

Report of the Committee of Management of
St. George's Society of Ottawa,
 for the Year ending 7th March, 1899.

To the Members of the St. George's Society of Ottawa:

C.M.G. GENTLEMEN,—At the close of the 55th year of the Society's existence your Committee of Management have to congratulate the membership generally on the satisfactory condition of the Society. The year just closed has in many respects been a memorable one. It has seen a considerable increase in our membership, and a substantial addition to the funds of the Society. Unfortunately, however, the claims upon the charitable fund have been of such a nature as to render it impossible to husband much of the subscriptions thus received. Nevertheless, it will be a satisfaction to the members to know that the funds of the Society have been well expended, and that many suffering countrymen have been relieved. The total amount spent in relief amounts to nearly \$300.00. In all, nearly 150 cases were investigated and relief or assistance in shape of either meals or lodging, cash, employment, or railway fare to other places, was furnished. The greatest difficulty experienced during the year, and one that seems to affect all charitable Societies in Ottawa, was to find suitable or, in fact, any employment for deserving applicants.

C.M.G. There has been some talk of establishing in Ottawa a labour bureau for the purpose of furnishing employment for the able-bodied. Considering the success which has attended such labour offices, especially in Europe, it is a matter for regret that the civic authorities do not take up the project with a view to assisting the charitable organizations in their work. Dr. Maltbie in his recent work on Municipal Functions points out that in ten of the leading cities in Germany there are municipal labour bureaus. In seventeen others there are central labour bureaus under private control which are aided by the municipal governments. The largest municipal sub-