

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers submit a comparative statement of relief granted by them during the years 1883 and 1884. This statement needs no comment:

	4 lb. loaves.	Families.	Individuals.	Tons coal.
1883 - .	28584	670	2478	460
1884 - .	32428	992	3756	550
1st to 15th Jan., 1884	2360	- .	- .	72½
1st to 15th Jan., 1885	1965	- .	- .	84

They have to return sincere thanks to the friends who have kindly assisted them during the same period. One of those friends, the late Mr. James Michie showed his appreciation of their work by leaving them a very liberal bequest, \$4000.

The Consumers' Gas Company merit especial notice for their annual gift of 1000 bushels of coke.

With a view to avert or diminish the risk of loss of life by fire, many lamentable warnings having been given in other cities, the Managers have placed at each end of the main building, fire escapes, easy of access; and have taken such other precautions as were within their power, and conducive to the same end.

The ruinous and unsanitary condition of the out-buildings has caused the expenditure of a large sum of money in rebuilding and repairing them; the increased accommodation thus secured, may ultimately be made available as working rooms for the inmates. Details of the work done will be found in the Report of the Building Committee.