no such applicants unless aged and infirm persons should receive further encouragement, is a matter deserving of serious consideration.

With regard to the ward for casuals, which, as its name shows, was opened for the relief of transitory poor, it may also be observed that of some five thousand individuals who last year were furnished with temporary board and lodging, there were scarcely one hundred new faces, the great majority being old customers who disappear every spring to reappear the following winter. As a check to this abuse, the Managers contemplate the introduction of some kind of manual labour, making it a condition that every applicant shall do a certain amount of work before receiving relief.

With a view to secure combined action among the various charitable organizations of the city, a number of meetings of representatives of those organizations have been recently held, resulting in a consent on the part of the Managers to increase, if necessary, the number of their visitors, and to afford to the officers of other charities such information as may conduce to the detection of imposture and the better distribution of relief.

In the hope of diminishing the evil of street begging, citizens are earnestly invited to increase their subscriptions to existing charitable institutions, so that they in turn may be enabled to meet all additional claims. Mr. Wm. K. North is now collecting on behalf of the House, and the Managers confidently trust that his appeal on their behalf will meet with a liberal response.

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