

their approval. One of the gentlemen's Committee gave an hour's attendance almost daily, during the whole period.

The three city missionaries, Messrs. Massey, Merrick and Mitchell, rendered important service, both at the Rooms and in visiting the dwellings of the poor.

Mary Sym, who had charge of the Rooms, did the duties, trying and difficult sometimes, of her post with a devotion and faithfulness which the Committee gratefully acknowledge.

We have to express our obligations to Mr. Holton, M. P. P. for the city, for his intervention to obtain from the Government, the use, for the purposes of this Committee, of a part of the old High School; and also the generous consideration of the Government in making its subsequent grant of the building to the governors of McGill College, for the use of their High School department on the unfortunate destruction by fire of Burnside Hall; subject to the continued use of it by this Committee or their providing elsewhere Rooms for the carrying on of its work.

An arrangement was accordingly made with those gentlemen, which may perhaps be sufficiently stated by the following letter from one of our number to one of the governors:

"The Poor Relief Committee propose to remove at once the dwellers in the Rooms at the old High School, that is, the attendants and their children, who alone have had residence there, accepting from the governors thirty pounds, as offered, in consideration of the expense and trouble of such removal.

"They propose further to give up all cooking and the supplying of dinners at the Rooms, and to close the girls' school and working room. But, they will retain the apartment now used as their Committee room, where the Ladies will continue their meetings, and where applicants for relief will still come, which in short will continue to be the seat of the Committee's operations until April, when the time for which they undertook the work they have in hand shall have expired.

"February 19th, 1856."

The Committee at once followed out this arrangement; by the kindness of Dr. Davies, a vacant dwelling was placed at their disposal in which that part of their effort given up at the High School was for a time carried on. Till the first of May dwelling and maintenance continued to be given to several aged persons