

exceedingly anxious to lay in a quantity of potatoes and wood, while at a low price, that they might have it in their power to relieve with these articles when they could be obtained only at a high price, or perhaps not at all; but the funds not being equal to the purchase of a sufficient supply of *both* articles, it was deemed most proper to invest as large a sum as could be spared in *wood only*, and accordingly 141½ cords are now in the Society's depots, which it is the intention of your Committee not to break upon until a more advanced stage of the winter, having instructed the Visitors to avail themselves of the present low price of the article for obtaining a temporary supply.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer, is at present no more than *thirteen pounds seven shillings and four pence halfpenny*, and calls upon your Committee for relief are hourly increasing: they have therefore, no alternative, but to appeal to the humanity and benevolence of that Public which has already entrusted them with the distribution of so considerable a sum as that contributed to this Charity, since its commencement; and they feel confident that an appeal to the finest feelings of our nature—those feelings which most dignify man, and render him most like our common Saviour, who went about doing good, commiserating and relieving the wants of the afflicted and miserable, will not be made in vain.

To such benevolent persons as are ready and willing to give to the relief of suffering humanity—(and they feel sensible there are many)—your Committee hold out the Poor Man's Friend Society as a suitable channel through which their bounty may be dispensed to the greatest advantage:—but if there be amongst us a being, who in the enjoyment of the *comforts* of life, forgets there are those who want its *necessaries*—a being, who, reclined upon the bed of ease, forgets there are those who have not