

The charity was intended to be for the English poor only, but, to the really deserving no difference was made. Many a poor family was thus enabled to enjoy a Christmas dinner, which they could not have obtained but for the timely aid thus afforded them by the St. George's Society.

The Society being now incorporated and in a flourishing condition, it is very desirable that gentlemen who occupy a position in life which enables them to afford it, should become Life members of the Society. The subscription is \$20, which is invested, and the interest alone applied to the ordinary expenditure. In Quebec about £1,400 has been derived from this source and invested—and nothing has so much tended to add to the permanency of the institution.

Your Society has an investment of \$585 in the British American Insurance Company. During 1859 the Committee has deposited with the Provincial Permanent Building Society, and withdrew one hundred and eighty dollars, which had been invested in it. The Society now owns a City Debenture for \$125, and a Yorkville debenture for \$100; making a total permanent fund of eight hundred and ten dollars. The last year's statements showed a balance due the Treasurer of about \$5; now there is a balance of cash in hand of \$87 71, nearly enough to pay off the debt due by the Society still unpaid, amounting to \$89 13.

Before closing the report, your Committee wish to call the attention of the Society to the fact that there are ten of the *original founders* of the Society still on the list; they well deserve the thanks of the other members of the Society for their perseverance in supporting the Society through good report, and through evil report for 24 years—their names are Messrs. Henry Rowsell, George P. Ridout, Joseph D. Ridout, William Wakefield, John G. Howard, John Sleigh, George Gurnett, John W. Brent, Thomas W. Berchall and J. D. Humphries. Mr. Rowsell served the Society for twenty years as Treasurer; Mr. G. P. Ridout occupied the presidential chair three years,