

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on May 14th in the Lecture Room of the Young Women's Christian Association, Elm Street, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor presiding.

The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Lieutenant-Governor in a few words outlined the work done by the Society—its different methods of giving relief, its system of visiting, the labor test, and its efficiency in each department.

The minutes of preceding Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's Statement was given by Mrs. Joseph Henderson, and adopted on motion of Rev. Dr. Parsons.

The Report of the Industrial Room Committee was given by Miss Hatton and adopted on motion of Rev Mr. Frizzell and Mr. Moore.

The Secretary's Report by Mrs. John A. Paterson was adopted on motion of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell.

The Reports of Divisions were also read by Mrs. Paterson and adopted,

The election of superintendents, officers and advisory committee closed the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1893-'94.

In reviewing the work of the Society, we find a gradual but steady increase of applications. As the city grows, poverty increases; as wealth multiplies, there is a corresponding multiplication of poverty. During the season just closed, 930 heads of families who have applied for relief have been helped in forms to suit their emergencies, by fuel, clothing, food or rent, as the case has required. Every one who applies is not helped, and it is needless to say that no assistance is given without investigation and definite information of each case brought to the fortnightly meetings of the Board.

The clever imposter with the carefully prepared tale of woe and the countenance to match appears at intervals, but with the Society's system of visiting the deception is soon discovered.