

Committee doubt not that if it should be judiciously conducted it would prove an immense boon to many who now are frequently at a loss where to procure a lodging for a night or other short period, or whom your Committee are obliged to furnish with money for this purpose, which money might be spent with greater economy to the Society, and comfort to the applicant, if a St. George's Home were available for the purpose above mentioned. A member of the Society has kindly offered to subscribe \$100 towards such an object. A Soup Kitchen would also form a most useful appendage to the proposed Home.

Your Committee cannot but feel that however appropriate and seasonable the relief may be which is afforded by means of the annual distribution of Christmas cheer, that relief is of a very temporary nature, and hardly commensurate with the expenditure of labor time and money that it involves. While they would by no means be understood to suggest the discontinuance of a custom which tends to cheer the hearts and homes of many a needy family at the festive season of Christmas, they have no doubt that if it were resolved by their successors, and announced to the public, that a considerable portion of the contributions would be applied to the support of a Home, and to the purchase of fuel to be distributed throughout the winter among the poor, this extension of the plan of relief would meet with the approval of the Society generally, and would commend itself to the judicious liberality of the benevolent. At all events, your Committee would recommend to their successors that means should in future be adopted for procuring, before the beginning of winter, a supply of fuel for distribution among the poor. The number of applications for relief in this shape