

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$278 50	\$2562 25
M. Cochenhalter.....	\$0 50		
W. Theoret.....	50		
A. Solomon.....	50		
Unknown.....	50		
C. Muggli.....	50		
F. Schmidt.....	50		
G. Neilson.....	25		
L. Jacob.....	25		
F. A. Edtl.....	25		
		282 25	
Total Receipts.....		\$2844 50	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VISITING
PHYSICIANS FOR THE YEAR
1883-4.

To the Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN, — During the past twelve months, nothing of a very special kind has occurred to warrant particular notice. The health of the inmates has been on the whole very good. Fifteen deaths occurred during the year, thirteen of these happened between the end of September and the 1st of April ; indicating to some extent the effect of the severity of our winter season upon advanced life. The causes of death in the majority of cases were those peculiar to old age.

Out of the fifteen deaths, the average age of thirteen of them was 65 years ; of the remaining two, one was that of a child four months old, the other was a young man, who died suddenly in the Night Refuge from rupture of a blood vessel.

We would respectfully suggest that some plan be adopted to relieve the overcrowding that has been almost of nightly occurrence during the past winter in the Night Refuge.

To avoid an outbreak of disease, either a limit will have to be put to the number admitted or more space supplied.

The whole respectfully submitted,

J. B. McCONNELL, M.D.
JOHN T. FINNIE, M.D.

REPORT OF LADIES' COMMITTEE.

1883—1884.

The Ladies' Committee have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Management the following Report of their work during the past year.

The House has, as usual, been regularly visited by Ladies appointed at the monthly meetings of the Committee, who have noticed with great satisfaction the comfort and cleanliness of the Institution, and the care bestowed upon its inmates.

The Reading Committee which was organized a year or two ago has continued its operations, and several musical entertainments have been given by kind friends whose efforts to relieve the monotony of lives, otherwise dull and uninteresting, have been much appreciated.

The Christmas dinner, which is now regarded as an annual treat, passed off successfully, and was largely attended.

Nor have the workers at the Rooms been forgotten, as a substantial tea was provided for them by some of the Ladies, and useful presents distributed among all those who enjoyed it.

The work of the Industrial Rooms has been carried on under the able management of Mrs. Milne, whose faithful services are highly valued by the Committee. Hundreds of needy applicants have been supplied with work according to their capacity, and everything is done to encourage them to earn an honest and independent livelihood. These women are visited in their homes in order to ascertain their special needs and circumstances, and cases of extreme destitution are aided from the Provident and Grati ty Fund, established for that purpose.

The difficulty of disposing of the immense stock of clothing made during the winter, is still a great hinderance to the success of this charity. The means at the disposal of the Committee being wholly inadequate to meet the rapid increase in its sphere of usefulness, the Ladies found it necessary to make a special effort during the past year to awaken a more general interest in its behalf. Accordingly, a separate report was published, giving an account of the origin and growth of the Industrial Rooms, together with some facts regarding its history which were not generally understood. To this Report was added a list of the collections towards the Bazaar, which it has been impossible hitherto to make known, also the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Committee.

The Ladies hope in this way without infringing on the rights of the valuable Institution with which they are connected, to draw attention to the exceedingly useful department in which they are specially interested. The Ladies have to record with much regret, the resignation