

OUTDOOR POOR.

4. The expense of distributing relief to the outdoor poor is only \$105.03 in excess of last year, although the number of families relieved is 141 in excess of last year, as the following table shows

	FAMILIES RELIEVED.	PERSONS.	EXPENSE.	PER CAPITA.
1893-4	2,343	10,695	\$13,426 20	or \$1 29
1894-5	2,484	11,498	13,531 28	1 18

5. Through the kindness of Messrs. Elias Rogers & Co., the Board were enabled to make an experiment of the labor test for the unemployed amongst the outdoor poor with a view of minimizing the pauperizing effect of granting relief. Your Board feels satisfaction in having to report that the experiment was satisfactory. Of 1,721 idle men receiving help, 968 did the appointed work of cutting wood. Some were physically unable, but those who refused were, as a rule, cut off with the first allowance.

ASSOCIATE CHARITIES.

6. At the request of the Charities Committee of the Corporation the Board appointed a Standing Committee, who invited representatives of the various charities of the city, with a view of collecting these records and securing, if possible, a register of all applicants to the various charitable organizations. A number of the organizations responded, but others refused to disclose the names of applicants for relief. As such a register is not necessarily public it would materially assist all the organizations as well as charitably disposed individuals to have a perfect register of this kind for reference. It is hoped that during the coming year all will join in making this effort of the Board of some practical value. The work of this Joint Committee supercedes the efforts of the organization known as the Associated Charity and the Charity Committee of the Corporation.

7. Attention is directed to the accompanying full reports of Superintendents of the various Standing Committees of the House giving details of the work in all departments.

The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements show the outlay during the year and the condition of our finances. In the searching investigation into the management of the various charities of the city, ordered by the Executive of the Council, it ought to be satisfactory to our subscribers and the authorities to observe that the House of Industry is by far the