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OF THE  
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HE Tenth Anniversary of the "SISTERHOOD OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD" was celebrated by Divine Service in St. Barnabas Chapel, No. 306 Mulberry Street, on the Second Tuesday after Easter, April 22d, 1879, at 11 A. M.

The Bishop of the Diocese was assisted in the Service by the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, the Rev. Dr. Peters and the Rev. C. T. Woodruff. There were present also the Rev. Dr. Davenport and the Rev. Messrs. Courtney, Warner, Holmes and Moore, with other friends of the Sisterhood.

After the reading of the Tenth Annual Report by the Pastor the Bishop made a

short address, and then proceeded with the celebration of the Holy Communion. The offerings were devoted to the Sisterhood Fund.

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On the Second Tuesday after Easter, April 6th, 1869, the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd was organized by the Bishop of New York. The Service was held in St. Ann's Church, the Bishop of Albany preaching the sermon.

The work of the Sisterhood was defined by the Bishop in the Form for the reception of Sisters in the following words:—

“While here, you are to be servants of Christ and of His Church, in giving yourselves wholly to ministering to the sick and poor,—if need be, to prisoners and outcasts, —to the ignorant, to the destitute and oppressed, to helpless and orphan children,—to the fallen, the abject and friendless penitent.”

In the care of St. Barnabas House, entrusted to us by the “New York Protestant

Episcopal City Mission Society," in visits to various Public Institutions, with which this Society is connected, in ministrations among the families attached to St. Barnabas Chapel, and in persevering attempts to benefit temporarily, as well as spiritually, thousands of individuals providentially brought to our attention in our numerous associations, we have striven, for ten years, to fulfill the sacred trust committed to us.

Recognizing the Bishop of the Diocese as the Head of our Sisterhood, it has been a great comfort to us that he has, on so many occasions of special interest in our history, given us his approval and his blessing.

We have had trials and troubles and sorrows, incident to the great contest to which St. John refers in the Epistle, when he describes the victory achieved by faithful believers in Jesus as the Son of God. But we have had also our encouragements and joys in the privileges of the Master's service, and in the loving sympathy and help of many devoted friends. With earnest desires for the peace promised by the Good Shepherd to his disciples on the evening of earth's

first Easter day, we pledge ourselves renewedly, on this our Tenth Anniversary, to the faithful performance of our Sisterhood work. May the wisdom which we shall acquire by experience, as the decades are numbered off, be used in such a way as to swell the angelic song of "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men."

In our last report we referred to Mr. Bradley's generous gift of a building lot in Asbury Park, New Jersey, for a summer home. We stated that a lady had promised \$1,000 towards the building fund, and that donations had been received amounting to \$302.02. We closed our reference to this matter in the following words: "We leave it to the Church to decide whether this Home can be secured, or whether it must be lost for want of means."

Soon the contributions of kind-hearted friends began to flow in, so that we felt warranted to lay the corner-stone of "The House of the Good Shepherd," Asbury Park, N. J., on Tuesday, the 9th of July, 1879. The preliminary service was held in Trinity

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Church, near which our lot is situated. In the absence of the Bishop, addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Davenport and the Pastor. The ceremonies being over, our friends and ourselves were hospitably entertained at the residence of Dr. Humphreys. We return hearty thanks for all the encouragement we received on that memorable day.

The House of the Good Shepherd is 40 feet by 60, standing on a lot 100 feet by 150. In its erection we have received marked appreciation and faithful attention from the architect and builder, Mr. C. W. Fox, of Asbury Park. Besides presenting us a bay window for the Sisters' dining room, he has more than fulfilled his contract in his efforts to make the house complete and comfortable in all its parts. We return to him our sincere thanks.

The House is entirely finished, with the exception of a range and a pump, at the cost of \$5,100. We have paid \$3,800 from donations, and \$1,300 borrowed money. It was deemed necessary to finish the House before the setting in of winter, that it might

be in the best condition for occupancy this summer, and we were therefore compelled to borrow \$1,300, believing that our friends would in due time assist us to pay our debt. We are sure that, if they will visit the House, they will be so satisfied and gratified, that they will not only take pleasure in contributing towards the unavoidable indebtedness, but will also assist in furnishing the rooms, that in June we may open the House, free from debt, and able to receive not only the children of St. Barnabas House, but also those of the Day Nursery, and others who may be in want of sea-air and country food. The House will accommodate about fifty women and children.

This whole matter, of providing a change of air and food for poor women and children, has had a remarkable providential growth. At first we received special donations for the "Fresh Air Fund," with which we paid the board of those who were sent into the country. At length the Trustees of the Church Orphanage in South Amboy, gave us the free use of their building and grounds, their own children having been

removed to Princeton. Here, for two summers, we had a delightful home, enjoying the services of Christ's Church, the Rev. R. B. Post, Rector, and receiving many kind attentions from Mr. and Mrs. Conover. During the important changes going on at St. Barnabas House last year, the children of the Orphanage having been obliged to return to it, the City Mission Society, hired a small house for us in South Amboy, where we again experienced the kindness of the Trustees of the Orphanage in various ways. During the extreme heat of mid-summer they contributed very much to our comfort, by renting the rectory, temporarily unoccupied, and inviting our family to enjoy the advantages of its spacious rooms and attractive grounds.

And now we are anticipating the pleasure of expending "The Fresh Air Fund" for the benefit of those who shall be providentially gathered in our own Home. For this and all His mercies, God's Holy Name be praised.

During the past year 16,778 lodgings, and 111 302 meals have been given in St.



Barnabas House, and 791 persons have been under our care, besides 182 children in the Day Nursery. The closing of the House for seven months, while the new building was being erected, will account for the smallness of the number this year. The Day Nursery we were able to keep as usual. One entire floor of the new House is devoted to it, and is as full now as we think it ought to be. If we could open a Day Nursery west of Broadway we could soon fill it from the neighborhood, and leave this Nursery to take care of the children east of us.

Our work is the same as last year, the care of the inmates of St. Barnabas House, constant visits to the families, who receive dinners from the House, and the still larger number who receive oat meal, rice, etc., from the fund given to the Sisters to aid those whom the want of means prevents the House from helping, weekly visits to Bellevue and the Hospitals on Ward's Island (Emigrant and Homœopathic), the Nursery and Child's Hospital, 51st Street, the House of Detention and Essex Street Prison, a

weekly Bible Class for men and a social evening each week with women aided by the House, or the Sisters, or attending the Chapel. At their own request the last was kept up all summer.

In October, by request of the Bishop of N. C., the Bishop of N. Y. sent two of our number, a Sister and a Probationer, to work in St. James' Parish, Wilmington, of which the Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D.D., is the Rector. One of these has had charge of a parish school, now numbering 55 pupils, a sewing school for the same, and a weekly night class for those boys and girls who work in a factory all day. The other has the charge of St. James' Home, and gives her whole time to "house to house" visits among the poor whites, and "cottage readings" in their own houses and in the school room. Recently they have taken into the "Home" two men, obliged to leave the Hospital, and having no home of their own where they could be nursed.

Ten ladies have been received as Visitors, and two as Associates. Two of the Visitors have been received as Probationers.

We again most heartily thank the kind friends whose generous contributions to the Sisterhood Fund have enabled this Sisterhood to give themselves wholly to the *very poor*. As we stated last year, having food and raiment, they are content, and can only continue to trust that as hearts are inclined to devote themselves to the work, other hearts may be led by the same Spirit to give of their means for their support.

Most heartily also do we thank all who have made us their almoners to the sick in the hospitals and tenement houses, and to the poor who surround us. The work the last few years would have crushed us, but for the means so generously placed in our hands by those who could appreciate the many calls upon our sympathy that could not be aided by the House, and who, in this way, have daily ministered through the Sisters, to the sick and poor, to all indeed who had none to help them, and were not too far to be visited.

Another great relief was afforded the past winter by the offer of Dr. Henry M. Silver, to visit for us the sick who could not afford

to pay for a physician. He has been most kind and attentive to all we have placed under his care, and we feel deeply grateful for his services.

We rejoice that our House Physician, Dr. O. W. Armstrong, was able to return to his work with his health entirely restored. He has been unwearied in his care of those in the House. During his absence, Dr. De Luna very kindly supplied his place.

Last year, owing to the smallness of the House, we were only able to give "fresh air" to very few beside our own children. We did what we could, and we hope this year to make up for it by having room to do more than ever. Contributions are asked for the "Fresh Air Fund," as the means of living are as necessary as the House to live in.

We were again indebted to Mr. Goetchius for a free pass to Fort Lee, enabling us to give weekly excursions to our Day Nursery children, and to the mothers of sick children, and other poor women who required fresh air. In these excursions we were greatly assisted by a gentleman who, finding

himself obliged to remain all summer in the city, came to our aid and took charge of all, the larger the party, the better for him. Never weary in giving pleasure to others, on several occasions he chartered a car to Rockaway, and took all our poor people as well as the children, making it a summer never to be forgotten by those whose comforts are so few. During the winter he was ever devising some new pleasure for our Day Nursery, and added much to the delight of the Christmas Tree by appearing as "Santa Claus" to distribute the gifts. We regret the illness which has laid him aside from his work for a time, and are sure that the many hearts he had gladdened, have offered daily prayers for his recovery.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were as usual most generously remembered by our kind friends. The children awoke to find their stockings full as ever, and dolls peeping out, all ready for their "Merry Christmas." Around the Christmas Tree was a circle not only of children, but of shoes for them, the most welcome gift of Mr. Peter Cooper. Miss Wolfe, keeping up her

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father's beautiful custom, feasted all, both at Thanksgiving and Christmas, with mince pies.

Easter has just brought us loving tokens, in flowers for the Chapel, and a feast for the children.

Our thanks are due to the Chaplain, Rev. S. B. Moore, for his unvarying kindness and sympathy.

Since the organization of the Sisterhood in 1869, 18,065 women and children have been under our care in St. Barnabas House, 192,655 lodgings have been given, and 1,070,096 meals.

The noble gift of Mr. J. J. Astor, the new building with its Chapel completely furnished, would enable us to increase the work in St. Barnabas House if the Church would supply the means. With lessened appropriations, of course, the work cannot be extended.

Looking back over the ten years which have so rapidly passed since this Sisterhood was organized, we lovingly recall the names of the dear departed friends who have greatly aided us in our work.

The *Rev. John McVicker, D.D.*, proved himself a wise and faithful counsellor in the steps which led to the formation of this Sisterhood. His mantle fell upon his son, the *Rev. William McVicker, D.D.*, who continued to manifest a deep interest in our growth until he was called to his rest. *Mr. Wm. K. Kitchen*, a man of large heart and mind, stood by us for years in every trial with warmest sympathy and ready aid. He was the originator of the Fund for supplying poor families with coal. *Mr. John David Wolfe*, the children's special friend, made us frequent visits, always cheering us with his active sympathy and encouraging words, enabling us to open the Day Nursery, and the first to begin the "Fresh Air Fund." We shall ever bear in loving remembrance *Mrs. L. P. Morton*, one of our earliest and best friends, and *Mrs. R. S. Conover*, whose interest and sympathy were so deeply felt the three summers in South Amboy. Within our Sisterhood we have parted with *Sister Serena*, spared to comfort and help us for so brief a period, and our three Associates, *Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Meldrum and Miss*

*Huntington*, whose memories are precious to us.

Trusting that the record of the first decade of our Sisterhood life may inspire the Church with confidence in us for the future, we commit ourselves to the guidance of the Good Shepherd who "died for our sins, and rose again for our justification."



## The Sisterhood.

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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-

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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.*

Hospital Fund, Mrs. R.....	\$ 1 00
“For the sick,” “O,” an Associate.....	10 00
Hospital Fund, Mrs. R.....	1 00
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“For relief of deserving poor,” Mr. J. J. Astor .....	300 00
“O,” an Associate, for “sick or poor”..	10 00
“Luxuries for sick in hospitals,” “Y,” through Treasurer of City Mission.	75 00
Cash for car fare, Mrs. R.....	1 00
“For the sick in hospitals,” Mrs. S. I. Fearing, through Wm. A. Smith..	50 06
“For sick,” “O,” an Associate .....	10 00
For “the poor,” Mr. J. J. Astor .....	150 00
“For coal, to be distributed in small quantities by the Sisters,” “Y,” through the Treasurer.....	50 00
“In Memoriam,” E. F. C., for sick... .	10 00
“ “ “ “ coal ....	5 00
“For the sick,” Mrs. Wm. Alex Smith .	5 00

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Two friends, "for sick or poor".....	\$ 5 00
"For deserving poor," Mr. J. J. Astor..	150 00
Special case, Mrs. Williams.....	3 00
Miss Carpenter, "for sick".....	2 00
"For deserving poor," Mr. J. J. Astor..	100 00
Sick Children's Fund, Mr. J. T. Lockman	25 00
"Special work," Mrs. J. J. Astor.....	50 00
Easter Offering, Miss Johnston.....	2 00

Quilt, for sick child, made by the Willing Workers of the Church of the Incarnation, through Miss C. T. Lawrence; papers "for sick children," Anonymous; old linen, Mrs. H. S. Bean; quilt for child, made by S. S. Children of the Church of the Incarnation, through Miss C. T. Lawrence.

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*For the Building Fund of the House of the  
Good Shepherd at Asbury Park, N. J.*

Miss Newton, Conn.....	\$ 10 00
Through Offertory.....	1 00
Mrs. E. W. Mills.....	10 00
Mrs. E. V. Flemming.....	1 00
Mrs. S J. Zabriskie.....	300 00
Mrs. H. E. Pellew.....	50 00
Mrs. Titus E. Eddy.....	20 00
A Friend in Ohio.....	5 00
Little Willie de Peyster's birthday gift...	5 00
Helen.....	5 00
"A Woman of Calvary Church".....	50 00

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Mrs. F. A. Moulton.....	\$50 00
Mrs. Dr. Gilman.....	10 00
Mrs. J. M. Richmond.....	20 00
Through "O.," an Associate.....	50 00
A young ladies' Sewing Society, through Miss Grace Russell.....	18 50
Two Associates.....	10 00
Miss Blake, 279 Fourth Avenue.....	5 00
E. Ferguson and Sister, through Rev. Dr. Gallaudet.....	200 00
A member of St. Ann's Church.....	5 00
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Two friends, through Miss Smith.....	2 00
Miss G. and Miss H. K. Wilkes.....	10 00
N. M. Rochester.....	5 00
M. V. B.....	2 00
Mrs. Flemming.....	2 00
Thank-offering from Brookline, Mass., through Rev. Dr. Gallaudet.....	10 00
Mr. Frederick Hubbard.....	250 00
Jacob W. Mack.....	5 00
"B.".....	250 00
Offertory at Trinity Church, Asbury Park, N. J.....	47 43
Miss Daniels.....	20 00
Gottlieb Straub, South Amboy.....	5 00
Miss Kittie M. Matson.....	2 00
Miss White, through Dr. Humphrey.....	1 00
Mrs. B. W. Franklin.....	3 00
"Building Fund".....	10 00
Mrs. Morris.....	20 00

Through Mr. Hale .....	\$ 1 00
L. H. Palmer.....	5 00
Miles & Coffin.....	26 20
Elizabeth Bayard, by Wm. Bayard Brown	100 00
Wm. Bayard Brown.....	50 00
"Lily".....	5 00
Miss E. Johnston.....	5 00
Proverbs 3.27.....	10 00
Miss C. L. Wolfe.....	1,000 00
Miss Helen D. Nelson.....	10 00
Miss Thompson.....	1 00
C. W. O., \$10; L. H. O., \$10.....	20 00
Through Offertory, Trinity Church, As- bury Park.....	25.00
Miss Stanley and her Bible-class, Phelps, N. Y.....	5 00
Alms-chest, Trinity Church, Asbury Park	9 29
"Christiana," through N.Y. <i>Tribune</i> ....	20 00
Miss Kate Rudderow.....	1 00
Miss Van Evrie.....	5 00
Mrs. J. M. Richmond.....	19 10
"R.," an Associate.....	1 50
Alms-chest, Trinity Church, Asbury Park.	7 78
Mrs. R. M. Hunt and children, to finish Chapel, Sisters' parlor, and children's dormitories.....	250 00
C. P. B. Jeffrey, through Miss E. Horner.	25 00
Miss Dobbin and Mrs. Butt.....	5 00
Three Sisters, to finish Sisters' dining- room.....	30 00
Through Miss M. Wisner, Goshen.....	100 00

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Mrs. S. C. Mitchell.....	\$5 00
Mrs. George Ogden.....	15 00
Through Miss M. Wisner, Goshen.....	25 00
Mrs. G. M. Miller.....	10 00
Mr. F. Leslie.....	5 00
Through Mr. G. N. Hale.....	10 00
Associates.....	1 00
Miss E. S. Johnston.....	5 00
Alms-chest, Trinity Church, Asbury Park.	3 58
Mr. John Price Wetherill.....	10 00
Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith.....	10 00
Mrs. Dr. Richards, Norwich.....	10 00
Mrs. W. H. Wisner.....	10 00
Miss Elizabeth Clarkson.....	4 00
Two Friends.....	10 00
The Children of St. Paul's Parish, Wallingford, Conn., through Clara Wildman, for a child's bed.....	13 00
Miss Dabney.....	10 00
A Friend, through "O.," an Associate..	100 00
Miss Gerry and Mrs. J. Maher, through "O".....	50 00
Offerings of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., through Rev. E. K. Smith....	7 00
The Misses Barnes.....	25 00
Mr. E. Ferguson and sister, through Mr. J. H. Boynton.....	100 00
Nelly's savings.....	3 00
Mrs. Jo. L. N—b.....	100 00
Mrs. E. F. Cobb Peterson.....	100 00
Through Rev. Mr. Moore.....	2 00



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A member of the Church of the Incarnation.....	\$5 00
Sunday School of the Church of the Annunciation, through Miss J. Wisner, towards furnishing children's room..	20 00
Christmas offering of pupils of Miss Ballow's school for same.....	20 00
Miss Isabella Hall, Melburn, N. J.....	5 00

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*From the House of the Good Shepherd.*

Mrs. A. S. Murray, Goshen, 3 comfortables; Holy Innocents' Guild of the Church of the Transfiguration, 2 pieces of sheeting; Miss Fannie Coddington, 6 dresses for children; Anonymous, piece of sheeting; Miss J. Wisner, two bathing dresses; 2 bath-tubs, child's chair and crib, Mrs. G. Green.

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*Fresh Air Fund.*

Miss Wolfe.....	\$ 175 00
The Misses Morwood, board for 2 children a week.....	6 00
"K. S." through Rev. C. T. W....	10 00
Mrs. F. A. Moulton, "to take a child into the country".....	5 00
Miss Elisa Harding, Mrs. Reid's school, for the same.....	4 00

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S. School of the Ch. of the Incarnation, through Mr. G. N. Hale.....	\$25 00
Edward E. Waters, for 3 weeks' board of a boy in the country.....	6 00
Master Douglas and Bayard Cairns.....	10 00
Mr. A. McNulty.....	5 00
Mrs. Williamson Bacon, "for sick little girl".....	5 00
Mrs. Edwin Parsons, "to take tenement house children into the country."....	10 00
Miss Clara Smith.....	20 00
Mite chest of Mr. Gilman's children.....	1 00
Miss Mollison's S. School class of the Ch. of the Transfiguration.:.....	10 00

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*Sisterhood Fund.*

Offertory at Anniversary (including \$110 collected by an Associate ; E. M. D., \$20, "In Memoriam,") \$161.85 ; Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith, \$10 ; Mrs. George Ogden, \$5 ; Dr. Cushman, through Miss Mollison, \$20 ; "O.," an Associate, \$25 ; Miss E. F. C., \$20 ; Mrs. R., \$1 ; Mrs. H. E. Pellew, (annual subscription), \$50 ; through Offertory, \$10 ; Offertory at Reception of a Probationer, \$6 45 ; through Offertory, \$20 ; Mrs. R. S. Conover, \$25 ; "D," an Associate, \$150 ; through Offertory, \$15 ; "O," an Associate, \$50 ; through Offertory, \$15 ; through Rev. Dr. Watson, \$50 ; through Offertory, \$30 ; Associate "O.," \$25 ; a Friend of Associate

“O.,” \$150; “O.,” an Associate, \$12.50; through Offertory, \$25; Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith, \$5; through Offertory, \$15; “O.,” an Associate, \$25; “An offering,” through “O.,” \$10; Miss Carpenter, \$2; through Offertory, \$15; through Rev. Dr. Watson, \$50; Mrs. John Steward, Jr., through Mrs. Morris, \$20; “R.,” an Associate, Buffalo, \$10; Offertory at Reception of a Probationer, \$18.68.

*For the Sisterhood.*—3 linen sheets, “R,” an Associate; 12 pillow-cases, Miss M. M. Sherrill; 4 silver spoons and pickle fork, a Sister; 2 silver salt cellars and 2 spoons, a Probationer; old linen sheets and pillow-cases, through an Associate, E. M. D.

*For the Anniversary.*—25 qts. of ice-cream and cake, A. Simpson; 2 hams, Mr. Rugen; ice-cream and fancy cakes, “O.,” an Associate; fancy cakes, Miss Schermerhorn; jelly, “D.,” an Associate; flowers, Sister Catherine and Associates E. M. D. and Mrs. G. M. Miller.



## Form of Bequest.

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I Give and Bequeath to the "Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd," of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New York, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, the sum of— dollars, for the sole use of the Sisterhood.