

starvation. The Committee cannot express too strongly its condemnation of the barbarous system adopted on several occasions by quack philanthropists in England (particularly those of Woolwich) in shipping to the colonies their unemployed workmen, without regard to the ultimate well-doing of the emigrant, or whether he would find employment in his new home or not. This city was in 1857 crowded with men accustomed to work only at one branch or description of dock-yard labour, which was not carried on at all in Toronto; a ship, for instance, has not been built here for several years, yet several of the emigrants were ship-carpenters, and good for no other employment. The majority of those poor people were reduced from comparatively comfortable circumstances in England to miserable poverty in Toronto. Your Committee has since Spring followed the course it adopted in 1858, namely to assist them to remove to other places in Canada or the United States and and some back to England.

The Woolwich emigrants have been a very heavy burthen to the Society, more particularly in the winter of 1857-8, when to alleviate their distress, the Reserve Fund was exhausted and a large debt contracted, part of which still remains unpaid.

During the past year, the Society has been called upon, either wholly or in part, to bury ten English persons, namely, four children and six adults; amongst the latter was Middleton, a young man who committed suicide in November from want, leaving a wife and eight children behind him; he had unfortunately not applied to the Society, or he might have been temporarily relieved until he had found employment. The widow and children are at present provided for but the Society may have to assist in their future maintenance.

Three of the ten interments were in the burial ground belonging to the Society in the St. James' Cemetery.

A subscription list was formed to purchase a piece of ground in the Cemetery to be the property of the Society. The plot chosen consists of 28 lots. The Society has paid for