

the efficient check upon the importunity of the undeserving which the offer of employment at the shed for stone-breaking supplies. The work at this shed was continued with good success during the past winter. An equitable arrangement was effected with the City Council, and upwards of thirty-six thousand bushels of stone broken at the shed were purchased by the Council for the improvement of the streets of the city. The great desideratum now painfully apparent to the Board, is a well organized system of employment for females. They commend the subject to the thoughtful consideration of all who may feel disposed to aid them by counsel or co-operation.

The financial statement of the Treasurer will be found appended.

Subjoined is a summary exhibit of the District Relief in the past year :—

| No. of District. | No. of Families Relieved. | No. of Persons Relieved. | No. of Visits made. |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 145 | 546 | 278 |
| 2 | 456 | 1520 | 832 |
| 3 | 262 | 1102 | 442 |
| 4 | 73 | 406 | 223 |

The above numbers being the aggregate for the year of the monthly returns, repetition is, of course, unavoidable, as the same families and individuals frequently receive relief in successive months. The greatest amount of distress would appear to have occurred in January. In that month the number who received aid in the several Districts was as follows :—

| No. of District. | No. of Families Relieved. | No. of Persons Relieved. | No. of Visits made. |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 42 | 147 | 73 |
| 2 | 112 | 396 | 213 |
| 3 | 72 | 330 | 132 |
| 4 | 97 | 341 | 118 |

The Board deem it to be their duty to record their grateful acknowledgments of the generosity by which all coal required for distribution in the First District was gratuitously supplied by

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