

N. B.—Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. Stirling, the Treasurer of the Association, at the Union Bank. It is hoped that friends of the Association will not wait to be called upon for contributions.

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## REPORT.

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The Central Board of Management of the ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR, meet its members at this their fifth annual meeting with thankfulness for the support which has been received in the past year, as well as in the preceding years of its existence.

Reference to the financial statement by the Treasurer will show the amount received and expended, the sources whence the receipts have been derived, and the objects to which they have been devoted.

It will no doubt be encouraging to the members of the Association to mark the results of the efforts made by the Board to substitute, as far as possible, compensation for labor in the place of gratuitous relief.

Although the work provided is of the hardest kind, and the amount that can be earned by it in the majority of cases is very small, the Board have found it eagerly sought by many, who thus evince a disposition towards self-reliance, which it is one of the main objects of the Association to promote.

The record kept at the Labor Shed shows that in the course of last winter the number employed therein,—taking only the names of distinct individuals, without repetition,—was one hundred and ten. Of these the largest number in attendance on any one day was,—fifty-three : the smallest,—twenty.