

"Due to the encouragement of his example and the vigour of his administration, the augmentation in the numbers of the Society, the liberality of its benevolent disbursements and the beneficial influence which it exercised during the year of his Presidency were alike without precedent in its annals.

"A true, warm-hearted, upright, and fearless Englishman, he was a type of all that is honorable and estimable in the nationality he represented, and in every relation of life illustrated and upheld its best characteristics.

"As such, he is now mourned by the Society which, whilst it would not rudely venture within the sacred sphere of domestic sorrow, desires to be permitted to give such expression to its own grief, as, although but feebly recording the affectionate regard in which its deceased President was held, may, in some measure, tend to comfort the widow and fatherless in their affliction, by the assurance, that in their bereavement they sorrow not alone, but others, his attached countrymen, mourn with them the loss of an estimable friend, a valuable citizen, and a charitable, just, and good man."

The demands upon the charitable fund during the past year have been very heavy, so that the Treasurer has seldom had a balance in hand. Your Committee would earnestly call upon the members to pay their subscriptions as early as possible, and by this means save the expense of collection, which is a very serious item of expenditure, and it will also enable our successors in office to relieve, immediately, many of our poorer fellow-countrymen, who, at this moment stand in need of assistance.

The emigration during the past year has fallen considerably below that of former years, so far it is satisfactory when we consider the scarcity of employment. The heavy drain upon our funds has arisen not so much from those who emigrated during the season of 1858, but principally from previous emigrants, many of whom arrived in 1857, sent out by the Wellington Fund and the Woolwich Emigration Society, and are still remaining in the City out of work, suffering from want and disease. Whatever may have been the motives of those Societies in shipping off to Canada their unemployed workmen, we know not; but we do know the consequences to have been misery and want to hundreds. The accounts these

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