

DEATHS.

There have been six deaths during the year—all adult males. The health of the house has been uncommonly good, and the visiting physician, George Ross, Esq., M.D., has very carefully attended to the sick. His report will be laid before you.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the year, properly audited, will be laid before you.

Your Board are most happy to state that, for the first time since the commencement of the Institution, the current expenses have been brought within the current receipts, and hence this will be continued; consequently, the Endowment Fund was not encroached upon. There was, on 31st March, a sum of about \$203 unexpended of the funds for current expenses. The receipts for the year have been \$10,446—which, however, includes the \$2,000 of legacy of the late Mr. Dow, and which was reported to the Governors at the last annual meeting, it having been temporarily deposited in Molsons Bank as a special deposit. Of the gross receipts of \$10,446, the sum of \$4,800 is for the Endowment Fund, leaving for ordinary expenditure \$5,646.02.

The expenditure for the year is \$5433.11, or about \$450 less than last year. The cost of food for the year has been \$3,076.95, against \$3,397.27 last year; but there have been fewer inmates in the House.

The expense for food of each inmate has been \$35; but this estimate includes the cost of the soup given away. The cost will average about 60 cents each per week.

The cash balances at the credit of the Institution, as per the auditors' statement on 31st March, amounts to \$1,544.23. These balances, agreeably to instructions issued by your Board, are now deposited in Molson's Savings bank, bearing 5 per cent. interest.

INVESTMENTS.

The sum of \$4,000 was invested last July in City of Montreal Consolidated 7 per cent. stock, for which \$400 premium was paid.

A Tabular statement of our investments is annexed to this report.

DONATIONS.

Your Board have again to acknowledge the considerate kindness of the Directors of the City and District Savings Bank for the handsome donation of \$500 for current expenses. They are also indebted to parties represented by Henry Lyman, Esq., for a special donation of \$400 for the Endowment Fund. The thanks of the Board are also due to the donors whose names are mentioned in the List of Donations, as well as to those kind friends who have sent contributions of clothing, vegetables, &c., and which have all been acknowledged in the newspapers.

NEW GOVERNORS.

Your Board are pleased in stating that John Smith, Esq., St. Alexanderstreet, has constituted himself a Life Governor of the Institution by a subscription of \$500; and Wm. Henderson, Esq., City Councillor, an Elective Governor, by a subscription of \$100. St. Gabriel Church has

also given a donation this year, which entitles the Rev. Robert Campbell to represent the congregation as a Governor for the year.

FUEL.

The cost of fuel for this year has been \$412.99 against \$622.32 last year. The coal used the past winter was from the Nova Scotia Intercolonial Mine, and cost \$266.83, against \$386.46 last year. It has been advantageously applied in the cooking range, as well as in the furnace of the steam boiler.

INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

The Board refer with much pleasure to the report of the Industrial Rooms. The ladies who have this work in charge deserve our thanks for the ability and skill with which they manage the affairs of the Rooms, and for the important and valuable aid they give to a deserving class of poor women, and they are glad to have this opportunity of drawing special attention to a work in every respect so deserving of public support.

OUT DOOR RELIEF BOARD.

The attention of the Governors is invited to the work of this Board, a report of which for the past winter will be laid before the meeting.

The thanks of the Board are hereby tendered to the clergymen who have so kindly responded to the invitation to preach the gospel to the poor each Sabbath day.

The Governors will recollect that Mr. Lovell very kindly offered to do all the printing required by the Institution free of charge for a period of three years, which are now expired, and your Board feel that Mr. Lovell is deserving of special thanks for such a handsome donation.

The thanks of the Board are again due to Messrs. D. Morrice & Co. for a supply of ice the past summer, and to the proprietors of the *Daily Witness*, *Daily News*, *Toronto Globe*, and *Church Observer* for copies of these journals left at the Institution.

Your Board again endeavoured to sell by auction the vacant lot adjoining the buildings, but the offers made did not meet the approval of the Board.

Quite a number of immigrants, chiefly from the Continent of Europe, received food and shelter, some of them for a long period during the summer.

The Institution is indebted to the Trustees of the Mount Royal Cemetery for the gift of one thousand superficial feet of ground as a burying place.

Your Board received on the 4th Nov. last the sum of \$800, the first grant from the Legislature of the Province of Quebec in aid of the Institution.

On the 4th Nov. last your Board regretted to receive from Wm. Molson, Esq., notice of his resignation through failing health, of the office of Treasurer which he had held from the commencement. His letter of resignation will be laid before you. The Honorary Secretary at the request of your Board, conveyed to Mr. Molson our deep regret that he had been under the necessity of retiring from the active management of an In-