

For fuller details of the management of all the departments of the work, the subscribers are referred to the appended Reports to the Board, of the various Standing Committees of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

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Acting Secretary.

SAMUEL ALCORN,

Chairman.

Toronto, 30th April, 1889.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
16TH APRIL, 1889.

To the Members of the Board:

The Executive Committee in reviewing the work of the year, beg to report that they have held twenty-six meetings since the last annual meeting of subscribers.

The details of the management have been carefully looked after, and reported from time to time to the Board.

At each meeting the accounts of the previous fortnight are examined and certified before payment, and all the requisitions of the Superintendent are carefully considered before any action is taken.

In view of the revenues of the House being devoted exclusively to the relief of the poor, it has always been the policy of the management to keep down the draft upon them for salaries to the lowest possible point. It has, however, been found necessary this year to add to the permanent staff, a Reception Clerk, and for the winter season a yard man, whose duties are already familiar to the members of the Board.

The urgent necessity for improving the dietary of the inmates, which was authorized last year, has necessarily increased the cost *per capita*.

The average number maintained in the Institution, has also increased from 79 to 84.

The death roll during the year has been heavy, viz., 14—owing chiefly to the infirmities of old age, but the sanitary condition of the House is exceptionally good.