

that he will return some time during the summer, and we sincerely hope that it will be with health and vigor fully restored.

#### NEW ROOMS.

Special note should be taken of the fact that to-night we hold our first meeting in the new room which the Society has leased from the proprietors of the Arcade building. We trust that the decorations and furnishings will meet with your approval, and that this will prove an augury of the continued and increasing success of the work which the Society undertakes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. KINGSMILL, D.C.L., Q.C., *President.*

March 31st, 1898. A. H. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.

The Charitable Committee beg to report as follows :

Relief during the past year has been afforded to 367 families (including 434 children), and comprising in all 951 individuals, both residents and non-residents. Every case has been carefully investigated and substantial relief has been afforded to all who were found worthy.

The distribution consisted of the following items :

118 half-tons of coal,	33 nights' lodging,
30 half-cords of wood,	73 meals,
\$301.50 in groceries,	\$56.60 in cash,

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER DISTRIBUTION.

The Christmas distribution took place as usual on the 24th December, and some 190 families, comprising 750 individuals, were given a good substantial dinner, the total cost of the distribution amounting to \$270.57.

The following special contributions for this purpose were received :

From the Police Force, per Deputy Chief Stewart ..	\$55 20
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	\$57 20

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES CRANE, *Chairman.*