

best methods of meeting such were suggested. Whilst discrimination was urged as important, lest public money should be misapplied, it was generally felt that "to love mercy" must ever be the predominant feature of our work.

The following is a statement of work done and expenditure for the season :

Number of families relieved	1,997
Number of individuals in these families	7,415
Being an average to each family of about 3½ persons.	
Orders issued for breaking stone	513
Number who worked	291
Number unable to work by doctor's order	11
Number who refused to work	211

There were 35½ toise of stone broken by the outdoor poor, at a value of \$6 per toise or total of \$215.25.

Loaves of bread distributed 55,010½ at a cost of..\$	4,371 51
Cost of distribution of bread	169 00
Groceries distributed at a cost of	574 35
Coal, hard	5,246 29
Coal, soft	52 73
Wood	1,075 91
Soup, kitchen expenses	781 67
Interest, Printing and Advertising	306 58

Total for outdoor relief\$ 12,569 04

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES TURNBULL,

Secretary.

ALEX. GILRAY.

Chairman.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

As Medical Superintendent I have to report the occurrence of ten deaths during the past year, all resulting from chronic diseases of long standing, or sudden and short attacks of apoplexy and heart failure. There were no deaths from preventative diseases, although there have been a good many cases of acute bronchitis, bowel complaints, rheumatism, and some fractured bones.

Respectfully,

UZZIEL OGDEN, *Surgeon.*