

gratified that it has removed a heavy burden from many who were unable to meet this debt. On the books are 89 widows, 40 aged couples, 117 with sickness in the family, 13 deserted wives, 3 husbands in the hospital, 4 husbands in jail, and 1 wife and 1 husband in the Asylum for the Insane. 126 of the 930 were helped last year; these were chiefly widows and families with the bread-winner unable to work on account of illness. Want of employment has been the almost universal reason given by the superintendents for the poverty of the applicants. 894 fuel orders and 500 bushels of coke have been distributed.

The Board feels most grateful that no debt will hamper the work next season, and that the small balance on hand will enable the superintendents to give help through the summer in cases of emergency and illness. For the past two seasons, owing to the cramped state of the finances, the summer expenditure had to be withheld. Most cordial thanks are tendered to the following ladies and gentlemen who have enabled the Board, by their unsolicited subscriptions, to make this year a most successful one:—

Mrs. Christopher Robinson, Miss Veals, Mrs. Cockshutt, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Goldwin Smith, James Kerr Osborne, J. D. Nasmith, Capt. Henry S. Walker, Benjamin Jones; Coffee-House Association; Knox College Students; Teachers of Dovercourt School; A. Valentine, Mrs. Beecher, Miss McLean, C. Page, A. H. Campbell, Juvenile Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church; Mr. Bright, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Grand.

REPORT OF DIVISIONS.

FIRST DIVISION.—Superintendent, Mrs. Elliott. 41 families helped, including 60 children under 13; English and Canadian applicants in the majority. Four women deserted by their husbands. 96 orders for fuel were given, and \$8 paid for rent. Principal cause of distress want of work. The work test very successful; 200 garments were made of which 188 were sold.

SECOND DIVISION.—Superintendent, Mrs. Summerfeldt. 90 families assisted, with 93 children under thirteen; majority English. 392 bushels of coke distributed and 61 orders for fuel given; \$18 paid for rent. Chief causes of distress sickness and want of work. Work test very successful.

THIRD DIVISION.—Superintendent, Mrs. McCuaig. 71 families helped, with 159 children under thirteen; majority English. 87 orders for fuel given and \$16 for rent. Causes of distress poverty and want of work. Thanks are tendered Dr. Hastings for attendance on the poor.

FOURTH DIVISION.—Superintendent, Mrs. Brett. 51 families helped, with 22 children under 13; 10 fuel orders given, and \$12 for rent. Causes of distress destitution, want of employment and old age.

FIFTH DIVISION.—Superintendent, Mrs. Morrison. 90 families helped, with 133 children under 13. Majority English and Irish. 70 orders given for fuel, and \$20 for rent. Cause of distress want of work.