

them whilst in the Institution. Your Committee are glad to say that situations have been procured for several of these men since the spring opened, and all of them leave the Institution expressing their gratitude for the kindness they have received whilst under our care.

Your Committee have as usual met regularly during the summer once a fortnight, from 9 to 10 a.m., and once a week during the fall and winter. At these meetings the business of the week engages the attention of your Committee, such as the reception and dismissal of inmates, the internal arrangements of the house, &c., &c., and everything requiring consideration in connection with the management of the Institution has received the careful attention of the Committee. Were it not that this report would be too much prolonged, interesting statements might be made shewing the amount of good done in obtaining situations for strangers and others who have been providentially cast upon us, in forwarding respectable but poor people to their destinations, and generally in helping the poor in many other ways.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Your Board are happy to state that the Ministers of the Gospel in the city of all denominations, have most kindly responded to the invitations of your Committee to preach the Gospel to the inmates. This has been done in the afternoon of every Lord's Day throughout the year. Their impressions of the House and of the appearance of the inmates will be seen by reference to their records in the Visitor's Book.

Your Committee are of opinion that heartfelt acknowledgements are due to the clergymen for their ready and cheerful response.

VISITING GOVERNORS.

Your Committee, deeming it of much importance that all those who have so generously aided in the erection and support of the institution, should be kept interested in its progress, have as usual invited two of the Governors to visit the Institution weekly, in turns throughout the year. The visiting has been kept up with much regularity, and we have reason to believe, with the best results. Family worship is held daily by the Visiting Governors, the Superintendent, or others. The Ladies Committee also appoint two of their number to visit and inspect the Institution, for each month.

CLOTHING.

A uniform style of clothing, adopted both for the Male and Female inmates, your Committee think would be an improvement, but the state of the Finances forbids the hope that this can yet be accomplished. For various reasons most desirable, they still look forward to the time when this can be done.

HEALTH.

The health of the inmates has been on the whole very good, considering how many aged persons of both sexes are in the Building.

There have been seven deaths in the house during the year, viz., Four aged men, two aged women, and one female infant.

EXPENSES.

The current expenses have been kept on as economical a scale as possible, averaging for each inmate \$1.17, per week, 70 cents of which is for food.

SOUP KITCHEN. &c.

The soup kitchen continues to be a valuable branch of our Institution. Many poor families have been supplied with this most wholesome food, day by day, without cost to them, more especially through the winter, and occasionally also in the summer.

There was given during the year as follows :
To Night Refuge, and casual poor.... 18,740
To Out-door poor..... 8,186

Total quarts, 26,926

Mr. Brown, the Secretary and Superintendent, and Mrs. McDonald, the Matron, continue to discharge their arduous, and often difficult and trying duties, to the entire satisfaction of your Committee.

The attending Physician, Dr. Ross, of the Montreal General Hospital, has been most assiduous in the discharge of his duties, and is always ready to do what he can without fee or reward for the inmates of the Institution.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The work of the Out-Door Relief Board has as usual been continued throughout the winter.— Meetings were held once a week for distribution of relief, and the appeals made to the Protestant citizens, from time to time, have met with a most generous response. The amount collected to date for the Out-Door Board is \$2,510.66½, and there has been expended \$2,346.46½, leaving a balance on 31st March, of \$164.20, as per statement appended. Since the Board closed its sittings, the Secretary has relieved urgent cases of distress with wood and provisions, the details and expenses of which will appear in our next year's report.

The poor have been aided with as much discrimination as possible, with whatever they needed, such as boots, shoes, and clothing; in several instances, blankets and quilts; tea, sugar, rice, oatmeal, flour and bread, fish and soap, and they were allowed the moderate quantity of one-quarter cord of fire-wood every two weeks. Several Members of the Board visited families about whom there had been doubts of various kinds expressed, and found some of them wretched and extremely poor, wanting in everything to make a home happy. Mr. Millen, the missionary of the Young Men's Christian Association, gave to the Board most valuable assistance in visiting and generally aiding this work, and we are laid under obligations to that Society for allowing him to give so valuable a portion of his time for this purpose. Messrs. Van Buren, and Rivet, and the Rev. Mr. Dart, City Missionaries, as well as the Bible-women, rendered important services. Messrs. Sinclair, Bryson, Corse, and the chairman of the Poor Relief Committee, were the representatives of your Institution; Messrs. Healy, and Acres, of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society; Mr. Corse, of the New England Society,