

by the Society," and the first Vice-President addressed a letter to the public journals, explaining that we would have preferred, that the citizens generally had undertaken the duty, and that the St. George's Society were quite ready to merge their more limited operations in wider and more extended efforts. The matter thus pointedly brought before the community attracted immediate attention, and the feeling at once became quite general that the collection should be taken up by the City. A public meeting was called, at which the Mayor presided, much enthusiasm was manifested, and the result has been that \$18,647.00 have been collected for this purpose in Toronto and the neighbourhood. And we may claim without exaggeration, that to the exertions of this Society this success in no limited degree may be attributed.

The constitution of the Society as it is set forth in the Act of Incorporation declare the intention and objects we should have in view. It is there stated, that the Society exists "for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary medical and other relief to such natives of England and Wales and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress." It is necessary to bear in mind this comprehensive view of our duties and obligations, that we may understand the wide range of usefulness to which we aspire. It is not only the poor of this city and neighbourhood of our race and blood who are without means or employment, or are unable from infirmity and age to earn their bread, or incapacitated from poverty to seek work elsewhere—it is not simply these whom we pretend to aid; but we likewise profess to assist with our advice and help any newly arrived English immigrant who may appeal to us. With some, the opinion has been entertained that our duties are more immediately with the immigrant. But such a limitation of our interference is not warranted by our constitution; nor

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