficulty is found in procuring suitable employment for the permanent poor, and attention is constantly given to this object with the view of having them always occupied.

It is felt that great benefit would arise from an effort to reclaim and educate the number of young persons, boys especially, who now crowd our streets, and the Committee entertain the hope that something may soon be done in this direction.

The establishment of a Ragged School in connection with the Night Refuge is strongly recommended.

It is also considered desirable that all the inmates should be clothed in uniform dress of the same material. Improved appearance and greater cleanliness would result and no great expense would be incurred.

If the vacant lot adjoining the building is not to be sold immediately, it is suggested that firewood for the poor might be laid in there and sold out in winter at its actual cost.

It is recommended that the Night Refuge be closed not later than the 1st June, and the Soup Kitchen for out-door relief at the same time.

It is a matter of regret to this Committee that the City Missionaries' Relief Association did not see their way to do their work during the past winter through this Institution. Concentrated effort would, in the opinion of this Committee, always prove more effective and more economical, as multiplied agencies may tend to pauperise instead of benefitting the poor.

By request of this Committee, the following gentlemen have acted as Visitors from week to week :—

Week beginning Monday, Jan.	9, John Sinclair and M. H. Gault.
"	16, Henry Bulmer and David Brown
"	23, George Hagar and H. A. Nelson.
"	30, T. M. Thomson and T. M. Bryson.
Feb.	6, E. E. Shelton and Andrew Wilson.
"	13, Andrew Robertson and Peter Redpath.