

ford, Esq.; Messrs. Converse, Colson and Lamb. John Glennon, Esq., is also qualified for Elective Governor by an annual subscription of \$25.

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of Incorporation, it will be the duty of the Governors, at a meeting to be held within eight days, to elect ten gentlemen chosen from the list of Life and Elective Governors to serve for three years upon the Board of Management, in place of the following, whose three years term of office expires this day, but who are eligible for re-election:—Messrs. W. Murray, Wm. Molson, J. Redpath, W. Workman, C. Alexander, W. Edmonstone, J. P. Clark, T. M. Thomson, J. Caverhill, and J. Greenshields. The Elective Governors of last year, twenty-four in number, now retire from office, but are eligible for re-election. The names of the retiring Governors will be found on page eight of the last annual report, now on the table, and the names of the gentlemen qualified for the office of Elective Governor are attached to the printed copies of the By-laws.

Having thus referred to the more prominent points of the various appended reports, but one portion of our task, the shortest and the pleasantest remains. We desire, in the name of the homeless and friendless ones to whom this Institution has proved itself a home and a friend, to express heartfelt thanks, in the first place to our Heavenly Father, for having implanted so firmly in the hearts of our fellow-citizens this sentiment of benevolence which has borne such good fruit, and in the second to those citizens themselves, who, feeling that the sorrows of each are the burdens of all, have so cheerfully accorded us their sympathy and their aid. It may well be that many faults inevitable to the first establishment of a charitable institution have been committed, many errors yet unrectified, many details left imperfect, but we do feel assured that as we gain experience our conceptions will become more enlarged, our organization more matured, our victory over pauperism and its attendant vices and misery, each year more triumphant and complete. This, no doubt, will demand a constant and sustained effort on our part, but the liberality with which the calls of benevolence have been responded to in the past is our surest warrant that these results will not be allowed to become nugatory and unavailing in the future. May the struggle with wretchedness, to which all Christians are summoned by their Founder, be the one source of rivalry between the two great sections into which they are divided, and Catholic be found vying with Protestant, and Protestant with Catholic, in the noblest strife of benevolence and good works.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. REDPATH,
President

April, 1866.

It was then moved by B. Lyman, Esq., seconded by the Hon. James Ferrier:—

"That the Reports now read be received, adopted and printed for the information of the, subscribers and the public."

It was then moved by Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Wm. Workman, Esq.:—

"That the meeting proceed, by open vote, to elect the Elective Governors for the ensuing year, and that the following gentlemen be so elected, viz:

"Wm. Lunn, James Court, J. E. Jacques, H. T. Lamplough, John Dougall, N. B. Corse, Richard Holland, J. McMillan, Henry Bulmer, Andrew Wilson, Hon. John Rose, David Brown, Wm. Clendinning, M. H. Gault, Robert Campbell, John J. Day, Wm. Gunn, James Hutton, Theodore Lyman, Thomas Paton, Thos. Peck, Alfred Bimmer, Alfred Savage, and Alexander Walker."

This motion, being put from the Chair, was unanimously carried.

On the motion of T. M. Taylor, Esq., it was resolved,—

"That the thanks of the Board of Governors are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Board of Management, the Ladies' Industrial Committee, and the United Board of Out-Door Relief, for the valuable and efficient work rendered by them to the Institution during the past winter."

The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Jenkins and unanimously carried. The meeting then closed.

REPORT OF THE POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1866.

NIGHT REFUGE.

The Poor Relief Committee have the honor to report that the Night Refuge was formally opened for the reception of casual poor for the winter on the 1st November. The numbers seeking nights shelter have not been so large as during the previous winter. Very few females especially have come to the Refuge. This may perhaps be attributed, to some extent, to the opening of the Roman Catholic Night Refuge in Montcalm Street, which commenced its operation in the early part of the past winter, and also to the greater stringency of the rules enforced. The behaviour of the Night Refuge men during the winter has been very good—drunkenness has rarely been seen—and the Superintendent reports a general willingness, on the part of such as remained after the introduction of the labour test, to work at the stone-breaking. Since the baths were finished and in operation, the men were allowed each Saturday afternoon to bathe and wash, and were thus enabled to appear cleanly on the Sabbath at meals and worship. The aggregate number of nights shelter given in the Refuge is 2,447 males and 447 females—total 2,894, nearly all of them Protestants.

SOUP KITCHEN.

The Soup Kitchen was closed last year on the 13th May. It was again opened on the 1st October, and has since been kept regularly