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THE Eighth Anniversary of the "SISTERHOOD OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD" was celebrated by Divine Service, with the Holy Communion, in St. Barnabas Chapel, 306 Mulberry street, on the Second Tuesday after Easter, April 10th, 1877, at 11 A. M.

The service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Pastor. The latter read the Eighth Annual Report. The offerings were appropriated to the Sisterhood Fund. After the service, a large number of friends visited the House and became better acquainted with its work.

## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year of the Church's life has quickly passed, and again we are called upon to render a brief account of the special trust providentially committed to our keeping.

We are devoutly thankful that the work, referred to in previous reports, has been sustained and somewhat enlarged, notwithstanding the death of some of our most earnest workers.

Three of our Associates have passed on to the place of "safe-keeping" on which we have so recently meditated, midst the touching associations connected with Easter-Even.

Miss Margaret Kent Huntington was received as an Associate in March, 1872. She died July 1st, 1876. She gave largely of her time to work in the House during the winter season, and when she could no longer work, she would bring her offerings and quietly place them in the hands of the Presiding Sister, saying, "for anything you please." Her last visit to the House was for this purpose.

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Mrs. Sherwood was received in April, 1873. She died on Christmas Day, 1876. Her work was both in the House and in the Fifty-first Street Hospital. At the latter place she visited the patients in the Wards, and conducted a Bible class. Her interest in us was constant and sincere, for even in her summer absences from the city she had the women of an alms-house knitting for our children. Her wise counsels, as well as her ready sympathy, will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Mary Meldrum was received at the same time with Mrs. Sherwood. She died on Tuesday in Holy-week, March 27, 1877. Her work was entirely in Bellevue and the Hospitals on Ward's Island, where her gentle manners and earnest, loving words made her a most welcome visitor. In her life and character we have evidence of a gracious answer to the petition of this week's Collect. Responding to heavenly influences, she had put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, and was always serving the Master in pureness of living and truth. The memory of her Christian example will surely

be a comfort to the dear ones from whom she was so suddenly called away.

The Associates form a very important part of our Sisterhood life. They are those who, residing in their own families, are able to give only a portion of their time each week, or year to the work. We trust that the places left vacant by the departure of the three saintly women of whom we have felt it a duty to speak, may not only speedily be filled, but that our number of Associates may be increased.

Last fall we parted with one of our best friends, when Mr. William K. Kitchen was gathered to his Fathers. He was so discreet, so kind, so appreciative, that he naturally became a faithful counsellor, to whom we could go in any emergency. He was the first to give us the "coal fund," strictly forbidding his name to be known. As a "friend of the Sisters," his purse was ever open to our call, and his last visit was to inquire if we were in need of help for our Summer Home, and to bring his accustomed offering for the House and the Sisterhood Fund. To the latter he had contributed

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regularly, feeling its importance in providing for the raiment and recreation of those who are desirous of devoting themselves to this work. We trust that Mr. Kitchen may always be affectionately remembered as having been specially instrumental in the founding and support of this Sisterhood.

A moment's reflection will bring the conviction that this Sisterhood Fund should receive contributions from those who believe in the work to which we have been providentially called. Will not the relatives and friends of those who have now entered into rest find comfort in continuing their works of love in gifts bearing the old inscription, "In Memoriam?"

But we must pass from these loving allusions to those who have ceased from their labors, though still with us in the great communion of saints, and say something of our work for the past year.

In our last report we spoke of the kind invitation which had been extended us, to occupy, as our Summer Home, the Orphanage adjoining Christ Church, South Amboy, New Jersey. Providential circumstances

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having caused the removal to another place of the children who once occupied this building, the Trustees not only offered us the use of it free of rent, but also appropriated two hundred dollars towards supplying the necessary furniture. Other friends supplied additional means, enabling us to open the House, on the 16th of June, with a family of twenty-five, most of whom were our own children. The commodious building, the surrounding grounds, with their beautiful grove, through which lay the winding pathway to the House of God; the kind attentions of the Rev. R. B. Post, Rector of the Church, and of Mr. Conover and his family, caused the summer to be a very happy one, especially to the children. The latter, at times, fairly revelled in their freedom from the restraints of the heated city. The long term of heat developed so many contagious diseases among the Day Nursery children, that we were disappointed in our desire to give each one a week in the country, but we did what we could. One feeble child was with us all summer, entirely regaining her strength. When we could no longer take

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our own, we were glad to help others, and several children from other mission schools, greatly needing fresh air, enjoyed one, two and three weeks with us, as the need might be. Our household ranged between twenty-one and thirty-one from June till the 28th of September, the kindness of friends supplying the necessary means for paying the current expenses, nothing having been taken from the funds contributed to the support of St. Barnabas' House.

At one time it was thought best for us to remain through the winter, and allow our children to have the benefits of a permanent life in the country. The Trustees generously offered \$500, in addition to the supply of coal, if we would stay, but, after mature reflection, it seemed advisable to return to St. Barnabas in the latter part of September and await Providential openings for the following year. The practical question now arises as to future support. Will the Fresh Air Fund receive the donations which will enable us to return to this Sisters' House next June? We have a longing desire to have our children enjoy again the pleasant



and profitable experiences of last year, and we trust that our friends will be able to manifest their approval of this venture of faith in loving offerings to the Fresh Air Fund. This year the way may open for our permanent occupancy of the Orphanage in South Amboy.

St. Barnabas' House has been crowded for most of the year, very many women having been sent away when the beds were all filled, and as many lying on the floor as we dared to put into the rooms.

The Day Nursery has been as full, and many a time our hearts have ached at being compelled to refuse mothers pleading for the admission of their children. 178 children have been cared for during the year; the number on the roll ranging from 67 to 92, while, we are told, that 50 is the largest number that ought ever to be present at one time in the three rooms now occupied. Eight of our children have died, and 106 removed from the neighborhood, making the present number 64. The expenses (except their food and part of the fuel) have been wholly met by the little sums paid by the

parents and by donations, Miss Wolfe, as heretofore, giving one-third of the rent. We have again deeply felt the need of an Infirmary, where children with such contagious diseases as measles, whooping cough, diphtheria—indeed, all but small-pox—could be cared for. We cannot, of course, receive such with the well children. The mother must give up the work that has been so difficult to obtain, to nurse her sick child. She loses it by doing so. It was their whole support. At once starvation would follow, but that the help from St. Barnabas' House comes in with food, fuel, medicine, etc. In the care of these sick children, during the heated term, we take pleasure in acknowledging the important services rendered by Dr. Dayton, a lady well qualified for this labor of love, and, during the winter, the prompt aid furnished by the "Sick Children's Relief Bureau."

The demand for assistance among the poor has been greater than ever, but even with the increased means for cooking furnished us this winter, we can only supply a bare dinner to fifty families beside our own

large household ; others we must send away. To investigate the cases of the daily applicants for relief, and to look after those whom we do assist, has kept two Sisters very busy. We have found our Tuesday evening social gathering very useful this winter. We get acquainted in this way with women applying for help. When they would think they could not come to church, they could not refuse to bring their sewing and pass an evening with us. We have the room as bright as we can make it, and our desire is to have the evening pass as cheerfully as possible to each one. At nine o'clock we have family prayers. One woman told us she had not knelt in prayer for eight years. Here they meet those who are regular attendants at the Chapel, and so they begin to come themselves. This little informal meeting has yielded much fruit in this way during the winter. So strong were the expressions of regret when it was discontinued for the Lenten services, that we promised to resume the meetings after Easter, and have done so.

We have cared for 1,698 in the House

during the year, giving 21,528 lodgings and 172,515 meals, an increase over last year of 38,923 meals, although twenty of our regular family were absent more than three months.

We have continued weekly visits to Bellevue Hospital and the Hospitals on Ward's Island, and the Bible-class at the Fifty-first Street Hospital has been well attended throughout the year. To the kind friend who has so long supplied our weekly gifts of tea and sugar in these Hospitals, as well as to the sick in their own homes, and to all who have so largely aided us to give medicine and nourishment to the sick, and food and fuel to the suffering, we return our hearty thanks. Nearly thirteen tons of coal have been given out since Nov. 28, one-quarter of a ton at a time, to families that we knew were worthy, besides smaller quantities to those not so well known who were found without fire in bitter weather. The Sick Fund will greatly miss the frequent contributions of Miss Mary S. Jones.

We were again indebted to Mr. J. M. Goetchius for a free pass to Fort Lee for

the season. It was a matter of deep regret that the contagious diseases prevailing among our Day-Nursery children prevented us from availing ourselves of his thoughtful kindness as often as we had hoped.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were marked, as usual, by the abundant feasts provided by those who so generously remember the numbers looking to us for dinner on these days. The thoughtfulness that provided for the fifty families in their own homes, enabled us to give plentiful dinners to the large numbers who came to the House, the mince pies being again supplied by Miss Wolfe.

The Christmas Tree, in the same way, yielded its treasures not only of delight, but also of comfort to the children of the House and the Day-Nursery. Mr. Peter Cooper's gift of shoes was never more welcome. Easter, too, has just brought its touching gifts of flowers for the Chapel, as well as feasts for the children.

The self-sacrificing and indefatigable attentions of Dr. Armstrong to members of our Sisterhood, both at St. Barnabas House

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and at the summer house in South Amboy, are acknowledged with grateful hearts.

We also sincerely thank Dr. Seguin for his skillful services in greatly benefitting a beloved member of our Sisterhood.

For the good-will and assistance we have received from our Associates, from the Trustees and Superintendent of the City Missionary Society, and from all other friends, we return our grateful acknowledgments, and say to one and all, God bless you now and evermore.

When the Rev Stephen F. Holmes, who had been so long our faithful and devoted Chaplain at St. Barnabas' Chapel, was compelled to resign on account of continued ill-health, we parted with him with deep regret. He has been often remembered in our prayers, and we trust that, in God's good time, he will be restored to usefulness again in the duties of his high calling.

To the Rev. Mr. Moore, who was elected a few months ago to fill the responsible position left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Holmes, we extend a cordial welcome, asking the Divine blessing to rest upon him

in the discharge of the arduous duties which he has undertaken.

In closing our Eighth Annual Report, we again cordially invite Christian women for whom providential circumstances open the way to come to us as Visitors for a time, that they may find out whether they have a vocation for our Sisterhood life and work, and ask the prayers of our friends that God will direct us in all our doings with His most gracious favor, and further us with His continual help, for the sake of the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep.

## THE SISTERHOOD.

The Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd is under the charge of the Bishop of New York, Rev. T. Gallaudet, D.D., being the Pastor.

Its object is to minister to the poor, the sick, the homeless, and the outcast, and to care for little children.

No new work is undertaken or new rule made without the approval of the Bishop.

The Sisterhood embraces five classes : Sisters, Assistants, Probationers, Visitors, and Associates, over all of whom the Presiding Sister has control.

The Associates are those who, residing in their own families, are able to give only a portion of their time each week or year to the work.

The Visitors are those who wish to become Probationers, or those who desire to give themselves to the work for a limited time, residing with the Sisters during this time.

The Probationers are those who, having passed six months as Visitors, and then desiring to give themselves wholly to the work, and being approved by the Presiding Sister, shall assume the dress and be received by the Pastor.

The Assistants are those who wish to devote themselves to work for Christ, but whose lives have been so ordered that they are not fitted for the position of full Sisters. They are Probationers two years, then (if approved by the Presiding Sister and Pas-



tor) are received by the Bishop, and take the name of Sister.

The Sisters are those who, having passed a probation of two years, still desire to devote themselves to the work, and being approved by the Presiding Sister, Pastor and Bishop, are received by the Bishop, and known as Sisters.

Family ties being of the most sacred obligation, any Sister may leave the work of the Sisterhood at any time that family duties require it. In such case, if she desires to continue to be a Sister, she may do so, with the consent of the Presiding Sister and Pastor, returning to the work of the Sisterhood when Providence permits her.

Probationers may withdraw at any time by giving due notice to the Presiding Sister and Pastor.

A Sister wishing to withdraw gives written notice thereof, with her reasons, to the Presiding Sister; but that due provision may be made for the work in which she has been engaged, such withdrawal does not take place less than two months after the notice

has been given, unless by special consent of the Presiding Sister.

Probationers must not be over forty, or under twenty-one years of age, without the special consent of the Presiding Sister and Pastor.

Application for admission to the Sisterhood may be made to SISTER ELLEN, St. Barnabas' House, No. 304 Mulberry street, or to the Pastor, the REV. DR. GALLAUDET, No. 9 West Eighteenth street, New York City.

**DONATIONS**

*To the Sisterhood for their work among the outside sick and poor.*

“For sick in Hospitals”—through Rev. Dr. Ogilby.....	\$150 00
“For some poor body”—a Friend in N. J.	5 00
“For sick poor”—Mrs. Wm. A. Smith...	5 00
“To use in your labors”—Miss S. F. Daniell.....	20 00
“For poor and suffering children”—Mrs. Daniel LeRoy... ..	20 00
“For sick children”—J. H., through Chas. H. Pullman, city editor <i>N. Y. Times</i> .....	20 00
“For sick young girls”—Anonymous.....	10 00
“Sick Children’s Fund”.....	3 00
“Special cases”—H. E. Pellew.....	20 00
“For the most needy of St. Barnabas charities”—a member of St. George’s Church, Newburgh, N. Y.....	15 00
“For what you think best”—Miss Porter..	2 00
“For Sister Ellen’s use”—Dr. Cushman, through Miss Mollison.....	15 00

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“For coal in small quantities”—Z., through Rev. Dr. Ogilby.....	50 00
“In Memorium”.....	25 00
“For the poor”—R. H. T.....	2 00
“For outside poor”.....	2 00
“For poor”—S. F.....	10 00
“For sick and suffering poor”—S. W. G...	25 00
“Hospital Fund”—Miss Sawtelle.....	10 50
“For sick and suffering children”—Mrs. Henry Suydam.....	25 00
“To help in your work”—Mrs. J. M. Rich- mond, Buffalo.....	20 00
“For the poor”—R. H. B.....	2 00
“For outside poor”.....	1 00
“Food and fuel for the very poor”—Mrs. J. J. Astor.....	100 00
“For the poor”—Mr. J. J. Astor.....	100 00
“For what you think best”—Miss Kate Barnes.....	10 00
Dr. Cushman, through Miss Mollison.....	10 00
Thurlow Weed.....	5 00
“For the poor, as you think best”—Mrs J. J. Astor.....	100 00

Five jars of wine jelly and 14 picture cards, Mrs. Hopping, N. Y.; 100 copies Mission Service, 20 Prayer Books, and 50 Proper Lessons, Mr. Pott; sandwiches for the poor, and 11 bottles punch for the sick, Mrs. R. M. Hunt; 11 glasses of currant jelly, “R.,” an Associate; oranges, “H.,” an Associate.

*Special donations to give pleasure to the sick and poor  
on Ward's Island, May 11, 1876.*

Miss Benedict, \$3 and 4 lbs. of coffee; Mrs. Hall, 7 lbs. sugar; Mr. F. Hubbard, \$5; "R.," an Associate, \$5 and 2 tongues; Miss Ely, \$1; Miss C. Smith, 5 lbs. butter; Rev. C. T. Woodruff, 400 oranges.

*For Flowers.*—Through Mrs. F. V. Hall, Miss Morwood and sister, \$2.50; Miss de Luze, \$1; Miss H. J. Raymond, \$2; a Friend, \$10; Mrs. E. P. Smith, \$2.

*Flowers.*—Miss Fanshaw, Miss Townsend, Miss Brooke, Miss Buckmaster, Mrs. Haws, Mrs. Guernsey, Miss Ely, Miss Klundee, and Miss Long.

*Fresh Air Fund—For the Summer Home.*

Miss Wolfe.....	\$175 00
The Trustees, through Rev. R. B. Post—for furniture.....	200 00
St. James Sunday School, Wilmington, N. C., for board of Day Nursery children....	29 50
Mrs. J. M. Richmond, Buffalo .....	25 00
Pickwick Sewing Society, of Morristown, N. J., through Miss M. C. Hoffman.....	8 00
Miss Wisner, Goshen.....	25 00
For furniture and removal—	
Mrs. R. M. Hunt.....	50 00
Mrs. G. M. Miller....	20 00
Miss Mary S. Jones.....	50 00

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Miss Kate Barnes.....	10 00
Mr. F. Hubbard.....	100 00
Mrs. Colden.....	10 00
Miss G. Wilkes.....	10 00
Miss H. R. Wilkes.....	10 00
M. V. B.....	2 00
A. D. R. and T. R.....	2 00
A Thank Offering.....	25 00
Mrs. R. S. Tucker.....	50 00
Mrs. J. A. M., partly from a little boy.....	5 00
Offertory of Trinity Chapel, through Rev. Dr. Swope.....	20 00
Mrs. L. Blake.....	5 00
Mrs. T. J. Leslie.....	20 00
“To give some poor children a day in the country”—from “a Country Home”....	5 00
Two weeks in the country for a mother and three children—Miss E. Van Rensselaer.	20 00
“For suffering children”—W. H. Shriver..	10 00
A lady, through Rev. Wm. McVickar.....	7 00
Rev. Mr. Davenport.....	25 00
G. M. C.....	10 00
Rev. J. R. Livingston, Fishkill.....	11 40
“Thank Offering for the mercies of the summer”.....	4 54
Various articles for the table, etc., Mrs. J. H. Boynton; 1 doz. china cups and saucers and 2 doz. plates, tea pot, sugar bowl, book-rack, 4 pictures, and iron bedstead, “R.,” an Associate; 4 silver salt spoons, 4 salt cellars, Mrs. W. H. Wiener; 12 pillow cases, Miss B., an Associate; 1 doz. napkins,	



$\frac{1}{4}$  doz. knives and forks, crash, etc., Mrs. Dr. Richards.

*Sisterhood Fund.*

Offertory at Anniversary, including "for support of sister," D., an Associate, \$150; and "wedding day," R., an Associate, \$26. . .	\$193 84
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
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Miss Benedict (Associate) . . . . .	10 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith . . . . .	5 00
Through Miss K. Morgan . . . . .	17 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
"A Friend of the Sisters" . . . . .	50 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
Miss Emma Lewis, Phila . . . . .	5 00
Miss Cobb . . . . .	10 00
Miss Henry . . . . .	10 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
Mrs. H. E. Pellew (Associate) . . . . .	50 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
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Miss S. L. E. Carter, N. H. . . . .	5 00
Through Offertory . . . . .	15 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
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"In Memoriam" of Associate . . . . .	11 12
Through Offertory . . . . .	15 00
"R.," an Associate . . . . .	12 50
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Mr. Wm. B. Astor, through F. M.....	50 00
Mrs. Goetchius .....	25 00
Through Offertory.....	17 00
“In Memoriam”—Easter.....	10 00
Thank Offering.....	5 00
Mrs. D. C. Colden.....	10 00
Mrs. George Pell .....	36 00
Mrs. Philip Sands .....	10 00
Through Mrs. H. E. Pellew.....	48 50

To the Sisterhood—Book-case, M. C. D. For the Anniversary—2 doz. teaspoons and \$5, “R.,” an Associate; \$2, M. C. D., an Associate; ice cream and jelly, Mrs. R. M. Hunt; ice cream, Mrs. M., an Associate; cake, the Misses W., Associates; flowers, “D,” Miss B., and the Misses E., Associates; 20 qts. ice cream, and cake, A. Simpson; 2 hams, N. Metzger; 4 qts. milk. American Condensed Milk Co.