

We have been greatly encouraged by the success which has attended our efforts, and the generous support which has enabled us to meet all our expenses without embarrassment. During the winter when large and constant demands were continually pressing upon us, and our funds became very low, a paragraph in the daily papers, giving a short account of the work and its necessities, met with a liberal response. In connection with this we must allude in passing to the unsolicited testimony of several physicians and other friends to the practical usefulness of the work.

During the year we have filled 2,560 orders, as against 1,474 last year. Of these 1,405 are free, 925 cost price, 230 half price.

We have made and dispensed 1,770½ pints beef tea, 304 pints chicken broth, 496½ pints wine jelly, 249½ pints calf's foot jelly, besides small quantities of soup, veal broth, gruel, cornstarch, etc.

To meet such an increased demand our outlay has, of course, been larger than in any previous year, still, though anxiety is the lot of every treasurer, we have never been reduced to absolute penury. It is perhaps well to say here that we are entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions, having no fund or endowment whatever, and no *financial* connection with any other charitable organization.

It will be noticed that our cost price orders are much more numerous than before. This is explained by the fact that many persons able to pay for their supplies are yet so situated as to be unable to procure them otherwise than by applying to us. We have had many applicants from the Windsor and boarding houses who have spoken of the Dispensary in terms of unqualified praise.

In closing, we beg to tender our sincere thanks to the Trustees of the American Presbyterian Church for the use of their rooms; to the ladies of the Y.W.C.A. for providing a room and board for our Manager in the house; to the editors of the *Witness*, *Star*, and *Gazette* for gratuitous advertising; to Mr. David Morrice for ice throughout the year; and to our many friends, who by donations of money and goods, have enabled us to carry on the work.

ISABEL S. MACPHERSON,
Secretary.

