

especially for the kind and friendly spirit in which such donations were given, thereby relieving the Collectors from much of the thankless office of begging, and investing them with the more congenial duty of becoming dispensers of their charity.

It will be observed that a balance of \$154.35, less \$85.37, accounts still unsettled, remains in the hands of the Treasurer for distribution: a balance which, considering the objects for which the fund was raised, the Committee consider is not fairly applicable to the general fund of the Society, from which the English only are relieved; and as part of this sum (viz., \$25 received from the Licensed Victuallers' Association,) was given with a special request that it should be laid out in the purchase of wood for the poor, the Committee beg to suggest to their successors, that no better means of applying the whole sum can well be found, unless it be thought, that (considering the extreme difficulty of a fair distribution of a limited quantity of wood amongst a nearly unlimited number of poor of all nations and creeds), the division of the remainder of the fund between some of the charitable institutions of the city, to be by them dispensed in fuel to the poor and destitute, would not be the more satisfactory way of fulfilling the intentions of the contributors to the fund.

The Society's Office, in Victoria Hall, is open every day, and the Secretary ever ready to afford information to the public generally, and to applicants for relief, as to the rules and hours of meeting of the Society. The Committee continue to find their office a most suitable and convenient place for holding their weekly and monthly routine meetings, and for any other matters connected with the Society; and wish particularly to call the attention of the public, and *especially of the fair sex*, to the fact, that they have a respectable office where gentlemen, and even ladies, wishing to communicate such cases of distress as can be legitimately relieved by the Society, need not doubt of receiving respectful attention and any information that they may require.

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