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THE Ninth Anniversary of the "SISTERHOOD OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD" was celebrated by Divine Service with the Holy Communion, in St. Barnabas' House, No. 304 Mulberry Street, on the Second Tuesday after Easter, April 30th, 1878, at 11 A. M.

In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, the service was conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Potter, Rector of Grace Church and the Rev. Mr. Courtney, Assistant Minister of St. Thomas' Church.

The Ninth Annual Report having been read by the Pastor, addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Courtney and the Rev. Dr. Potter. The offerings were appropriated to the Sisterhood Fund. The presence of eight Sisters of other orders added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The past year has been full of tokens of the presence of the Good Shepherd in our midst. Two Sisters and two Probationers have been added to our number and never before have we been so generously helped by our friends. When the want of means in the City Mission Treasury compelled the reduction of the work and workers in St. Barnabas' House last June; when over thirty families who had been daily supplied with food had to be sent empty away, with no work to which we could point them, and our hearts were very sad, Miss Wolfe heard of it, and immediately sent us \$500; oatmeal, rice and beans were at once purchased by the barrel and given out in small quantities to these destitute families, and thus, by this

prompt aid, we were enabled to stand between them and starvation. During the winter other kind friends remembered the poor who surround us, and most generously aided us in our endeavour to keep cold and actual suffering from every family who turned to us for help. It was most gratifying to notice the number of those who, as soon as work was obtained that could at all support them, would report it to us, with gratitude for the help which had been extended to them. One meal a day of rice or oatmeal may keep a family from starving, but it will never lead them to rest on it and cease to look for work. We had no fear of making paupers of such. Other kind friends remembered the many sick, both in the Hospitals and their own poor homes, who look to us for comforts and delicacies they cannot otherwise obtain. Very happy have we been as the almoners of those to whom God had given the means. Their reward is with Him Who has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and again—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me."

For several years, through the exertions mainly of our Associates, the Sisters have given their services freely to the City Mission Society, and since June, our Probationers have been enabled to do the same. This most gratifying position has been reached in consequence of the contributions which have been made to our Sisterhood Fund. Our sincere thanks are returned to those who have so thoughtfully sent these contributions. As a Sisterhood we greatly desire to devote ourselves to the *very poor*. Having food and raiment we are content, but these *are* necessary to a Sister, and we can only trust that the same generous aid may continue to be extended to us, so that we may not be obliged to turn aside from our purpose and take work for the support of the Sisterhood.

The past year has made us feel the absolute necessity, as soon as it can be had, of a Sisters' House. Our number would have doubled could we have received all the applicants for admission into our Sisterhood. Many are still waiting with the hope that we can receive them in the fall. It is hard,

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very hard, to have to decline their services when we have to refuse so much work that is pressed upon us, for want of trained workers, but we have no place for them, nor any means of furnishing the necessary food and clothing. Is there any one in this large city, who could give the use of a house for this purpose in a neighborhood where a Day Nursery is needed and other Mission work waiting to be done?

But we must pass on to thank still others: the Trustees of the House in South Amboy and every contributor to the Fresh Air Fund. For a little more than three months our family in the country ranged from 25 to 33. This summer our Day Nursery children shared largely in the blessing. All who required the change, enjoyed it from one to four weeks as the need might be. We were able to extend the privilege to a few of other Missions and also to some poor women, well known to us, to whom a week in the country was a green spot to be remembered all their lives. At the request of the Trustees of this delightful Home in South Amboy, we were looking forward to this as a permanent

work, when circumstances beyond their control, put it out of their power to give it to us as they desired. This fact made us feel the Providence that led Mr. Bradley, the proprietor of Asbury Park, New Jersey, an entire stranger, to kindly offer us a lot, very desirable in location, and thus to furnish a place of resort for the summer. He has since increased his gift by another lot so that we now have 100 feet front by 150 feet deep, adjoining the church and near the ocean. He gave it on condition that we should build upon it this spring. A lady has given \$1,000, provided the rest is secured. We think it will require at least \$5,000. \$302.02 have since been given or pledged. We have done all we could to secure this generous offer to the Church as a permanent Summer Home for our own sixteen children, a temporary home for our Day Nursery and other children and poor women that need rest and sea air. We leave it to the Church to decide whether this Home can be secured, or whether it must be lost, for want of means to comply with the condition referred to above.

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Our work the past year has been enlarged since June, by the care of the families for whom the House, for want of means, could not provide, and also since Advent by weekly visits to the House of Detention in Mulberry Street and the Essex Street prison. The former seemed at first a very hard and most discouraging field of labor; but our hearts have been cheered already by fruits far beyond our expectations. With an increase of workers, we hope to be able to give more time to the prisons. One day in each week two of our number have passed in the Homeopathic Hospital on Ward's Island, and there too, there has been more to encourage us than in any previous year. The Bible class for the mothers of the children in the Child's Nursery and Hospital, 51st Street and Lexington Avenue, has been kept up all the year with good attendance and interest. Four of our number have made weekly visits to Bellevue Hospital. In St. Barnabas' House we have given 135,194 meals and 20,546 lodgings and have had under our charge 1,521 persons to whom we have given daily religious instruction, besides

gathering them with us morning and evening for family prayers. Most of them have also had the blessed privilege of the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church in the daily Chapel services. The Chaplain has been unwearied in his work and we cannot believe that the Church in this city will allow such a charity to languish and go down for want of means. In Advent, a Sunday Morning Bible Class for the men of the Chapel congregation was commenced. We hope also to reach in this way the men whose families are helped by us. The women still continue to meet with the Sisters for a social gathering once each week except during Lent, when the extra night services in the Chapel take its place. We have felt our influence much increased by these meetings. Those applying for help are at once invited to them. We thus become better acquainted with them and they feel that we are their friends. It has been most interesting to notice the gradual elevation. The tables and floors preach a sermon on cleanliness, and soon we see the improvement in the tidiness of their dress which we hope will reach their homes and

that this one, bright evening every week may be reflected in every family.

We were again indebted to Mr. J. M. Goetchins for a free pass to Fort Lee, for the summer, affording delightful excursions to the Day Nursery Children and oft times to their mothers.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were, as usual, most generously remembered by those who know how many look to us for their dinners on these days. The children's stockings were as full as ever on Christmas morning. The Christmas Tree made many a child comfortable as well as happy. Mr. Peter Cooper's annual gift was most welcome, for what is harder to get for children than shoes! Easter, too, has just brought its tokens of loving remembrance in flowers for the Chapel and feasts for the children. To Mr. Pott, we are indebted for gifts of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts for the sick in Hospitals, to Mrs. R. M. Hunt, for two copies of German papers and "The Christian Weekly" for the same purpose, and to Mr. H. E. Pellew for many English tracts, &c.

Dr. O. W. Armstrong, who has endeared

himself to us by his kind and unwearied attentions, we regret to say, has been obliged to seek a warmer clime this spring. Our prayers will follow him that he may be fully restored to health.

Thus all the year we have been encircled with tokens of His presence from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and Who has added to all His other favors, through an unknown benefactor, the rebuilding of a part of St. Barnabas' House, which will enable us not only to do our work with so much more comfort and convenience, but also to increase our Day Nursery and more than double our number of inmates. Can it be possible that when the room is given so freely, there must be a reduction in our work for want of means? We cannot believe it, when we think of the thousands of Christian men and women who are earnestly praying for the regeneration of this great city.

Ten have been received as Visitors during the year. Two of these have become Associates and two Probationers. Two other Associates have been received. The Bishop has received two Sisters, one a Probationer,

and the other, a Sister from the Bishop Potter Memorial House.

As we are about to enter upon the untried scenes, trials and encouragements of the tenth year of our Sisterhood life, we again ask for the prayers of all who believe in the mission which has been providentially entrusted to us. Trusting that ere long we shall have a House in which we can receive all who apply, we again cordially invite communications from those who are drawn towards casting in their lot with us. We humbly desire to know the will of the Good Shepherd and to have grace to do it according to our ability and opportunity.

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 of 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 Pastor) 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 and suffering little ones," K. C. E.	\$ 1 00
E. F. C.....	10 00
"To help the poor," Miss Wolfe.....	500 00
"For the sick," E. A. S.....	2 00
"For your poor," Mrs. H. H. Bean.....	5 00
Easter offering of Sunday School of St. Barnabas' Chapel, "For Sister Ellen to use at her discretion".....	39 32
"To use at your own discretion," among the poor, Mrs. Lobban, Va.....	25 00
"For sick women and children," Mrs. H. E. Pellew.....	22 50
"Sick children's fund," Master Philip Sands	50 00
"For the sick," "O," an Associate.....	10 00
"To help your good work," Mrs. J. M. Rich- mond, Buffalo.....	30 00
"Special cases of distress," Mr. J. J. Astor.	50 00
"For the sick," "O," an Associate.....	10 00
Through Treasurer of City Mission Society, "X," "For coal to be distributed by the Sisters".....	50 00

"For the sick," "O," an Associate.....	\$ 10 00
"In aid of the worthy poor in your district,"	
Mr. H. E. Pellew.....	25 00
"Sick and needy," Mr. J. T. Lockman....	20 00
"Sick and suffering poor," Admiral S. W.	
Godon.....	25 00
"For sick," "O," an Associate.....	10 00
For "coal and necessaries," Miss C.....	10 00
For "the poor," Mrs. C.W. O.....	10 00
For "the relief of the poor," Mr. J. J. As-	
tor.....	100 00
"Special cases of sick," Miss Carpenter...	5 00
"For the sick," "O," an associate.....	10 00
For "the deserving poor," Mr. J. J. Astor.	100 00
Through Treasurer of City Mission Society,	
for "relief of the poor," G.W. Egleston..	50 00
"For the sick," "O," an Associate.....	10 00
For "special case," a Friend, Burlington,	
N. J.....	10 00
"For Hospital Fund," Mrs. R.....	1 00
"For the sick," "O," an Associate.....	10 00
"For what you please," Miss Schermerhorn	2 00

"For the sick," 8 glasses of jelly, "R," an Associate; For Hospitals, one dozen Prayer Books, half dozen Bibles, 3 large Testaments, 6 small ones, and Tracts, Mr. Pott; English Tracts, etc., Mr. H. E. Pellew; two copies weekly of German papers, and "The Christian Weekly," Mrs. R. M. Hunt.

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*Special Donations to give Pleasure to the
Sick and Poor on Ward's Island,
May, 1877.*

Mrs. Charles Roe. \$1; Miss Brinckerhoff, \$1; through Mrs. F. A. Hall, Miss L. M. Raymond, \$5; Mrs. John A. C. Gray, \$5; Dr. G. Docherty, \$2; Mrs. A. B. Graves, \$10; Mrs. J. Jackson, \$5; Mrs. J. L. Riker, Jr. \$15; Mrs. E. P. Smith, \$2; Miss de Luze, \$1; Klunder & Long, flowers, valued at \$18;
Fruit and Flowers.—Miss U. Schmidt, Mrs. Hinton, Miss Bunker, Miss Draper, Miss Lena Fanshawe, Miss Buckmaster and Miss Bradley.

Mrs. H., an Associate, 7 lbs. sugar; Miss B., an Associate, 4 lbs. coffee; Mrs. and Miss Morwood, tongue and 2 loaves of bread; Rev. C. T. W. 4 lbs. butter.

For Easter.—Through Rev. C. T. Woodruff, for flowers and fruit for sick, \$8 from S. S. class of Miss Lissie G. Brandegee, Trinity Church, Elizabeth, N. J.

*Fresh Air Fund for the Summer Home at
South Amboy, N. J.*

Miss Hunter, an Associate.....	\$2 00
Mrs. J. M. Richmond, Buffalo.....	15 00
The Misses Rogers' School.....	34 28
Board for a Child—Miss Morwood.....	3 00
“Summer Fund for Nursery Children,”— Sunday School of the Church of the Incar- nation.....	62 00

"To take a Child to the Country"—B.	
Franklin.....	\$ 3 00
For the same—collected by M. C. V.....	7 00
Mrs. Colden.....	10 00
Miss Wilkes.....	5 00
Miss G. Wilkes.....	10 00
Miss H. K. Wilkes.....	10 00
"For the Children of St. Barnabas' House"	
—Mrs. Maria L. Seymour.....	10 00
Mrs. L. E. Eddy.....	5 00
Janet Stone.....	2 00
Miss Barnes.....	10 00
Miss Kate Barnes.....	10 00
Board for Child.....	1 85
Mrs. W. H. Peckham.....	5 00
Trustees of Summer Home, through Mr. F.	
S. Conover.....	150 00
Mrs. E. Blake.....	5 00
F. A. M.....	12 50
"To be used where Sister Ellen thinks will do most good," Prov., iii. 27.....	
Board for child.....	1 00
Primary department of Mrs. Reed's School.	5 00
Board for two children.....	10 00
" " child.....	2 50
Miss Fanshawe.....	3 00
Mrs. E. Walter.....	5 00
"To take some sick little child into the country," a Friend of St. Barnabas' House	
	5 00
"To aid your open air work for your child- ren," Rev. J. R. Davenport.....	
	20 00

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Board for child.....	\$ 1 00
“ “ “	2 50
“ “ two children.....	10 00
“ “ child.....	9 00
“ Board for sick children,” Mrs. Lobban, Virginia	25 00
Board for two children.....	10 00
“ “ child.....	2 50
“ “ “ Miss Clara Smith.....	9 00
The same, Fresh Air Fund.....	11 00

*For the Building Fund of the Summer
Home at Asbury Park, N. J.*

Mrs. G. O.....	\$ 2 00
Little Hester’s “all”.....	02
Miss Wolfe, (conditionally).....	1,000 00
Rev. J. R. Davenport, D.D.....	100 00
Miss Barnes.....	30 00
Mr. Van Ness.....	5 00
Through Offertory.....	2 00
Rev. Mr. Courtney.....	50 00
Miss Ballow.....	20 00
St. Thomas’ Church, through Rev. Dr. Mor- gan.....	20 00
A Friend, through “O,” an Associate.. .	50 00
Miss Toucey.....	25 00
Mrs. John H. Clarke, Yonkers.....	25 00
“R,” an Associate.....	25 00
Mrs. W. C. G	3 00
Mrs. George Waddington.....	20 00

Mrs. F. H. Weeks.....	\$ 20 00
Mr. Frederick Hubbard.....	100 00
Children's Mite Chest, R. H. Gilman, Del.	1 00
S. S. class of Miss Mollison, an Associate..	2 25

Sisterhood Fund.

"R," an Associate, \$12.50; through Offertory, \$15; Easter offering, Ohio, \$3; "In Memoriam," Mrs. M. M. W., \$5, and Miss M. M., \$5; "D," an Associate, for Sister's support, \$150; Miss Murphy, \$1; "R," an Associate, \$12.50; through Offertory, \$15; Mrs. Robbins, through Mrs. Pellew, \$27; Mrs. Pellew, \$3.50; Mrs. Hitchcock, through Mrs. Pellew, \$3; Offerings at Anniversary, \$22.58; Reception of a Probationer, \$9.82, and at Reception of a Sister, \$61.42; a Probationer, \$15; E. F. C., \$10; "R," an Associate, \$12.50; Miss Kate Barnes, \$10; Thurlow Weed, through a Visitor, \$5; Dr. Cushman, through an Associate, \$10; Mrs. J. M. Richmond, \$30; through Offertory, \$15; "R," an Associate, \$12.50; Mrs. Hitchcock, \$18; "R," an Associate, \$10; through Offertory, \$15; an Associate, "M. C. D.," \$20; "R," an Associate, \$12.50; Probationer, \$15; Mrs. R. S. Conover, S. Amboy, \$25; Mrs. H. E. Pellew, an Associate, \$24.50; the same, (annual subscription), \$50; Mrs. Hitchcock, through Mrs. Pellew, \$3; Mrs. Fleming, a Visitor, \$5; Mrs. A. O., an Associate, \$5; Miss Wilson, former Visitor, \$10; "R," an Associate, \$15; through Offertory, \$30; Miss L. M. Raymond, \$20; through Offertory, \$5; Offertory at

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St. Clement's Church, Rochester, 34 cts.; Mrs. J. M. Goetchius, \$15; Mrs. Wm. H. Wisner, \$5; "R," an Associate, \$12.50; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Moore \$5; Friend of Mrs. A. Ogden for support of a Sister, \$150; Offertory at Reception of a Sister, \$25; a friend of an Associate, "O," \$50; Offertory at Reception of a Probationer, \$6 52; Mrs. W. H. Wisner, \$10; through Offertory, \$15; Mrs. F. A. Moulton, \$20; an Associate, "O," \$25; Miss Barnes, through Rev. T. Gallaudet, D. D., \$10; through Offertory, \$15; the same, \$15.

For the Sisterhood.—Piece of muslin for Summer Home, Mrs. R. Edgar, through Mrs. George Ogden; dozen napkins, table mats, furniture, etc., "R," an Associate; box of bedding, books, etc., Mrs. Dr. Richards; Memoriae text, Miss Carpenter.

For the Anniversary.—16 qts. of ice cream, A. Simpson; 4 qts. of ice cream, Mrs. G. M. Miller, an Associate; 2 bricks of water ices, "O," an Associate; cut flowers, Sister Catherine and M. C. D., an Associate.