

addition to the regular monthly meetings, weekly executive meetings have been held at the residence of the Treasurer, in order to keep pace with the work, and relieve pressing cases of need.

The Second, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Divisions will be found to have been the scenes of the heaviest work, and the statistics of the whole ten Divisions show that the English and Irish families predominate.

Even though the season is practically at an end, and work plenty for those who are able and willing, yet the Society has many cases of chronic illness upon its books, which are visited and cared for so long as is necessary, and therefore moneys and provisions are still needed to carry on the good work.

Attention is drawn to the report of the INDUSTRIAL ROOM, where a number of women have been constantly employed in the manufacture of under-clothing, in order to educate them in the way of helping themselves.

Appended are extracts from the reports of the several Divisions, which indicate in a measure the amount of labor performed by the several ladies of the Society, all of whom, from the President down, give their services gratuitously.

First Division. Superintendent, Mrs. Schoff.—38 families assisted, 7 widows, 1 cripple, 2 consumptives, 9 cases of protracted illness. In a majority of the other cases helped, the causes of their poverty appeared to be improvidence, and want of employment. Forty-six orders for fuel granted, 22 pairs of boots distributed, 5 pairs of slippers, 1 stove partially paid for. Each case has been thoroughly investigated, and judiciously relieved. Four families have been on the books for more than a year.

Second Division. Superintendent, Mrs. Steele.—128 families assisted. The chief causes of distress are illness and want of work. 45 orders for fuel given, and in extreme cases, orders for bread and meat. About 100 visits have been made by the ladies of this Division during the winter. We have to gratefully thank those who contributed clothing or other necessities to our Depository. Six families received help in former years.

Third Division. Superintendent, Mrs. Brunt.—38 families relieved, 10 of these were widows with large families, all of whom have been regularly visited, and found without one exception to be respectable, sober people. Owing to sickness, and accidents to the bread-winners, many large families were left entirely unprovided for. 21 orders for fuel given. Thanks are due to the generous ladies who sent clothing to our Depository.

Fourth Division. Superintendent, Mrs. Clapp.—Over 68 families relieved. 21 orders for fuel given. The great distress in this Division has been caused by the strikes last summer, men leaving their wives and families unprovided for during the winter. Employment has been found for quite a large number of men and women, a great many soup

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