

friends by whose kindness toward the poor they are put in possession of funds to carry on their benevolent operations. It would assist the work if subscribers would direct the attention of their friends to this Association and speak a word in favor of making a contribution to its funds. Every year removes some honored name from the list of subscribers and fresh donors are required to swell the ranks. In a city the size of Halifax there should be many more both able and willing to lend a helping hand to so good a work. The piercing cold of winter searches into the dwellings of the poor, who are ill provided with clothes to resist its attack. The little children with insufficient nourishment to sustain them, suffer the greatest misery during the season. It is to relieve the most pressing want under such circumstances that the funds are applied.

Our thanks are due to the Press for kindly inserting notices relating to the work, without charge.

JOHN DOULL, *President.*

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### STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1881.

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I regret I have to again record a financial loss on the part of the Stone Shed for the past year, owing to the causes pointed out in the Report of 1880, and which can only be avoided either by reducing the price paid the men employed for their labor,—a proceeding very undesirable, and not in accord with the spirit of our Association,—or else by persuading the Civic Authorities to increase the price paid for broken stone from 4 to 4½ cents per bushel. This latter course would again place the Stone Shed in a position to be nearly self-supporting. However, I do not by any means regard even the large deficiency shown in the past year's