

for the relief of some suffering brother. Such sums are capable of doing more good when put into a general fund administered by those who have gained experience in the management of such relief, and, on the other hand, an unfortunate man who, from illness or other unavoidable cause, can no longer keep the wolf from his door, would much prefer seeking help in the form of a loan from a fund established for that purpose rather than make application for pecuniary assistance to private individuals. The movement has our good wishes.

Medical Items.

—The volume (98th) of Braithwaite's Retrospect for July to December, 1888, has been issued.

—Krafft-Ebing of Gratz has been appointed successor to Prof. Leidesdorf of Vienna.

—Prof. Billroth's numerous friends and admirers intend celebrating his 60th birthday, which takes place on the 23rd of April.

—There are 852 medical students attending the different Swiss universities during the present winter session. Zurich heads the list with 264. The population of Switzerland is under three millions.

—An International Congress of Dermatology and Symptomography is announced to take place in Paris in connection with the International Exhibition on August 5th to 10th. The Presidents are Dr. Ricord and Professor Hardy. A number of important subjects will be discussed.

—Dr. Gowers has resigned his position in connection with the University College, London. It is unfortunate for students and medical science that distinguished English physicians and surgeons so frequently give up their teaching work at the very period of their lives when they are most useful.

—The following have been elected officers of the Nova Scotia Branch of the British Medical Association for the current year: For President, Deputy-Surgeon-General McDowell, C.B., A.M., D. (re-elected). For Secretary, W. Tobin, M.D. (re-