

been acknowledged by the present Parliament, by the passing of an Act to authorise the establishment of Houses of Industry in the various Districts of the Province; not by endowments made from the public lands, but by a Tax to be levied for that purpose, under certain restrictions, from the inhabitants. But to these public testimonies to the usefulness of similar Institutions to that which has been lately established by your Committee in this City, it is with sincere pleasure that they have to record the generous and liberal assistance which has been afforded them by the City Council, in providing by a grant from its funds, for the costs of outfit and rent of the premises for the current year; and while they would tender their grateful acknowledgements for the readiness with which this provision was made, they would also express their gratitude to the Aldermen for the sum granted by them from their fees of office. Besides the aid thus received from public sources, your Committee dwell with peculiar pleasure upon the patronage and support given to the Institution by private individuals, many of whom have bestowed, besides their subscriptions, donations of Firewood, Provisions, Cloth, and wearing apparel, the value of which is duly appreciated.

The spirit of liberality which had thus been exhibited during the earlier stages of its existence, when its good effects were but partially felt or known, gave your Committee encouragement to go forward in the face of an increasing expenditure, under a conviction that when its beneficial operations became known, they could with confidence again appeal to the benevolent sympathies of the citizens. But the time necessarily required to collect subscriptions, and the limited number of your Committee upon whom the labour devolved, suggested the expedience of making an application to Parliament for a grant in aid of the funds, upon the ground that this City, from being the Capital of the Province received a very large share of the poor emigrants.—It is with much satisfaction that your Committee have been informed by

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