

Outdoor relief was granted to 857 persons, embracing 87 widows, 37 deserted women, 95 men enfeebled by sickness or want of work, 638 children.

Receipts from all sources amounted to £619, 3s. 9d., and disbursements to £576, 10s. 2½d.

The population of the city then numbered 10,000.

The records show a steady increase on the demands upon the Charity, varying according to the pressure of the times; and in the year 1851, having rendered fourteen years of good service to the citizens, it was incorporated by Act of Parliament as a permanent Institute. The number of inmates then maintained in the House was 81, and the number of out door poor relieved was 2,760.

In the year 1848 permanent buildings were erected on the present site, at a cost of £1,776, 7s. 5d, the building being then 44x100, under the direction of a building committee of which the late Dean Grasett was chairman.

The first regular grant from the city corporation appears to be in the year 1856 of £250, and in 1858 it was increased to £1,000 or \$4,000. In that year 6,993 persons were relieved, including casuals, but exclusive of inmates.

In the year 1866, the population then being about 60,000, the number of families relieved was 625, consisting of 2,577 persons, at a cost of \$4,000 or \$1.55 per capita.

In glancing at the comparative statement, the management may fairly be congratulated of the proof furnished by these records that the plans adopted from time to time of distributing relief have been at once the most economical and the means of escaping the pauperizing effect of the plans adopted in many other cities, which have the invariable effect of intensifying pauperism with the increase of population. It will be observed that while in the very first year of the existence of the Charity about eight and a-half per cent. of the population received relief, during the past year only about five per cent. received assistance, although the population meantime increased twenty fold; and while thirty years ago the cost per capita was \$1.55, the past year the cost was only \$1.30 for outdoor relief, and this is increased the past year owing to the high price of coal.