

the Institution, and one of its Life Governors, the late James Law, Esq., as also of the late James L. Mathewson, Esq., who for a considerable time represented the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society at the Board of Governors.

With regard to the erection of the proposed Country House on the Molson Farm, your Board have to state that, however desirable it may be to have this farm put to the use originally contemplated, it is now evident that no funds can be spared out of our present finances, and that a new and special subscription must be made, if it should be thought advisable to proceed with this work.

The names of the retiring members of the Board of Management, all of them being eligible for re-election, are as follows:

T. M. Bryson,	John Sinclair,
George Hagar,	W. F. Kay,
Henry Lyman,	M. H. Gault,
Hon. Jas. Ferrier,	Andrew Robertson,
George Moffatt,	

The election to fill these vacancies will take place at a Meeting of Governors to be held within eight days, and the gentlemen then elected will hold office for three years.

It will be the duty of the Board of Governors this day to elect twenty-four gentlemen, being subscribers of from one to four hundred dollars, to serve as Elective Governors for one year from this date, in place of the following who retire:

E. F. Ames,	Wm. Lunn,
Henry Bulmer,	S. H. May,
David Brown,	John Macdonald,
N. B. Corse,	Richard Holland,
John Converse,	John Ogilvy,
Wm. Clendenning,	James Roy,
Wm. Ewan,	John Stirling,
M. H. Gault,	T. H. Schneider,
A. F. Gault,	George Cruickshanks,
John Gardner,	Andrew Wilson,
James Hutton,	Miles Williams, jun.,
Gerhard Lomer,	George Moffatt,

Your Board in conclusion desire to express their gratitude to God for the mercies of the past year, and earnestly hope the Institution may continue to be as in the past—a refuge, and a comfortable shelter for the homeless poor of our city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. REDPATH,
President.

REPORT OF THE POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE OF THE PROTESTANT HOUSE OF INDUSTRY AND REFUGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1868.

Your Committee beg respectfully to report that they have much cause for gratitude to the Giver of all good for the measure of success which has attended their operations during the year just closed, and that the Institution has served as a home to our poor and as a tempo-

rary refuge to those who had nowhere else to go, or who had no means to procure for themselves a decent lodging.

LABOR.

It had long been a difficulty with your Committee to provide such indoor labor for the inmates as would prove suitable for them and at the same time remunerative to the Institution. It was suggested that the manufacture of kindling wood would employ nearly all the inmates. On trial it proved to be very successful. Some are engaged in sawing, some in splitting, and the more aged people in tying up the bundles. Several kind friends donated us broken and waste wood, though latterly we have had to purchase nearly all our supplies. The outlay on this head has been \$124.93, and the receipts \$356.03.

The receipts would have been larger, but wood has been very difficult to procure the past winter. Your Committee hope that next summer they will be able to lay in a supply of lumber to keep all hands fully employed throughout the winter.

INMATES.

The average number of inmates during the present summer was 65. During the winter, the average has been about 120.

The number of nights' refuge lodgings given in this branch of the Institution, since date of last annual report, has been males, 5643; females, 2665; total 8308. The largest number has of course been during the winter months, and the numbers slightly decreased after the opening during the winter of the St. Bridget's Roman Catholic night refuge. Our rule with these casual visitors, is to give them a meal in the evening and also in the morning, and to turn them off during the day. We tried the plan of obtaining from them five cents for their breakfast, but had to abandon this mode, and at last got them to work at making kindling wood for two or three hours in lieu of it. This plan worked well. The class thus obtaining refuge are in general most destitute and wretched, without either home or friends, but sad to think their destitution can all be traced to their intemperate habits and spendthrift courses during the summer months. Those coming into the Institution on Saturday evenings are kept all the Lord's Day, and tracts and periodicals kindly sent in by our friends are put into the hands of those who can read, and they attend worship regularly with the rest of the inmates. Thus we trust some good influences may be brought to bear upon them; and may not some good be done even to these?

Your Committee are fully aware that the dormitories of the night refuge, both for the male and female, are not such as could be wished, but it is impossible from the construction of the building to make them otherwise.

The behavior of the night refuge inmates has been very exemplary. They have worked willingly at the kindling wood, and scarcely any intemperance has been witnessed amongst