

visitors of the Association, no doubt there are instances in which it is misapplied, and no doubt the visitors sometimes do not inquire as minutely into all the circumstances as they should. It would be a very strange thing if it were otherwise. But the best proofs that imposture is pretty well checked, and that the visitors do their duty, are to be found in the facts that street-begging in the winter months is much less common than it was formerly, and that, in the eight years of the Association's history, not half a dozen complaints have been made of tickets sent to visitors being disregarded. It is quite clear, then, that if every householder was a member of the Association, street-begging, as far as city mendicants are concerned, would cease, and the man or woman who complains of the impostures and importunateness, and who will not give *four dollars* a year to meet the evils complained of, is only a talker and not worth being listened to.

The Board is glad to acknowledge that the subscriptions last year exceeded those of 1872 by \$400. The number of contributors, however, is too small, and a larger income will be required this winter on account of the limit put on our stone-breaking. This department was superintended last winter by John Stairs, Esq., to whom our best thanks are due, and to whom they are hereby tendered. In submitting this report the Board desires to express its sense of the great loss it, in common with every committee doing good work for the needy in Halifax, has sustained in the death of Miss Cogswell. She superintended the committee that gave out plain sewing to females, and was most anxious that such a department should always be connected with the work of the Association. As she was interested in everything that bore upon the improvement of the poor, and as there was no good proposal or plan in which she was not ready to help, we always knew that she could be relied upon, and in common with the poor and the rich, with the suffering, and with those laboring to relieve suffering, we mourn her loss and desire to be stimulated by her example.

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