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THE Twelfth Anniversary of the "Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd" was observed by Divine service with the Holy Communion, in St. Barnabas' Chapel, No. 306 Mulberry Street, on the second Tuesday after Easter, April 26th, at 11 A. M.

The service was conducted by the Pastor. After the reading of the Twelfth Annual Report, the Rev. Drs. Peters and Abercrombie made addresses. The offerings were appropriated to the Sisterhood Fund. After service there was a pleasant gathering of the friends of the Sisters in the House.

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The work of the Sisterhood has been the same as last year, with the addition of the charge of Christ Hospital, Jersey City. With our Bishop's approval, we yielded to the earnest solicitations of its Executive Committee, and on the 2d of July were welcomed in a very beautiful service by the Bishop of Northern New Jersey and several of the clergy, and the Hospital committed to our care.

During these ten months, 136 patients have been treated in the Hospital. One adult and ten infants have been baptized, two were confirmed, and on Easter ten of the patients received the Holy Communion, one for the first time, and two others after years of indifference.

The Sister in charge has had much to encourage her in her efforts to do them good spiritually, while ministering to their bodily comfort.

We realized the advantages of its position, combining country air with Hospital care, in the case of a Day Nursery child.

Our "Sick Children's Fund" enabled us to place him in "The Daisy Ward" last Summer, when his lungs were so diseased that two physicians thought he could live but a very short time. To the surprise of all, he soon began to gain, and in the Fall returned to his mother, and has been attending the Day Nursery again all Winter, in good health.

The Sisterhood has continued its work for the P. E. City Mission Society, in the charge of St. Barnabas' House and Day Nursery, and in visits to those aided by the House; a Bible Class for men each week; a social evening each week (except during Lent) for the women connected with the Chapel and Day Nursery, or helped by the House or Sisters; weekly visits to Bellevue and the hospitals on Ward's Island, the House of Detention and Essex Street Prison, and a weekly Bible Class at the Nursery and Child's Hospital in Fifty-first Street.

In the House we have had 1,700 persons under our care, and 209 children in the Day Nursery. We have given 21,186 lodgings and 116,850 meals. We are greatly

indebted to Dr. O. W. Armstrong, who has given his valuable services freely to all the workers, as well as to the children in the House, and to Dr. Henry M. Silver, who has most kindly visited, not only the children of the Day Nursery, but also the sick who were visited by the Sisters, but were unable to pay a physician.

We can hardly describe the relief given by the contributors to the "Sick Children's Fund," and the "Sick Fund," making us able to supply whatever medicine and nourishment the physician may order. A moment's consideration will enable anyone to see how many appeals must be made to us that are entirely outside of St. Barnabas' House, or other work of the City Mission Society. There was a time when these appeals nearly crushed us, from our entire inability to do anything to relieve the suffering daily brought to our notice, while doing the work of the City Mission Society. We trust that day has passed. We would that we could express our gratitude to the kind friends who make us their almoners, sending us money to be used at our discretion among the worthy poor, thus lifting

our burdens as well as theirs who receive the relief.

The "Coal Fund" this Winter has been chiefly supplied as a most touching memorial of the originator of that Fund, one of our most valued friends, who now rests in Paradise, and may we not say his "works" thus "follow him." As these several funds for "sick children," for "the sick," for "the poor," and for "coal," are entirely distinct from the work of St. Barnabas' House and the City Mission Society, it would save some confusion if the givers would send their gifts directly to Sister Ellen, St. Barnabas' House, No. 304 Mulberry Street, New York.

The generosity of the friends of the House enabled us again to give a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to every family connected with the Mission in *their own home*, while full provision was made in the House for all others from the Day Nursery, Sunday and Sewing Schools, and the boys from the Reading Room, Miss Wolfe, as usual, generously supplying the mince pies. In the same way the stockings of the House children were filled by Santa Claus, and the tree for them and the children of the Day

Nursery abundantly supplied, Mr. Peter Cooper's most acceptable gift of shoes, encircling it as usual, to the delight of parents as well as children. Easter has just brought touching gifts of plants from the members of the congregation, and offerings from friends for flowers, and the usual feast for the children.

We have received from the City Mission Society one-half the income of the "Mary Rosalie Ruggles Fund," as the founder requested. This touching memorial of a loving friend of the Sisters supplies the sick with "luxuries," for which they are most grateful.

The House of the Good Shepherd at Asbury Park was opened the last week in June and closed October the first. Some improvements have been made to the grounds, and also to the Chapel, and every debt having been paid on the 5th of August, the Bishop of New Jersey very kindly came to us to dedicate it to Him who had put it into the hearts of His people to furnish the means for its erection. It was a memorable service, full of encouragement to the Sisterhood and all their friends.

For three months the House was filled with those needing "fresh air" from all the classes for whose benefit it had been erected.

Our House children had three months of enjoyment, and the advantage of learning to do housework. The Day Nursery were taken down in parties each Saturday, as we could find room for them. Poor women from the Mission, with their children, greatly needing the fresh air, had a share in the refreshment. We were glad to receive parties of both women and children from St. Clement's Mission, the Church of the Holy Communion, and St. Peter's Church, and from the Mission Chapels of the Incarnation, Transfiguration, St. George's and Grace, and others of the poor sent by ladies interested in them. Church-workers and Sisters from other Sisterhoods were welcomed, and some of our own enjoyed their recreation there. For the many gifts that added to the comfort and pleasure of our guests we thank the givers.

We find it necessary again to correct a wrong impression and to state clearly that the House of the Good Shepherd is in no

way connected with St. Barnabas' House or the City Mission Society, but belongs to the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, who depend entirely on their friends and the friends of "fresh air" for the poor for the means of keeping it open each Summer. It is true the Sisters take the children from the House and Day Nursery, and the poor from St. Barnabas' Mission, but they receive *no aid*, and never have, in doing this, from either St. Barnabas' House or the City Mission Society. They appeal, therefore, again to all who are interested in this blessed work of giving "fresh air" to the poor and to those who need it, for the means of doing so another Summer, and ask that their gifts may be sent to Sister Ellen, St. Barnabas' House, and marked for "The House of the Good Shepherd," or for "Fresh Air."

As the House of the Good Shepherd can only take a small part of the Day Nursery children at one time, we were very grateful to Mr. J. M. Goetchius for his gift of a free pass to Fort Lee for the Summer, and also for the gift from a friend of the means of paying the fare to and from the boat. Each

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week, during all the Summer, this excursion was greatly enjoyed, not only by the children, but also by poor women with sick children, and, at times, by those whose work would not allow a visit to the House of the Good Shepherd, but who could get these occasional hours of refreshment on the river and in the country.

The work in St. James' Parish, Wilmington, N. C., under the Rector, Rev. A. A. Waston, D. D., has continued very much the same as last year. The Parish School, as usual, was closed for the Summer.

It was reopened October 11th, and has had an average attendance of 70 children. The Sewing School has been kept up and the weekly Bible Class for young ladies. The average attendance at Sunday School was 90. Since February there has been a Night School five nights of each week. "The Cottage Readings" have been kept up, about 30 each month, with constant "house to house" visits. A large donation party in November added many comforts to the House, and very materially lessened the expenses of the Winter. The ladies of St. James' Church have organized a society

to contribute toward the support of the Home, and the interest in the work is steadily increasing. We are greatly indebted to Dr. George G. Thomas for services rendered to the Sisters, and those working with them. We thank the Rector for his kind expressions of interest and confidence, and all the friends whose sympathy and aid have so often cheered our little band of workers. In the death of the Right Rev. Bishop Atkinson we have lost a kind and faithful friend, of whose loving sympathy we were specially assured in the address he delivered at the reception of a Sister in St. James' Church, in February, 1880.

On January 31st we resigned our work in St. Peter's Parish, in this city, a severe accident having laid aside the Sister in charge from this kind of work for the present, we were not able to fill her place. We are deeply grateful for the sympathy and kindness which were shown to her. Our thanks are due to the Rector and Assistant Minister of St. Peter's for their ready co-operation, and also to Mr. Edwin Young and family for the aid so generously and constantly given.

At the Rector's request we continued the charge of the Mothers' Meeting until Lent. Daily visits from "house to house" had been made throughout the year until December 28th, and much interest felt in the work.

We have felt deeply the need of more workers throughout the year. We heartily thank all whose contributions to the "Sisterhood Fund" have enabled us to give ourselves *wholly* to the *very poor*, and to close the year free from all debt. The need for workers is very great. There are many desirous of consecrating their lives to work for Christ, but who are kept back from offering themselves because we cannot assure them of the necessary "food and raiment." With a larger fund and a Sister's House, we could receive many more and so be able to do much more work. It may be well to state that the Sisterhood Fund is to provide for all the personal expenses of the permanent workers, including a month of recreation each year, and that, while those working for the City Mission Society have a home in St. Barnabas' House, their support comes wholly from

the Sisterhood Fund. Two Visitors have been received as Probationers.

During the strange vicissitudes of the twelfth year of our Sisterhood life, we have tried to discharge the duties of the important trusts providentially committed to our keeping. We have experienced trials, sorrows and discouragements, but they seem in a great measure to be lifted from us, as they have been in former years, during the widespread joy of the Easter-tide. It is one of our comforts that the Anniversary occurs at this blessed season of the Church's year. Trusting the Good Shepherd will show us the way in which we can do more for the weary and sorrowing ones, and also for the little children, than ever before, and asking the constant prayers of our friends, we look forward with hope to the untried scenes of another fleeting year.

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 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 SISTER-
HOOD.*

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

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| Sunday School of the Church of the An- nunciation..... | \$19 20 |
| Mrs. Lucy H. Field, Coatesville, Penn .. | 7 00 |
| Mrs. J. M. Cleaveland..... | 41 00 |
| Mrs. Richard Church, through Miss Mary Harvey..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Tagliabue..... | 5 00 |
| C. W. O..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs. D. L. Seymour..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Titus E. Eddy..... | 10 00 |
| Sunday School of the Church of the In- carnation..... | 60 00 |
| Miss E. G. Watson..... | 50 00 |
| Mrs. S. Fisher Johnson..... | 10 00 |
| Edith Seymour Johnson..... | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Warren Newcombe..... | 25 00 |
| Mrs. M. Hall, "Fresh Air"..... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. F. A. Moulton..... | 50 00 |

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| Mrs. J. M. Cleaveland..... | \$50 00 |
| A Friend..... | 25 00 |
| Mr. James D. Simms..... | 15 00 |
| Adelaide V. Franklin..... | 10 00 |
| Rev. J. R. Davenport, D. D..... | 25 00 |
| Mr. Wm. Alex. Smith..... | 10 00 |
| Miss Grace Wilkes..... | 10 00 |
| Miss Harriet K. Wilkes..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs. M. Taylor, Ballston Spa | 10 00 |
| Miss Eleanor M. Dayton..... | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah W. Eustaphrioe, through Robert S. Hayward..... | 5 00 |
| Proverbs, 3, 27..... | 10 00 |
| The Misses M. and E. Wyncoop, through Mrs. B. W. Franklin..... | 10 00 |
| Miss Brown, through Miss Le Borde.... | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Bayard, by W. Bayard Brown..... | 500 00 |
| Mrs. Dalrymple..... | 10 00 |
| Miss Talman..... | 20 00 |
| Miss Mary Harvey..... | 5 00 |
| A Friend..... | 1 00 |
| Mrs. S B. Nelson..... | 3 00 |
| Rev. Mr. Tustin..... | 1 00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Appleton..... | 10 00 |
| A Friend..... | 5 00 |
| Mr. J. Ward Wiggins..... | 5 00 |
| Almschest..... | 21 28 |
| Miss Rowland..... | 5 78 |
| Mrs. James Morris..... | 6 00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith..... | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Tagliabue..... | 5 00 |

Mrs. Hall..... \$10 00

Kitchen table, small table, straw bed, cradle, chair and cooking utensils, Miss E. S. Johnston; half-worn clothing and shoes, Mrs. Saunders; walnut desk, 4 corner brackets, 2 picture frames and 2 lace curtains, Mrs. E. C. Peterson; mahogany bedstead, rocking chair and camp chair, towel rack, 2 wash stands, straw bed and ticking, through Rev. C. T. Woodruff; sofa and screen, Mrs. E. F. C. P.; 2 large framed pictures and clock for hall, "R.;" 14 pillow cases, Miss Benedict; *New York Times*, daily, for two months, the Publisher; divan, Mrs. W. H. Wisner; 16 French china cups and saucers, 8 butter plates, 1 dozen preserve dishes, 4 vegetable dishes, one gravy, tea pot, pitcher, frying pan, tray, butter knife, bracket, rack, 2 dozen new napkins, 9 books, magazines and clothing, "R.;" framed picture for children, Rev. T. Gallaudet, D. D.; bread knife, Miss Cumming; clothes hamper, Mrs. Charles Rae; "Kitto's Pictorial History of the Bible," books, 2 Marseilles quilts, sheets, etc., "R.;" 2 bundles of clothing, ladies from Va.; framed picture, Mrs. H. S. Bean.

For their Work among the Sick and Poor.

"Car fare for the Sick," Miss M. M. Sherrill..... \$1 00
 "For the Lord's poor"..... 10 00
 "For sick during the Summer" Mrs. E. T. C. P..... 25 00
 "Sick and poor children," Mrs. Bates.. 5 03

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| Miss Grace Wilkes, "sick poor"..... | \$10 00 |
| Miss K. Wilkes, "sick poor"..... | 10 00 |
| "Your sick babies," Mrs. Isabella Hall, Morris Plains, N. J..... | 5 00 |
| "Sick children," Mr. John T. Lockman | 25 00 |
| "Sick poor in tenement houses," Mrs. Mary L. Parsons..... | 10 00 |
| Through Trustee, Mr. J. H. Boynton, "Mary Rosalie Ruggles' Flower and Fruit Fund"..... | 9 95 |
| "For distribution among the poor," Mr. J. J. Astor..... | 50 00 |
| "Car fare to Hospitals on Elevated Rail- way," Mrs. Hewson..... | 5 00 |
| "For the poor," Mrs. Julia A. Van Ness | 5 00 |
| "For the poor," Miss A. Goodwin..... | 1 00 |
| "Little suffering children," Mrs. J. M. Richmond..... | 10 00 |
| "For coal," Mrs. E. F. C. P..... | 5 00 |
| "For coal," W. K. Kitchen..... | 50 00 |
| "For sick," a Friend..... | 1 00 |
| "For distribution among the poor," Mr. J. J. Astor..... | 100 00 |
| Through Mr. J. H. Boynton, "Mary Rosalie Ruggles' Fund"..... | 8 61 |
| "Sick in hospitals," Mrs. Wm. Alex. Smith..... | 10 00 |
| "For the poor," from a Churchwoman.. | 2 00 |
| "For relief of deserving poor," Mr. J. J. Astor..... | 150 00 |
| "For sick and poor," Dr. and Mrs. Cleaveland, Poughkeepsie..... | 50 00 |

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| "For car fare to the sick," Miss M. M. Sherrill..... | \$1 00 |
| "For special case," Miss Cooper..... | 10 00 |
| "For the outside sick and poor," Miss Gerry, through Mrs. Ogden..... | 50 00 |
| "For the sick and needy," Miss M. M. Sherrill..... | 2 00 |
| "Easter offering to relieve suffering," Mrs. J. M. Richmond..... | 10 00 |
| "To relieve sick children," Mr. John T. Lockman..... | 25 00 |

Sisterhood Fund.

Easter offering of Associate, Miss E. S. Johnston, \$5; Mrs. J. M. Richmond, Associate, \$10; Miss Benedict, Associate, \$10; through Offertory, \$10; collection at Anniversary (In Memoriam, \$10), \$37.79; a little girl of the Church of the Annunciation, 25 cts.; Mrs. S. Clarkson, Potsdam, \$20; Miss Clarkson, \$10; Mrs. W. H. Wisner, \$10; "O," an Associate, through Offertory, \$50; Mrs. B. W. Franklin, \$5; through Offertory, \$15; Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., \$80; Cash, through Mrs. H. E. Pellew, \$10; collection at Reception of Probationers (\$50, "as Sister Ellen pleases"), \$77.53; Miss Van Schaack, \$5; Miss Adele Hodgson, \$4.34; Mrs. E. V. F., \$2; Mrs. E. F. C. P., \$25; Miss Patterson, \$5; St. Peter's Church, through Rev. Dr. Beach, \$100; through Offertory, \$15; Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., \$75; Miss S. Cumming, \$10; Offertory at Dedication

of the House of the Good Shepherd, \$40.64; Mrs. M. P. Parks, \$2; through Offertory, \$20; Miss C. V. E., an Associate, \$5; Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., \$75; Mrs. G. Bradish, through Miss Johnston, \$5; Mrs. J. M. Richmond, Buffalo, an Associate, \$10; through Offertory, \$10; Mrs. Church, \$5; Miss Mollison's Sunday-school class, \$2; St. Peter's Church, through Rev. Dr. Beach, \$100; through Offertory, "O," an Associate, \$50; Mrs. W. H. Wisner, \$5; E. H. W., an Associate, \$5; Mrs. Dr. Richards, Norwich, Conn., \$10; W. K. Kitchen, \$50; Mrs. W. H. Wisner, \$10; Mrs. Gerry, through "O," an Associate, \$150; Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., \$75; the Misses Ely, Associates, \$2; Miss Cumming, \$10; St. Peter's Church, through Rev. Dr. Beach, \$90; Mrs. Wagner, \$4; Mrs. James Morris, \$10; Mrs. S. V. F., \$3; Mrs. Wagner, \$2; the son of "O," an Associate, through Offertory, \$50; Mrs. R. P. Lownsberry, through Mrs. H. E. Pellew, an Associate, \$25; a Sister, \$25; Christ Hospital, through Rev. R. M. Abercrombie, D. D., \$75; through Nelly, a former House child, \$3; a Friend, \$2; thank offering, through Offertory, Thursday in Holy Week, \$10; thank offering, through Offertory, Easter, \$25.

For Special Purposes.—Mrs. J. J. Astor, \$75; "as you like for the poor," St. Barnabas Day, \$5; "as you think best, Miss E. Blake, \$5; "for Sister Ellen to use as she thinks best," Mrs. Gerry, \$50; "for greatest need," Mrs. John Steward, \$25; "as Sister Ellen thinks best," Miss E. S. John-

ston, an Associate, \$5; "as you please," Mrs. Tagliabue, \$2; "in memoriam of dear grandpa," Willie de Peyster, in any way you think best, \$25; "as you please," Mrs. Tagliabue, \$5; Easter, "for what you please," Miss Nelson, through Mrs. Appleton, \$3; "as you please," a Friend, \$50.

For the Sisterhood.—Eight day hall clock, Mrs. Horace White, through Miss Reynolds; 1 lb. tapioca, 3 lbs. rice, 5½ lbs. hominy, 3 lbs. flour, 5 papers of corn starch, 4½ lbs. oatmeal, 4 lbs. Indian meal, 2 lbs. tea, 12 lbs. sugar, 3¼ lbs. coffee and bag of salt, "The Buds of Promise," through Miss Kenny.

For the Anniversary.—Cake, Mrs. Ogden, Miss Schermerhorn, Miss Wisner, Associates and P. L.; 30 qts. of ice cream and cake, A. Simpson; 2 hams, C. Rugen; flowers, Mrs. G. M. Miller, an Associate and Mrs. E. H. D; \$3, Miss Benedict, an Associate.