

and had their five children laid up with scarlet fever. Timely help was rendered and the children, with one exception, recovered.

Six families that were helped in the first part of the winter were marked "no more help this winter." 19 families have been cut off the books as unworthy of any assistance.

117 heads of families and 302 children ; 30 widows and 73 children ; 80 widows without children ; 13 single men and women, residents of the city, and 34 single men not residents of the city were assisted by the Society during the year. Twenty of the non-residents were sent out of the city, the others were assisted by cash, board and lodgings. The total number of persons assisted was 716. The distribution was as follows : 93 half-tons of coal, 40 half-cords of wood, \$197 worth of groceries, 238 meals, 70 nights' lodgings, \$102.25 in cash.

Through the liberality of the Society and its friends your Committee have been enabled to meet all deserving cases that have come before them, none having been refused if deemed worthy of assistance.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION, 1894.

Many of our deserving countrymen and women look forward to our generous distribution of provisions for their Christmas dinner, it being to them one of the events of the season.

The Christmas Dinner Distribution took place on December 24th, 1894. As usual we made preparation for a very much larger number of families, and on a more generous scale than on previous occasions.

We were ably assisted during the morning by our Past President, Mr. R. C. Hamilton, and in the afternoon by our honored President, Mr. Jas. Hunter. Messrs. Samuel Crane and Frank Somers also assisted the Secretary in putting up well-filled baskets for all applicants who presented tickets from the Committee.

197 families, including 469 children, were assisted. Out of this number 87 were widows. The total number of persons made happy by this generous Christmas Dinner was 776.

JOHN BAILIE,

Chairman.