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The Nineteenth Anniversary of the organization of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd was observed by Divine Service and the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, on the second Tuesday after Easter, April 10th, 1888, at 11 A. M.

The Bishop of the Diocese, who is the head of the Sisterhood, was assisted in the service by the Rev. Dr. Beach, the Rev. Dr. Krans and the Pastor.

The Report having been read and Dr. Beach having wished the Sisterhood an earnest God-speed, the Bishop made an address in which he alluded in approving terms to the features which distinguish

this Sisterhood. He spoke of its remarkable growth and spread, which not yet having attained its legal majority is already working in five dioceses more than a thousand miles apart. He congratulated all interested in the progress which had been made by the committee appointed for that purpose, in their endeavors to find a suitable house to be purchased and held as a memorial of the Founder of the Sisterhood and a permanent house for its Sisters and centre for their work, closing with the earnestly expressed hope that another anniversary would see this undertaking an accomplished fact.

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Sister Ellen left us on Monday, the 5th of September, 1887, having finished the work which the Master had given her to do in her earthly pilgrimage. She had been a patient, cheerful sufferer under acute bodily pains for two years when she went in June to pass the summer at the House of the Good Shepherd, Asbury Park, New Jersey. There she kept up her interest in the women and children who came from time to time to that pleasant and restful refuge from the heat of the city. She was the originator of the "Fresh Air Fund" idea. As the summer passed on, her loving associates saw that she was failing in strength, and at length it was plainly seen that her time of departure was at hand. After she became unable to attend the services of Trinity Church and the Chapel of the House, the daily offices were used in her room in which no gloom ever appeared. On several occasions the Holy

Communion was celebrated with her as she was surrounded by loving relatives, devoted Sisters and other friends. In the wanderings of her mind which were caused by the physical weakness of her closing days, the lovely characteristics of her sanctified nature were most touchingly manifested. When medical skill and nursing care could do no more, the angels came and bore her to the rest of the redeemed in Paradise.

On Thursday morning, Sept. 8th, after a touching service in the Chapel Sister Ellen so dearly loved, we took her body to St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J., where the Rt. Rev. Bishop Scarborough and other clergymen conducted the Burial Service of the Church, closing with the Committal in the family resting place near the graves of Bishops Doane and Odenheimer and other beloved friends.

Sister Ellen was born in Burlington, New Jersey, on the 26th of May, 1824. Her family name was Hulme, being prominent in the Society of Friends. She was baptized, confirmed and received to the Holy Communion by the Bishop of New Jersey,

in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, to which she was ever afterwards devotedly attached, being faithful in her attendance on the daily services as well as those of the Lord's Day. She was a pupil for a while at St Mary's Hall. She did some parochial work and taught in the parish school. Under the guidance and instruction of Bishop Doane she became a thorough Church woman, cultivating, under the influences of the Holy Spirit, the inner life as well as the outward observances of the full gospel system. After some years of devotion to duties growing out of sacred domestic relations, Sister Ellen was drawn to the Sisterhood of St. Mary, in New York, and worked with them at the Sheltering Arms and St. Barnabas House in 1865-6. Changes came and by invitation of the Executive Committee of the N. Y. City Mission Society, she took charge of St. Barnabas House as Miss Ellen Hulme.

There her plans for the formation of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd were developed and finally approved by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Horatio Potter, who organ-

ized the Sisterhood at a special service in St. Ann's Church, New York, on the second Tuesday after Easter, April 6th, 1869. Sisters Ellen, Serena and Elizabeth were received and were bidden a cordial God-speed in their work for the Master by a large number of the faithful who were desirous of more earnest systematic exertions reach the poor and wretched.

The whole Church knows Sister Ellen's self-denying and self-sacrificing life in St. Barnabas House till the 21st of September, 1886.

On that day she removed to the Sister's House, No. 191 Ninth Avenue, and threw all her energies into the oversight of the different departments of work which had been entrusted to the Sisterhood. The correspondence which she maintained was very extensive and the details which challenged her attention were at times a great tax upon her endurance. Her gracious bearing as she moved through the daily vicissitudes of the battle of life, won the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her name will ever be cherished in the memories of all who have in any

way been connected with this Sisterhood.

The tributes which follow from Bishops Potter and Doane and the Rev. Dr. Rumney will be appreciated by Sister Ellen's friends :

The Rt. Rev. H. C. Potter in his Convention Address alludes to Sister Ellen in these words :

“ Another has lately gone from us who had been, from its organization, the Head of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, and whose work, in connection with St. Barnabas' House and Mission, will be gratefully and affectionately remembered. Sister Ellen had been trained by Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, in St. Mary's Hall, and to the last she showed the influence of her training. Her energy, decision, and ever-steadfast faith were at once an example and a rebuke, and the poor to whom she has ministered, the little children whom she gathered about her, the clergy and laity who were in one way and another her associates and fellow-helpers, all alike learned to love and honor her for a fidelity that would not rest, and a love and trust that could not be exhausted. May God



give us, for His service among the poor of this great city, others who may be like-minded."

The Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane in his Convention Address pays the following tribute to the memory of Sister Ellen :

"There are many reasons why I should speak with loving reverence of Sister Ellen, the Superior of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd in New York. One of the first, and one of the few founders of a religious community in America, her life and labors, and the fragrance of her memory, belong to the American church.

"She had rare combinations for the life, and for the headship of women seeking the life, of entire dedication to the service of God.

"Humble and obedient, she was, therefore, fitted for higher authority. Her good sense was a divine gift. Her practical power was parallel with her personal piety. Her cheerfulness and genial temper were rays of sunlight in the house over which she ruled. Her intense and entire loyalty to the church which gave her the grace of her new birth and her spiritual life was

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never clouded by any misty notions of a false Catholicity. The aim of her life was *service*, and all things were means to make that fuller and richer. I have scarcely known any woman whose Christianity was so healthy, whose religion was so wholesome, whose consecration was so whole-hearted and so simple-hearted as hers. And I have great reason to love her, for she was the spiritual child of my dear father, my own life-long friend, and part of all the brightest and best memories and associations of my life. I believe, in spite of side-issues, which make the plans of community life more attractive for the time, that her scheme will, in the end, prevail of a well-balanced rule, in which the cultivation of personal character is sought, not as an end, but as a means, to stronger and larger services to the Lord. The mountain top of prayer and the garden of intense agony of prayer must lead to Calvary and Olivet. The height of the Transfiguration is to make possible the healing of the demoniac lying at the mountain's foot. And it is written about the works of mercy as they shall stand out at the Judgment Day,

not 'inasmuch as you have done it to yourselves,' but 'inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'

"May the dear Lord lead her through the peace and perfecting of Paradise, to the surprise, which it will be to her humble soul, of the Life Eternal."

The Rev. Dr. Rumney's address, made at the quiet day services held in the Chapel of the Sisters' House, New York, on Thursday, September 15th, 1887, will be found at the end of the Report. On this day, in accordance with the rules of the Sisterhood, Sister Adelia was chosen to be the Presiding Sister.

On Thursday, February 23rd, at a large meeting of the Sisters and Associates, held at the Sisters' House, it was resolved that steps should be taken to secure a House to be the property of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd as fitting memorial of Sister Ellen. Mrs. R. M. Hunt, Mrs. G. M. Miller, Miss Josephine Wisner and Sister Adelia were appointed a Committee to take action upon this important matter. Having received the cordial approval of

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the Bishop of the Diocese, they have been busy in getting information in relation to suitable houses. They have found a very desirable one in a favorable location for \$25,000. Subscriptions can be sent to any member of the Committee, or to the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, Mr. J. Hull Browning, 408 Broome street, New York City.

To all who have by prayers or alms aided the work of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, to all interested in their special work, or in any like work done in the Lord's great harvest field; they present the following details of the different departments of work entrusted to them:

The Sisters have been made to realize this past year, more than ever before, that they are but instruments which the Master uses to do His work according to His own Will.

Notwithstanding the heavy trial through which they have been called to pass, they have been enabled to carry on all the work they had in charge, and to do what at first seemed impossible—to undertake still more. At the urgent request of the Rev.

Dr. Parker Morgan, Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, a Sister was sent in November to work in the Mission of that Parish, chiefly among the German population. In January the Rev. Newton Perkins, Rector of the Church of the Reconciliation, asked the Sisters for some one to work in his parish. It was thought quite impossible to comply with this request, but again they were taught the Master ordered, they had but to do. Almost at the same time with this request for a worker, came one from a lady wishing to work with the Sisters; after making it a subject of earnest thought and prayer, both applicants were accepted and found to fit admirably one to the other.

The other work in the city has been the same as last year. Two Sisters have given most of their time to the Mission work of St. Clement's Parish, having charge of the Mission House, 173 McDougal street, with its Infirmary; the House is also the centre of the Mission work of the Parish, and of other work besides. The Diocesan Secretary of the Girl's Friendly Society (who is an associate of the Sisterhood) has a

“Bureau of Information” there for the benefit of the Society.

Aid has been given to the Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, in conducting the Guild of St. Martha for young girls. One Sister gives her time to St. Ann’s Parish, and in visiting families formerly connected with the Sisters’ work at St. Barnabas House. These poor people have been most grateful for being permitted to still look to the Sisters for help and counsel, and the Sisters are deeply thankful to those friends who have been co-workers with them by supplying the means whereby they have been enabled to relieve much distress.

Weekly visits have been made, as heretofore, to Essex Market and Jefferson Market prisons. One Sister and an Associate have spent a day each week in the Homeopathic Hospital, Ward’s Island, holding a Bible Class for convalescents, and in bedside visiting. Two members of the Sister’s House and an Associate make weekly visits to Bellvue Hospital, one Sister makes weekly visits and conducts a Bible Class in the Nursery and Child’s Hospital, 51st street and Lexington avenue,

and an Associate visits Roosevelt Hospital. The Sisterhood has still the charge of St. James Home, Wilmington, N. C. The Day School at present numbers one hundred and twelve, the Sunday School about one hundred and fifty. The lessons in sewing, cooking, wood carving and care of the dining room have been given regularly and found very beneficial. All the families connected with the school are visited regularly and "Cottage Readings" are held weekly. During the month of January (while a great number of children were absent on account of measles) two hundred and thirty-five visits were made. There have been nineteen baptisms and nine confirmed since the last report. During Lent the present Rector of St. James Church, the Rev. Robert Strange, held services on Sunday evenings at the "Home," which have been well attended; the warm interest which he shows in the work will add greatly to its success. The valuable gifts from kind friends have greatly helped the Sister-in-Charge in meeting current expenses. For some time it has been apparent that a Day Nursery was needed for the

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benefit of mothers who were obliged to be away from their children during the day. An appeal was made for this object to the citizens of Wilmington which was most generously met, and on November 7th the nursery was opened. Many little ones have since received daily care. Many thanks are due the ladies who have so kindly given their aid in the nursery for several hours during the day, also to those who have contributed money, provisions, etc., for its daily support. The Sister-in-Charge returns hearty thanks to Dr. G. H. Thomas for his ever ready services, and to all friends who have aided her in any way. The work has sustained a heavy loss in the death of the treasurer, Mr. Robert E. Calder.

The Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Nashville, Tennessee, completed its first year of work on the first of January, 1888. One hundred and fifty-four patients were cared for in the Hospital during the year, besides a large number of out patients who received treatment and attention. On All Saints Day, 1887, six Associates were received in the Chapel of the Hospital, five



give a portion of their time every week to work in the hospital, one, a resident of North Carolina, has given six months to the work, and hopes hereafter to give a month each year. To the many friends in Nashville who have given proofs of their thoughtful kindness, the Sisters give their grateful thanks. Also to the Board of Directors for their sympathy and co-operation in their mutual work, and to the Medical Faculty of Vanderbilt University for their readiness to do all in their power to make the Hospital convenient and comfortable ; and for their untiring efforts in the relief of the sick and suffering. They sincerely thank the Rectors of Christ Church, Church of the Advent, St. Ann's and Holy Trinity for conducting their weekly services, and their ready response to any call. The Bishop has made several visits to the Hospital, and takes a deep interest in it. Christ Hospital, Jersey City, has been filled to its utmost capacity during most of the year. Thirteen inmates have been baptized, six confirmed. Efforts are now being made to secure ground for building a new hospital. Help is greatly needed in the hos-

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pital work. Are there not some who after reading this Report will devote themselves to the care of the sick and suffering?

The House of the Good Shepherd, Asbury Park, was opened about the middle of June, and kept open until the latter part of September. The children of the Training School remained as usual all summer. Three hundred and thirty-seven persons received the benefit of the House during the three months. Some of these were from St. Barnabas' Mission, St. Ann's, St. Peters', St. Thomas', the Heavenly Rest, the Annunciation, St Johns' Jersey City, and St. Peter's, Germantown, and many others not sent by any church. The churches sending women and children pay a small sum for board; there are many other needy ones for whom no means are provided. For the care of such as well as for our own children, and for the general support of the House we must continue to depend upon the benefactions of those who are willing to co-operate with us in this work.

For car fare to the Hospitals, and for supplying comforts to the sick, for the relief of the poor and sick in tenement

houses, for the "Fresh Air Fund," for the support of the Sisters' House with its Training School for children, the Sisters' ask the aid of all those interested in the work. Partly worn clothing for men, women and children will be thankfully received and distributed to the needy.

The Sister's House, 191 Ninth Ave., is as far as possible carrying out its original design, to be the centre of a field of organized work. It is the House where sixteen children are trained to be industrious, useful, good and happy; and the Home of those who go out to their various fields of work in the City.

A very serious question has arisen in connection with that of purchasing a Home. "Where is the best location for a permanent House for such a work?" A residence of more than two years, and much previous work have convinced the Sisters that the Sixteenth Ward is most truly a Missionary field, and that a great opportunity for usefulness lies just around them. This Ward contains a population of more than 52,000. Probably, fully two-thirds are dwelling in tenement houses. In aiding the clergy of

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St. Peter's Church, in gathering the young girls into the Guilds, the women into Mother's Meeting, to bring the straying into the fold of the Church in an unlimited field for house to house visiting with all its opportunities for help and counsel; there is ample work for active feet and hands, and of loving hearts. It is becoming more and more evident, that a Day Nursery in this neighborhood would be a great boon to many mothers who at present must leave their little ones to take care of themselves as well, (or as badly) as they can while they are away to earn their bread. We hope to keep this object also in view, and believe that when the Master opens the way, He will also open the hearts of His servants to give the necessary means to purchase the House, and to carry on its work.

The Sisters most sincerely thank the kind friends, whose liberal gifts made the way clear for getting through the winter free from debt, as well as enabling them to send Christmas dinners to needy families. A bountiful supply of toys and useful articles, from one who loves to "help the

little children," made many a poor home happy, besides adding largely to the comfort and pleasure of our own children. A remarkably pleasant feature connected with the Christmas Tree was, that it, and all its gifts were presented by the Girl's Friendly Society of St. Barnabas Mission; these girls remembering the happy Christmas at St. Barnabas House, wished to do something to show their appreciation of what had been done for them. \* Grateful thanks are given to two unknown friends, who each week, through butcher and grocer, have contributed materially to the support of the household. Thanks are given to Mr. E. B. Smith of the Gen. Theo. Seminary for "Daily Morning Prayer" in the Chapel of the Sister's House. To Dr. O. W. Armstrong, the long tried friend of many years, to Dr. Mitchell of Asbury Park, and to Dr. Wylie for help and counsel, so freely given in their great time of need, the Sisters give their heartfelt thanks.

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\* The women who formerly attended the Mother's Meeting, conducted by Sister Ellen at St. Barnabas House, have given over fourteen dollars for a Memorial to her.

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It is with devout gratitude we record that the contributions to the Sister's House, The House of the Good Shepherd, and to the Sisterhood Fund, have enabled us to meet all the expenses during the year. We begin another year, believing the friends of the Sisterhood will continue to aid the work which we are trying to do in the Name of the Good Shepherd. Donations to any department of the Sister's work may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Alexander Smith, 70 Broadway or to Sister Adelia, 191 Ninth Avenue.

Soon after the Anniversary of last year, there was received through the Bishop from an unknown source, the sum of three thousand eight hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$3,884). This was placed in the hands of the Treasurer as a "Trust Fund," the interest to be used for the training of children. Are there not others who will add to this and thus be the means of rescuing more than one child from poverty and perhaps sin? One hundred dollars a year, or the interest of two thousand dollars invested at five per cent will support a child.

In closing their Report, the Sisters trust

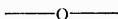
that the Memorial of Sister Ellen may soon be a reality, so that they may save the rent which is paid for their present abode and take pleasure in the hallowed associations which are gradually interwoven with the life of a permanent home. The proposed Memorial would make their whole work much more effective.

The Sisterhood is now working to the full extent of its ability. No other call can be accepted till more helpers offer themselves for membership. Should the reading of this Report lead any to desire to be associated with us, let them write at once to Sister Adelia, 191 Ninth Avenue, New York.

With Easter lessons to intensify our faith in the continuous life of those who are joined to Christ in His Holy Sacraments, let us often bring to mind the closing petitions of the Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

Following those who have preceded us in our Sisterhood work, as they followed the Master, we shall in due time behold the glorious results which have been graciously promised to long, patient service.

## 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.

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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 ADELIA, Sister's House, 191 Ninth Avenue ; or to the Pastor, the REV. DR. GALLAUDET, No. 9 West Eighteenth Street, New York City.

**Donations to the Sisterhood.**

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*For the Sisters' House and Training School  
for Girls, 191 Ninth Avenue.*

Through Miss Lovell (Associate), Mrs. Wm. Hustace.....	\$5 00
Sunday-school of St. Peter's Church....	25 80
Easter Offering (1887) Sunday-school of Holy Apostles.....	25 00
Young Ladies Guild of St. Peter's Church	50 00
Mr. Victor Gerard.....	40 00
Mrs. Warren Newcombe.....	25 00
Offerings in Chapel.....	4 48
Through Miss J. Wisner (Associate),...	10 00
Mrs. Edwin Hall (Associate).....	10 00
Miss Cushman.....	1 00
Mrs. E. B. Browning (Associate)....	100 00
F. M. and L. U. Underhill.....	10 00
Mr. Victor Gerard.....	30 00
Mr. Wm. H. Wisner.....	10 00
Mrs. Walcott Richards ..	10 00
"Tithe," Brooklyn.....	5 00
Offertory.....	4 92
Alms box.....	3 24
Lucy H. Sturdevant.....	25 00
Mrs. Dr. Peterson.....	50 00

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Thanksgiving.....	
" Mrs. Jameson D. Brown..	5 00
" Miss Redmond.....	1 00
" Miss C. Talman.....	5 00
" Miss Sarah Wisner.....	5 00
" Mrs. N. E. Rockwell.....	5 00
" Miss Sheaff.....	1 00
" Mrs. F. Cotheal.....	1 00
" Mrs. Geo. T. Bliss.....	5 00
" A Little Girl.....	57
" Mrs. T. S. Rumney (Asso)..	5 00
" Miss Wendell.....	50
" Miss Lawrence.....	1 00
Proceeds of a Sale held by Jessie Cushman, Margaretta Handley, Maud Leslie, Ethel Cushman, and Maud Richey.....	166 12
Young Ladies' Guild of St. Peters' Church.....	50 00
Mr. Victor Gerard.....	30 00
Christmas	
" Mrs. W. H. Wisner.....	5 00
" Mr. W. H. Wisner.....	10 00
" Mr. C. Wisner.....	5 00
" Mrs. N. E. Baylies.....	5 00
" Mr. Alfred Roe.....	10 00
" Miss Gertrude Cushman.....	5 00
" Mrs. Wm. Alexander Smith.	25 00
" Pupils of Miss Ballow's School	12 75
" Mrs. Richmond (Associate)..	10 00
" Mrs. F. S. Fargo.....	10 00
" Miss Benedict (Associate). ..	10 00

Christmas Mrs. Lewis through Mrs. Hall (Associate) . . . . .	10 00
“ Miss Mary Le Roy King . . . . .	50 00
“ Miss Edith Edgar King . . . . .	25 00
“ Miss Ellen M. Clark . . . . .	6 00
“ Mrs. G. M. Miller (Associate) . . . . .	10 00
“ Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, Jr. . . . .	5 00
“ Mrs. Alfred Beach . . . . .	2 00
“ The Miss. s Harison . . . . .	10 00
“ Mr. Wm. Alexander Smith . . . . .	10 00
Alms box . . . . .	2 95
Offertory . . . . .	6 37
Miss Myers . . . . .	4 00
Mrs. Dr. Rumney . . . . .	5 00
Mr. Victor Gerard . . . . .	20 00
Entertainment given by Mr. G. M. Allen Through Miss Lovell (Associate) Mrs. Loomis White . . . . .	157 00 10 00
Through Miss Lovell (Associate), Mrs. H. W. Barnes . . . . .	5 00
Through Miss Lovell (Associate) Mrs. H. Leavitt . . . . .	5 00
Through Miss Lovell (Associate), Mrs. Wm. Hustace . . . . .	5 00
Miss Lovell . . . . .	1 00
Mrs. Julia Merritt . . . . .	100 00
Mrs. Albert H. Gallatin . . . . .	5 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Wisner . . . . .	5 00
Offertory . . . . .	10 48
Alms box . . . . .	3 39
Mrs. E. R. McCrea . . . . .	5 00
Church of the Heavenly Rest . . . . .	82 70

Easter Offering

“ Mrs. E. B. Browning...	100 00
“ Mrs. E. V. White.....	5 00
“ Miss Agnes Reynolds...	5 00
“ “M. V. B.” .....	1 00

Through Varian & Ward, quarter of veal; Mrs. Riley, Islip, L. I., 2 pictures, 5 calico dresses, 4 aprons, 17 garments; through Varian & Ward, mutton; Mrs. Duncan, bundle of half-worn clothing, scrap-book; through Varian & Ward, steak, liver and bacon; Mrs. R. M. Hunt, 4 pairs good shoes, rubbers and slippers; through Varian & Ward, mutton and basket potatoes; Mrs. Richey, child's dress; through Varian & Ward, ham, veal cutlet and bacon; Mrs. N. E. Baylies, stair carpet, 4 dozen fruit and 6 large napkins, 6 towels, 8 pillow cases; through Varian & Ward, mutton; Mrs. S. J. Zabriskie, books, papers, and valuable bundle of sundries; Mrs. J. H. Browning, 6 boxes strawberries, Miss E. Ely, Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and Magazines; Mr. J. H. Browning, ton of coal; Mr. C. Vanderbilt, ticket to Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Browning, ticket from Cincinnati to Nashville; Mrs. Roe, 37 napkins; Mrs. A. Roe, lamp and plated butterdish; Mrs. G. M. Miller, \$3.35 for children's car fares; Anonymous, 19 muslin garments, 3 gingham aprons, doll; Anonymous, 12 gingham aprons, bonnets, caps, and bundle of half-worn clothing; the Miss Hopkins, 2 boxes of valuable clothing; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Browning, ticket from Nashville to New York; St. James' Employment Society, 30 muslin garments; Eurgetiae So-

ciety of St. James' Church, 28 gingham aprons, and Harper's Young People for 1886; I. L. B., 2 bundles half-worn clothing, Mrs. E. B. Young, bundle valuable clothing; through Varian & Ward, basket of potatoes, 1 of turnips, 2 cabbages, liver and bacon, forequarter of mutton; A Friend, package of cast-off clothing; "B," trunk of clothing; Mr. Geo. Gordon King, Newport, bag of very nice clothing for men; through Varian & Ward, basket of potatoes, 1 of sweet potatoes, 1 of turnips, forequarter of lamb; Miss Carter, 2 door mats; Mrs. Edward King, Miss Mary Le Roy King, and Mr. Le Roy King, Newport, large trunk of nice clothing; through Varian & Ward, 2 sirloin steaks, liver and pork; through Varian & Ward, forequarter of mutton; Mr. J. H. Browning, set of new black walnut furniture, and 2 pictures for bedroom; Mrs. J. H. Browning, Brussels carpet and chamber set, for same; covers for bureau, table and washstand, and 3 sets Nottingham curtains and lambrequins; through Varian & Ward, fore quarter of mutton and basket potatoes; Miss Cone, bundle Harper's Weekly; Dr. O. W. Armstrong, 2 years Harper's Magazines; for Entertainment for Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. E. Young, quantity of sandwiches; Mrs. Morrison, 2 boxes of cake; Miss Morrison, 2 boxes of cake; Miss Babcock, box of cake; through Varian & Ward, fore quarter mutton and chops; through Varian & Ward, fresh ham, liver and bacon; Mr. C. J. McElroy, 4 pairs new shoes for the children; Mr. Le Roy King, 2 good suits clothing and 1 pair pants; Mrs. Le Roy King, 2 wraps,

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1 jersey; through Varian and Ward, ham, liver, bacon and 3 cabbages; through Varian & Ward, fore quarter of mutton, parsnips, turnips and apples, L. Cook's Sons, 4 dozen buns; through Varian & Ward (Feb. 3d), mutton, potatoes, turnips, 2 cabbages (Feb. 11th), corned beef, smoked shoulder, turnips, potatoes (Feb. 17th), 2 fresh cod, fore quarter of mutton (Feb. 25th), fore quarter of mutton; through Mr. O'Brien, side of mutton (Feb. 18th), side of mutton (Feb. 25th), large piece of corned beef; Anonymous, pair partly worn shoes; Mrs. J. H. Browning, quantity cut flowers; through St. Peter's Church, 3 skirts for children; through Mr. O'Brien, roast of beef; through Varian & Ward, corned ham, liver, bacon, 2 cabbages; Mrs. Wm. Alexander Smith, basket Florida oranges; through Mr. O'Brien, large roast of beef; through Mr. O'Brien, large piece of beef; through Varian & Ward, turnips, parsnips, large piece corned beef; through Varian & Ward, fore quarter mutton, potatoes; Mrs. Richey, 3 partly worn dresses and skirt for child; Mr. Wm. H. Wisner, 2 chests of tea.

*Thanksgiving.*—Mr. E. Young, box of biscuit, loaf sugar, apples, 3 cans sweet corn, 3 cans lima beans; Mrs. Dr. Beach, ham; through Varian & Ward, turkey and 2 chickens; Mrs. G. M. Miller, 2 turkeys, 6 mince pies; Anonymous, turkey, celery, apples, sausage.

*Christmas.*—Anonymous, box of pretty ornaments for Christmas tree; box of cake and basket of fruit from children's sale at St. Peter's; Mr. W. Huntington, barrel potatoes; Anonymous, barrel assorted



vegetables; Anonymous, package of rice, 2 packages of hominy, sugar, beans, evaporated apples, Greening apples, 2 dozen bananas, 2 dozen oranges, box of figs; through Varian & Ward, turkey, 2 chickens, turnips, potatoes, cabbages, liver and fresh pork; Mr. J. H. Browning, 2 turkeys; Mrs. S. L. Taylor, turkey; through Rev. Dr. De Costa, quantity of toys; Mrs. E. Hall, 1 dozen jars orange marmalade, half gallon strawberry preserves; Mrs. G. M. Miller, 1 dress, 1 Bible, 3 Prayer Books and Hymnal, 3 boxes paper, 1 set collar and cuffs, 2 pair scissors, 1 china mug, 2 work baskets; the Misses Harison, turkey; the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Barnabas' Mission, the Christmas tree with all its gifts; members of the former Mothers' Meeting of St. Barnabas' House, \$14 for a Memorial of Sister Ellen; Rev. Lyman Phelps, box of Florida Oranges; Mrs. Geo. T. Bliss, 1 piece Canton flannel, 1 piece red flannel, 1 piece unbleached muslin, 20 yards flannel dress goods, 4 comfortables, 2 pair blankets, 4 blanket shawls, 4 knitted shawls, 5 boxes cashmere hose, 3 boxes worsted garments for infants, large box dressed dolls, 4 sleds, 3 dozen filled cornucopias, 22 books, 2 boxes rubber toys, 1 dozen books "Greenaway pictures to paint," 1 dozen sets paper dolls and 121 other toys and sets of toys.

*New Year.*—A. W. Schlosser, ham, through Varian & Ward, fore quarter mutton; Magna & Tiermann, 18 oranges, 18 Lemons, 18 bananas, 2 pound figs, 9 pound nuts; L. Cook's Sons, 70 New Year cakes; Mrs. Warren Newcombe, 2 glasses quince jelly.

*Easter.*—Miss Cushman and Miss Hartley, large

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basket of eggs; through Varian & Ward, smoked ham, veal, bacon; Anonymous, smoked ham, 26 eggs; Mrs. Alfred Ogden, 4 dozen eggs; Anonymous, 3 dozen oranges 6 dozen eggs, hominy, sweet potatoes, sugar, dried apples, rice, Eurgetiae Society of St. James' Church, 80 bibs; Mrs. Dr. Beach, 5 skirts for children; Anonymous, package Easter Cards; Miss Andrews Sunday-school class, 20 Easter Cards; Mrs. J. H. Browning, 16 geranium plants for the children; Mrs. Wm. Alexander Smith, 5 lilies and 4 hyacinths; "The Misses Miller's Lenten Sewing Class," 12 gingham aprons, 14 gingham dresses, and material for 4 more; Mrs. Dr. Richey, 3 partly worn dresses and 1 skirt; Mrs. Duncan, Easter cards and half worn clothing; Mrs. Geo. Post, quantity illustrated papers; Miss Sheafe, good sewing machine; Mrs. Frank W. Jackson, 10 copies "Der Kirchenboder," 5 copies "The Parish Visitor" monthly, "The Churchman" "The Southern Churchman," "Kentucky Church Chronicle," "Deaf Mutes' Journal," "The Daisy," "The Sheltering Arms," from the editors; Mrs. A. Roe, "Harper's Magazine," "Atlantic Monthly," "The Century," "Blackwood's Magazine" sent monthly, "Young Christian Soldier."

*For the Sisterhood Fund.*

Offerings at Anniversary and Reception, \$97.62; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$12.50; Miss Benedict (Associate), \$100; Mrs. E. F. C. P., \$25; "In Memoriam," \$10; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$12.50; Treasurer of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, \$150; Young Ladies'

Guild of St. Peters' Church, \$50; Offering at Reception, \$28; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$25; Miss E. U. Ely, \$1; offering at St. Anne's Church, \$15; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$12.50; Treasurer St. James Church, Wilmington, \$107.50; Church of the Heavenly Rest, \$20; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$12.50; offertory on Quiet Day, \$14.57; Treasurer of Christ Hospital, \$150; Mrs. Lewis, through Mrs. E. Hall (Associate), \$10; offertory, \$35; Treasurer, St. James Church, Wilmington, \$85; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$12.50; Mrs. Gerry, through Mrs. Ogden (Associate), \$150; Mrs. W. H. Wisner (annual subscription) \$10; Miss J. Wisner (Associate), \$5; through offertory, \$5; Treasurer of St. Clements' Church, \$150; Young Ladies Guild, St. Peter's Church, \$50; Mr. Alfred Roe, \$25; through offertory, Easter, \$25; Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Childs, through Mrs. E. Hall (Associate), \$5; Treasurer of Christ Hospital, \$150; Young Ladies Guild of St. Peter's Church, \$50; Mrs. Warren, Newcombe, \$10.

*For Special Purposes*—Mrs. A. Tagliabue, for the poor, \$10; Mrs. Geo. T. Bliss, to pay two months rent for a blind woman, \$15; Mrs. Geo. T. Bliss, "for little children of the poor," \$25; Mrs. Longnecker, for car fare to the Hospitals, \$1.25.

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

The Monday Lenten Sewing Class. . . . .	\$23 00
Mrs. E. F. C. P. . . . .	25 00
Mrs. Geo. T. Bliss. . . . .	25 00
Mrs. G. W. Faber. . . . .	5 00

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Miss E. G. Watson .....	50 00
Mrs. R. M. Hunt.....	25 00
Miss E. Blake.....	5 00
Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, Jr.....	10 00
For some little child to Asbury Park, Hubbard Hart, Winegar.....	2 00
Mrs. G. T. Bliss' little girl.....	4 50
Savings of E. M. M.....	6 00
Mrs. E. Hall.....	5 00
C. W. O.....	10 00
Miss Aikman.....	6 00
Mrs. Edward King.....	100 00
Miss Mary King.....	50 00
Mrs. Frank W. Jackson.....	50 00
A Sister.....	7 50
Mrs. Edith E. King.....	25 00
Children of St. James' Sewing School..	19 00
Miss McBlair.....	2 00
Mrs. B. W. Franklin, for some little child.....	2 00
Miss Elizabeth A. Ely.....	1 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Sister Harriet.....	2 00
Mrs. E. F. C. P.....	50 00
Little Edith Franklin.....	5 00
Miss C. T. Lawrence.....	2 00
Mrs. F. W. Jackson, in memory of C. F. C.....	50 00
Mrs. Peterson.....	50 00
Result of Fair held by Edith and Pauline Dresser, grand-daughters of Mrs. Susan Le Roy, Newport.	266 25

Mr. J. M. C. Cleveland .....	30 00
Mrs. B. F. Franklin.....	2 00
Alms box.....	11 87
Edith Miller.....	6 00
Mrs. G. W. Faber.....	5 00
Hubbard Hart Winegar.....	2 00
Miss. E. Hall .....	5 00
Miss E. U. Ely.....	1 00
Mrs. C. T. Lawrence.....	2 00
Little Edith Franklin. ....	5 00
Mrs. Frank W. Jackson.....	50 00
Mrs. W. T. Franklin.....	2 00
Miss E. H. Wisner.....	5 00
Mrs. G. T. Bliss' little girls savings....	1 02
Through Rev. W. W. Holly.....	12 00
Miss Cartwright.....	10 00
Miss Hurst.....	5 00
Mr. Bayard Brown.....	200 00
A Tithe.....	1 00
Arnold & Constable .....	25 00
Mrs. Richmond.....	10 00
Miss Caryl .....	1 00
Mrs. Gallatin, baby carriage; Mrs. Dr. McIntosh, bundle of half-worn clothing; Mrs. H. B. Driggs, 20 magazines; A Friend, \$5.00, for a treat for the Training School children; a Friend, 4 bathing suits for children; Walter, basket of apricots 3 barrels of potatoes, basket of beans; Mr. Wolsey, coffee mill; Mr. Ten Broeck, 2 baskets corn; Mrs. McIntosh, half-worn clothing; Miss V. Nelson, basket of peaches and basket of pears.	

It is feared some donations have been omitted in the foregoing acknowledgments; if so, will the donors kindly make the fact known, that mention may be made in the next Report?

*Address of the Rev. Dr. Rumney, Rector of St Peter's Church, Germantown, Penn., at the Quiet Day service held in the Sister's House, New York, on Thursday, Sept. 15th, 1887.*

When the disciples of the Baptist learned of the cruel death of their master and chieftain, they "took up the body," and in sorrow and sadness of heart, reverently laid it away to rest, and then "went and told Jesus." To whom else could they have gone for their needed comfort? What heart in all the world could have responded so readily to their grief? Not only was the Baptist His forerunner, bidding the world prepare for its coming Lord and Saviour, but in that natural relationship he had chosen. John was also His cousin, whose death effected an additional wound in the breast of the "Man of Sorrows." How ready was he to keep with them, to meet their sorrow, with his own gracious love and tenderest sympathy, knowing well the blessedness of retirement, He immediately proposed to them a withdrawal

from the multitudes, and a loving conference, apart by themselves. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place (a place of retirement), and rest awhile." May He not also Himself have longed for a little space of quiet in His sorrow over the martyrdom of St. John, the Baptist? It is not for us to obtrude upon the sacred retreat of Christ and these afflicted disciples. We may not know all that passed in that holy conclave. Yet may not our own experience be, at least, a faint reflection of the sweet and blessed converse, which passed between the Divine Lord, and the burdened hearts, which sought the comfort of His gracious presence. Could He then say more, than to us he has spoken, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"? In our Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, a like bereavement has summoned us to sorrow and tears. The Lord has, in wisdom and love, taken away our beloved head. Could it be that we loved her too much? Placed too much dependence upon this human arm, reposed too implicitly in her strength of intellect and tender sensibility which knew how to rule

in love, and lead by an impulse, which caught its inspiration from the cross? Perhaps we should have loved the Master more, and realized in a higher degree our dependence upon Him, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy," who is alone "the author and giver of all good things." It may be we looked to her for the accomplishment of those ends, which were reached rather by our individual wrestling before the throne. We may have forgotten the exhortation of the Psalmist, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, in whom there is no help, for his breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth." God has made us realize the need of this injunction, enforcing upon us the consciousness of its truth, by removing our head, taking away the human counselor, the long-tried, and ever reliable administratress. He has taught us to recognize more fully His leadership, to depend more implicitly upon His guidance by taking to Himself the beloved friend and helper. We have "taken up the body and buried it" in holy ground, where the tablets of marble are telling the passer by,



from generation to generation of the promised Resurrection morn, and the beautiful Temple of the Lord, in the midst, with open doors, invites the wearied pilgrims of earth to turn in and learn how to die. There did we leave the sacred dust to slumber with its angel guard, and then we went to tell it all to Jesus, and now we obey His loving invitation, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile." We have come together in this quiet home which has proved a brief tarrying place for that tried spirit before it should pass to the brighter Home where the "weary are at rest." We have shared her anxieties and cares. We have endeavored to hold up her hands, so weary in the struggles and trials, which God permitted to oppress that pure soul, aiming only to do the Master's work, and humbly to minister to Jesus, in the persons of His lowly ones. We have hoped with her for brighter days, and stronger assurance of usefulness and heaven given success to the Sisterhood. And she is now where the fullness of hope is realized, where love only burns with a brighter flame. We are standing

upon the threshold of a future which cannot be dark if we see the light of God behind the uplifting curtain which is full of issues and experiences, to be influenced by our individual faith, our unselfish, earnest, hopeful, trustful labor, sanctified by secret and united prayer. Though the mighty are fallen, though the good are taken away, though the strong staff seems to be broken, yet the work of God is not frustrated. When he recalls one instrumentality, He prepares another to take up the fallen thread, and enforces the truth of the saying "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Moses' life was closed in the presence of unfinished work, and in full view of the promised land. He had led the people to the border, but when he died in the heights of Nebo, the people were not forbidden to pass over the Jordan, because their leader no longer guided the host. The rod of Moses prevailed still in the hands of Joshua, and the toil and vicissitude of Moses' leadership, were yet manifest in the victories which attended Israel's march into Canaan, under the

guidance of their new commander Joshua. How often do men labor, and yet see not the end of their labors. One sows and another reaps; we are ever entering into other men's labors; we inherit their successes, and in our turn toil and sow for the future. "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God," though her ranks are ever changing. Onward with unchecked advance does she move, because He, who upholds and leads, is the same "yesterday, to-day, and forever." Her *work* can never fail, we who bear the burden and endure so many hardships, may be removed, yet is the Divine hand underneath, and the Divine power, can and will grant it success, though all human agency be suspended. "I will work, and who shall let it," He seems to say, when we are full of fear, and almost cry out in despair. All may seem to be lost, the labor of years appear doomed in our eyes, to hopeless failure, yet if we will but look "unto the hills from whence cometh our help," we will behold the great host with chariots and horsemen round about the workers, and their work as in Dothan, the horses

and chariots of fire surrounded Elisha when sore oppressed by the hosts of the King of Syria. Our duty then is so plain, we are not to sit helplessly down and content ourselves with bewailing our loss. We may not safely relax an iota of our duty, or our discipline, yield for an instant to faithless fear, allow the shadow of one doubt to cross the horizon of our hope. No, the Lord's work cannot fail. Though He may try us to prove our faith, He is not less interested in our success than we. He loves not the cause less than we. Did He not die for it? and His eye sees where our vision cannot penetrate. He marks progress, where we imagine all has failed. There is indeed one less to pray, one less to take hold of the rough edges of the work, one less to build up these waste places, yet may not the loss be more than compensated, by the increase of spiritual power and grace in those who remain, through the working of God's Holy Spirit?

Such thoughts suggest themselves under the present aspect of affairs, and they have utterance, through hope, that they may be feeble helpers, in promoting among the

Sisters the deepening of faith, the enlargement of hope, and quickening an already accepted purpose of giving unto God a more earnest and self-denying effort to make His work a praise in the earth. May God baptize each one for the dead, with the increase of faith, hope, and charity. May the success of the past, with the evidence of God's blessing upon all the work, notwithstanding the trying hindrances and discouragements, which have sometimes threatened the very existence of the Sisterhood, give promise of continued and even greater prosperity. May the noble qualities and signal virtues, which adorned the devout life of our beloved Sister and friend, now departed, be, in good degree, reproduced in her who shall be chosen to take up her staff of office, and may all be stimulated by her bright example, to stand in the strength of the Lord, and valiantly to battle for the victory of holiness and truth over all the powers of darkness.