

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITATION AND OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The work of visiting in the several districts of the city has been more satisfactorily performed than in some previous years. Some of the larger districts were divided at the beginning of the season, and thus it has been possible for the visitors to pay repeated visits in many cases, and to discriminate more thoroughly between the deserving and the undeserving.

The whole number of families relieved from November, 1888, to April, 1889, has been 1280, as against 1296 families relieved in 1887-8. Taking into account the growth of the city, these figures indicate that destitution has not been so great as it was during the preceding year.

The Visitors for the House have held during the past season three meetings for conference, the first in December, the second in February, and the third in April. These meetings have afforded opportunity for comparing notes as to the details of the work of visitation, and have been found useful as well as pleasant. At the meeting held on 1st of April, the following resolutions were passed :

1. We recommend that the Board be asked to consider the advisability of providing work to some extent next winter for resident poor who apply for relief.

2. We recommend that a depot for the distribution of bread be established at some suitable point in the Western Division.

Your Committee ask the attention of the Board to these recommendations.

The members of your Committee have taken part in the meetings of the "Conference of Associated Charities." Comparison of notes with the representatives of other charitable organizations has been found valuable in a number of instances, and impostures has been to some extent checked.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. J. MACDONNELL,

Chairman.

Toronto, 16th April, 1889.