

It was then moved by G. Cruikshank, and resolved:—

That the thanks of the Governors are hereby tendered to William Macdougall and R. C. Jamieson, Esqs., for their gratuitous services in auditing the books and accounts for the past year, and that they be re-elected for the present year.

After some suggestions in reference to the Night Refuge, baths, etc., the meeting closed with prayer.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1890.

The Board of Management of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, in giving an account of its doings for the year just closed, would first of all ask the Governors and friends of the institution to join with them in fervent thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good, in that He has enabled us on this occasion to rejoice that our beautiful Country House for the permanent poor is now free of debt; following the munificent benefactions of previous years, the liberal bequests of four of our recently departed citizens and the noble donation of a generous lady have enabled us to attain this happy result.

INMATES AND EXPENSES.

The average of the year was 122, the highest number 131, and the lowest 111, showing an average of the same as last year.

MAINTENANCE.

The cost of maintenance has been \$9,528.28, being \$905.96 less than in the previous year; the sum of \$5,470.29 was expended for food, being \$63.27 more on this item than in the year 1888-89.

NIGHT REFUGE.

The number of night lodgings given was 30,722—men, 30,098; women, 624; being 9,841 less than the past year.

SOUP KITCHEN.

The quantity of soup and extra meals was 76,505, being 24,438 rations less than last year.

DEATHS.

Seventeen deaths occurred during the year—ten men and six women, several of them very aged. One had attained the patriarchal age of 97. One infant died in the City Refuge.

KINDLING WOOD.

This industry is still continued, as will appear by the Treasurer's statement showing a credit balance of \$1,076.47. A large stock of dry wood is kept on hand, and it is hoped that the friends of the institution will in increased numbers sustain it.

OUT-DOOR LABOR.

During the summer we were unable to supply the demand for men to do small jobs. During the fall and winter months men were, as formerly, sent out, and have given general satisfaction; but from the fact that the snow-fall was light this winter the demand for men was not so great as usual. The net proceeds from labor for the year carried to Revenue Account is \$600.

BOARD OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

This important branch of our charitable work, as will be seen by the report, is growing on our hands, the average number of families relieved weekly this winter being 155. The prevailing sickness prevented some of the members of the Committee from giving their usual regular weekly attendance, but the work, both as regards visiting and giving, was well done, and, we are glad to say, adequately supported by our well-to-do citizens.

POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

This Committee met regularly, weekly in winter and fortnightly in summer, and efficiently discharged the many executive duties assigned to it.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The usual religious services, both in the City Refuge and at the Country House at Longue Pointe, have been regularly maintained by the city ministers and other Christian friends.

During the past winter, on several occasions, the inmates of the Home at Longue Pointe were kindly entertained by the choirs of several of our city churches, Christian workers and kind friends.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

We have to acknowledge from the executors of the late Thomas Workman, Esq., his bequest of \$4,000; from the executors of the late Matthew Campbell, Esq., the sum of \$750; from the executors of the late James Simpson, Esq., the sum of \$100, and from the executors of the late George Rogers, Esq., the sum of \$1,000; from Mrs. Dow a donation of \$2,000; from the Provincial Government, \$560; from the City and