

as to the holding of land, and it failed to secure the main purpose for which the House petitioned. While power was properly given for the establishment and maintenance of an "infirmary and dispensary," there was added a power to grant "assistance to the casual poor," a work which has been a feature of this House for years. Almost every year some person approving of the work done by the House remembers it in his will; but it is extremely doubtful whether a legacy of lands or one in the shape of a mortgage could be availed of by the House as its Charter now stands.

Early in the year a Committee was appointed to revise and consolidate the By-laws, Rules, and Regulations of the House, and the convenience of having these in an available form will be appreciated. The matters upon which the general public may need to be informed are—the persons eligible for admission to the House, and for out-door relief, and the regulations as to the casual poor. These are as follows:

I. PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE HOUSE.

- (1) Persons whose age and infirmities render them incapable of providing for themselves, and who have no friends able and willing to support them.
- (2) Persons in so weak a state of health (certified to by the Medical Officers of the House) as to unfit them for earning their own living.
- (3) Orphans, deserted children, and children of persons who from poverty or sickness are unable to support them.

II. PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION.

- (1) Persons depraved in their morals, and whose general characters are bad.
- (2) Persons who can support themselves with some assistance from the Institution.
- (3) Persons with contagious disorders, or who require constant medical treatment or nursing.
- (4) Persons affected in their minds, unless the Med-