

Other important matters coming under the supervision of various Standing Committees, are left for them to report.

Appended is the Treasurer's and Superintendent's statements.

All of which respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.

REPORT OF CASUAL POOR COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Management House of Industry :

A Special Committee, appointed by the Board of Management, waited upon the Executive Committee of the City Council last Autumn, for the purpose of making a statement respecting the inadequate provision then existing for the proper treatment of the casual poor, to be found in large numbers every winter in this city, and also to ask that the sum of ten thousand dollars should be placed at the disposal of the House of Industry, to enable it to deal effectively with that branch of its work.

As the result of this conference, and the information subsequently laid before them, the City Council, on the 29th October last, with praiseworthy liberality, placed at the disposal of the Board the above named sum, for the purpose of building and furnishing a "Wayfarers' Lodge" and thus making some provision for this class of the community.

Under the supervision of Mr. Mark Hall, architect, the lodge was erected without loss of time, and has now been in use about two months, contributing very materially to the cleanliness and comfort of the large number of casuals who have availed themselves of its warmth and shelter.

The labor test, which has been applied during the months of December, January, February, and March, is as follows : Each man receives a night's shelter and breakfast, in return for which he is required to cut and split one-quarter of a cord of wood. In case of refusing to do this service he cannot again claim a night's shelter.