

Your managers' suggestion of last year, as to the more speedy distribution of relief by delivering bread at several points in the city has hitherto proved impracticable. They hope, however, to overcome all obstacles, and will make another effort in this direction.

TRAMPS.

The other class who are a heavy drain on the resources of the House are those casual poor who seek shelter for the night and a meal in the morning. These number in the winter months on an average about 70 every night, and it was found desirable at one time to limit the number of nights in succession during which they could claim relief. Four nights were thought long enough, and afterwards a rule was made that cases for a longer period should be reserved to the Weekly Committee. This also has been found impracticable, as there is not a committee for every day in the week, and the result is, that the admission of tramps is and must necessarily be left to the judgment of the Superintendent.

Those unfortunates who have no home, many of whom are professional beggars, are a great problem in every city in America. The labour test that appeared to work well elsewhere, was put in force here in the early part of this year, but was subsequently abandoned. The report of the Committee who looked into this is brief, but it is founded on good reasons.

They "recommended temporary discontinuance of the test owing to difficulty in disposing of the wood, and other causes."

The increasing number of tramps at the office of the Mayor rendered it desirable to have a daily report of such cases sent to him. This has been attended to, and the Superintendent's experience on this point is, that parties present themselves at the City Hall in the hopes of getting more than they would