

stimulated to do their duty, and to feel their responsibility to give as God hath prospered them for such a desirable object. From all the experience of the past, we feel assured that support given to the poor in this way, making use of their industry whenever it can be made available, and feeding the helpless, can be done with far more economy in the House of Industry than by a multiplicity of institutions or by individual charity, and in view of these facts, we can scarcely doubt that the institution will be sufficiently supported.

Your Board have much pleasure in drawing the special attention of the Governors to the arrangements regarding the religious services held all last winter. Divine service is held each Sabbath afternoon for one hour, by the ordained clergymen of the city in rotation. Family worship is conducted at a quarter to seven o'clock each morning, by the Superintendent, and the visiting Governors have, all through the winter, conducted the same each evening. It has been a source of much satisfaction to your Board that the great benefit of religious services have been thus brought within the reach of so many of our Protestant poor, privileges from which they have long been excluded on account of their unfortunate position in society. To the various clergymen and others who have conducted these services your Board would return their most grateful thanks. Much interest has been manifested on these occasions on the part of the poor, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, who have throughout shown the most perfect decorum.

The following Clergymen have conducted the services at the undermentioned dates:—

Sabbath, January	22, 1865,	Rt. Rev. Bishop Fulford.
"	29 "	Rev. J. B. Bonar.
" February	15 "	Rev. Dr. Wilkes.
"	12 "	Rev. Dr. Taylor.
"	19 "	Rev. Chas. Lavelle.
"	26 "	Rev. Dr. Mathieson.
" March	5 "	Rev. John Alexander.
"	12 "	Rev. Dr. Bancroft.
"	19 "	Rev. C. P. Watson.
"	26 "	Rev. A. F. Kemp.
" April	2 "	Rev. Jas. Elliott.
"	9 "	Rev. Wm. Darrach.
"	16 "	Rev. J. M. Gibson.
"	23 "	Rev. Wm. M. Mackey.
"	30 "	Rev. John Corder.
" May	7 "	Rev. Thos. Derrick.
"	14 "	Rev. Thos. Fraser.

The hour of service on the Sabbath is from half-past two to half-past three each afternoon.

In regard to Medical attendance your Board have pleasure in stating that after consulting several Medical men of the city what was best to be done, Herbert S. Tew, Esq., M.D. of the Montreal General Hospital, was appointed as Medical attendant to the Institution, that gentleman having kindly offered his services gratuitously, and the Board have great pleasure in bearing their testimony to the assiduity and regularity with which he has performed his duties and the great attention he has paid to the poor under his care.

It is gratifying to state, that notwithstanding the crowded state of the wards of the Refuge during the winter, the health of the inmates has been very good, only a few cases of measles having occurred among the children, who were immediately restored by the ordinary treatment.

Two deaths have occurred since we entered into possession of the buildings, one that of an aged female, the other that of an infant, from general debility.

Your Board, as many of the Governors are aware, had come to an agreement with the City Council that this Institution should receive one-half of the proceeds of the Marsteller property now in the hands of the Corporation, the other half being reserved for a Roman Catholic Night Refuge, when it should be established. Your Board have been urging upon the Council, for some time past, the necessity and justice of an immediate payment of our share of the funds, amounting, according to statement handed to us, to the sum of \$6,089.97½. A Notarial Bond has been sent to us by the Attorney of the City Council for our signature preliminary to the payment of the money. So soon as our Solicitors have examined and approved of the documents, it will be signed and the money paid.

The Ladies' Industrial Department, which had been carried on independently by a Committee of Ladies with great success for years past, made application to connect themselves with your Board as one of their departmental Committees; and your Board, believing this to be one of the legitimate objects of this Institution, namely, the relief of the industrial poor by their own labor in their own homes, or wherever it could be most effectually carried out, received them accordingly.

Many donations of provisions, clothing, vegetables, &c., have been received during the past winter. As these have all been acknowledged in the newspapers, and the list would be too lengthy for this Report, your Board would here return their grateful thanks to the many kind friends who have thus remembered the poor and manifested their interest in the prosperity of our Institution. Your Board would remind the Meeting that donations of cast off clothing prove at all times most acceptable gifts to the poor.