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Third Annual Report of the Rochester Soldier's Aid Society.

LADIES OF THE SOCIETY:—At the expiration of another year, we have assembled to exchange our annual greetings, and review the labors and events of the year now closing upon us.

Great and manifold are the blessings for which we would render thanks to God to-day. Our little circle of laborers has not been severed by death; and we gather once more an unbroken band, to commence another year, the fourth since our organization, of labor for the brave men who stand as a wall of defense between us and our country's foes.

To our faithful co-laborers, our auxiliary and contributing Aid Societies, we extend a hand of cordial greeting to-day; thanking them in the name of those for whom they have labored, for their confidence in us, and the continuance of their sympathy and prompt response to our solicitations during the year, and earnestly solicit a continuance of their generous co-operation the coming year.

It is considered desirable by all who best understand the workings of the two Commissions through which we labor, that there should be a "Central Depot" of supplies in various sections of the State—a "Central Society," to whom all smaller organizations and contributing societies in that particular locality may send their supplies, to be forwarded when and where they are most needed. The facilities we possess for thus becoming a "Central Society" for organizations in this vicinity, are well known, and we have adopted the following plan with small societies who have not sufficient means to keep up a regular supply of material, and where willing hands to work and sympathetic hearts are more plentiful than dollars wherewith to purchase goods:

To all societies sending us a certain amount of money, (any sum they can raise,) we furnish double the amount in goods—they sending the garments thus made to us, receiving credit therefor as donations, and sending us their hospital stores, and receiving credit for the same.

At the present price of all materials most used in the aid work, this plan is particularly advantageous to societies of small means. Many of them who, without this aid, could not have kept their members in work, have thus been enabled to sustain regular meetings, and have made a large number of garments; thus sustaining their interest and efficiency in the aid work, which could not otherwise have been done.

Some are inclined to feel that their donations are thus lost sight of in the vast ocean of supplies, and that they do not get credit for their labor. We would suggest that every society, however small, furnish themselves with a STENCIL PLATE, (which can be obtained at a trifling cost,) bearing the name of their society, and with this, mark every article furnished or made by them. Thus a garment marked, "Wheatland Aid Society," or "Ontario Auxiliary Society," may find its way to a distant hospital, or perchance to a Southern prison, where the eye of the recipient will be greeted by a familiar name, and his heart gladdened by the assurance that he is remembered in his hour of trial by "loved ones at home." You will thus be "credited" for your labors of love by those whose ap-

preciation of your work you most desire. We are grateful to God that so many, far and near, have been willing to share in our labors, and give their support through us to the suffering. We trust none will have cause to regret the confidence placed in us. This confidence has greatly encouraged us, widened the field of our labors, strengthened our purposes and produced greater liberality among those who have constantly replenished our treasury and our stores; and though the language of distrust and suspicion has occasionally greeted our ears, it is gratifying to know that our labors have met the approval of the true and loyal among us.

The work upon which we entered three years ago to-day, under the title of "Ladies' Hospital Relief Association," has so increased and broadened upon our hands, and so constantly added to the avenues of beneficent labor among our soldiers, that we have often found ourselves unable to work as we would like, and as duty seemed to direct. Consequently, in the early part of the year it was deemed advisable to modify our Constitution, and change the name of our Society to that of the "Rochester Soldiers' Aid Society," thus allowing us to extend our benefactions beyond the limits of our military hospitals, as circumstances seemed to require. Whilst the work of this Society is laid out with particular reference to our "soldiers at the front," we have not been unmindful of those whose lot has been cast among us. Substantial aid was rendered the "City Hospital" in preparing it for the reception of the number allotted to it, and also to "St. Mary's Hospital," in providing a large amount of clothing, lint, bandages, crutches, canes, paper, envelopes, postage stamps, &c., &c., to its inmates.

At the solicitation of the Sanitary Commission, this Society consented to assume for six months the supervision of the Pension, Claim and Bounty Agency, established here, as it has been in most of our cities. At the expiration of that period it passed into the hands of the Commission's Agent in Washington, and its accounts were presented for payment.

But one effort has been made to replenish our Treasury since the Bazaar, up to the time of our "Encampment." The attempt to raise funds by furnishing refreshments during the

State Fair, though not a failure, was not as successful as we had hoped it would be, in consequence of the small amount of edibles donated, and the sudden rise in market value of all articles most needed: Owing to the distance from the city, our expenses were necessarily large, and our profits small compared with the amount of labor performed.

When our Encampment was decided upon, we did not expect the success that attended the Bazaar. Bazaars and Sanitary Fairs were an "epidemic" last year; but they having assumed a "milder type" this winter, affecting apparently both the hearts and the pockets of the public, we had no reason to anticipate the pecuniary success which attended our efforts of last winter. On the whole, the proceeds of our Encampment have fully answered our expectations; and to the many Societies who so promptly and bountifully supplied us with the choicest edibles and fancy articles for our tents, we tender our grateful acknowledgments.

We thank you again for the confidence reposed in us, and trust that as long as our country's necessities require our exertions in this field of labor, we shall be found shoulder to shoulder in the good work; and while we hope that this will be the last year of such arduous labors, it becomes us to temper that hope with the recollection that we have "enlisted for the war." We would also express our obligations to our City Press, and to the Central Railroad, who have favored us in the matter of transportation to an extent beyond all estimate, and to the Express Companies for many favors; and we gladly share the satisfaction derived from what good we may have done, with those who have so efficiently forwarded our work.

History very gravely informs us, that the First Napoleon boasted after a battle in which he overthrew a powerful foe, that he had given to each of his VETERANS a glass of wine; from the same source we learn that his NEPHEW, while preparing for his coup d'etat, won over the NATIONAL GUARDS to his interest by a similar act; and Christian England, boasted of her philanthropy, when she sent the truly benevolent SOYER to the Crimea, to make soups for her soldiers of the beef bones which would otherwise have been wasted. During the recent wars of England and France, they could only look on, investigate and deplore.

The inception, and establishing upon a permanent basis, of the institutions known throughout the world as the U. S. Sanitary and Christian Commissions, has been given to AMERICA, during her "Second War of Independence," and from Continental Europe, from the far off Islands of the Pacific, from the war cursed nations of South America, come the testimonials of their high appreciation of these beneficent institutions; and which our own brave soldiers, officers and privates, declare to be the "most beneficent the mind of man ever conceived." Notwithstanding all this, there seems to be a persistent effort on the part of some to disparage those agencies, especially the Sanitary Commission; on the ground of "useless expenditure, waste, misappropriation," etc., etc. We do not believe, nor have we ever had the slightest proof, that the agents of either of these Commissions, or the officers in our armies, or the surgeons or nurses in charge, are the persons who, AS A CLASS, would be guilty of thus misappropriating the sacred offerings of their wives, their sisters, and their mothers. We believe, that in strict integrity, in self denial, in moral heroism and courage, and truly

Christian benevolence, these men and women will compare most favorably with any who remain at home to criticize and find fault. We do not claim perfection for them, nor for the workings of the Commissions. We can not expect that, until men shall "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and learn war no more;" and until something better is inaugurated, and better men and women found to do its work, we must continue to give them our hearty co-operation. We will also state here, that the labor of this Society is GRATUITOUS LABOR; not one of our officers or members receiving one cent of salary or pay, save that which "doing good as we have opportunity," brings to all alike. We did not deem it necessary to make this statement, until recently learning that the impression prevailed that we were "PAID AGENTS." No! friends, the money you have so generously consigned to us, has been appropriated, to the best of our ability, to the sacred purpose to which you have consecrated it; and we pledge ourselves again to-day, to be ever faithful to our trust.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. GARDNER, Cor. Secretary.

Treasurer's Report from January 17th, 1864, to January 17th, 1865.

CASH RECEIPTS.

By Balance in Bank Jan. 17, 1864, . . .	\$2,007 02
" Membership fees,	11 00
" Cash donations and monthly subscriptions,	546 07
" Sale of articles at rooms,	70 20
" Sale of coupons,	250 62
" Sale of 5-20 bonds,	8,516 25
" Interest on deposit,	55 71
" Receipts from Christmas Bazaar, . . .	44 53
" Receipts from Refreshment Tent, . . .	442 60
Total receipts,	\$11,944 00

CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

To Hospital supplies,	\$7,597 94
" Expressage, freight, cartage,	37 61
" Stationery and postage,	56 26
" Incidental expenses, including rent, . .	356 60
" Printing Bazaar and annual reports, . .	135 10
" Expenses of Claim Agency,	626 78
" do. of Christmas Bazaar,	68 55
" do. of Refreshment Tent,	22 05
" Donation to Christian Commission, . . .	2,506 25
" do. Metropolitan Fair,	500 00
" Balance in Bank,	36 96

Total disbursements, \$11,944 00

Net receipts from Encampment, . . . \$2,836 65

MRS. GEO. GOULD, Treasurer.

The "Receipts from Christmas Bazaar" and expenses for the same, and the Refreshment Tent in the above, include returns made and bills presented since the Bazaar and Tent accounts were closed.

Supplement to the Encampment Report.

Since the Annual Report, the additional receipts from sale of articles and the expenses have been: Receipts, \$268.69; expenses, \$1.25; leaving a balance of \$267.44 to swell the net proceeds of the Encampment to \$3,104.09.

Of the above receipts, \$232.00 are from the Antiquarian Tent, and \$5.45 from Tent No. 9, the "Corner Fancy Tent," making the proceeds of these tents, respectively, viz:

The Antiquarian Tent,	\$408 10
Corner Fancy Tent,	441 02

Report of the Committee on Work.

Prepared and Unfinished work on hand, Jan. 17, 1864—None.

Work Prepared during the year—1101 flannel and cotton flannel shirts, 639 pairs flannel, cotton flannel, and cotton drilling drawers, 676 skeins yarn bought, 998 handkerchiefs, 389 towels, 510 cotton shirts, 36 pairs cotton drawers, 60 dressing gowns and flannel

wrappers, 307 flannel bands, 18 bed ticks, 446 sheets, 728 pillow cases, 105 arm slings.

Work Finished of above during the year—998 flannel and cotton flannel shirts, 639 pairs flannel, cotton flannel and cotton drilling drawers, 460 pairs woolen socks, 983 handkerchiefs, 389 towels, 518 cotton shirts, 36 pairs cotton drawers, 60 dressing gowns and flannel wrappers, 307 flannel bands, 18 bed ticks, 446 sheets, 728 pillow cases, 8 hop pillows, 105 arm slings.

Work Unfinished of above at close of the year—including unfinished work upon the Records, taken from Sept 1st to Jan. 17, 1865—90 flannel shirts and — do. from part of piece flannel taken by an Aid Society, — pairs socks from 50 skeins yarn, 15 handkerchiefs.

Prepared work at close of year—19 skeins yarn.

MRS. H. L. VERVALIN, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Packing and Forwarding.

The Committee have forwarded, from January 17, 1864, to January 17, 1865, 165 packages, numbering 256 to 420 inclusive, as follows: 108 packages, numbering 256 to 266 inclusive, 268 to 271 inclusive, 291-2, 304-5, 320 to 341 inclusive, 343-6-7, 351-2-3-5, 357 to 384 inclusive, 387 to 392 inclusive, 394 to 417 inclusive, and 419 and 420, to the Woman's Central Association of Relief, No. 10 Cooper Union, New York; 40 packages, numbering 274 to 283 inclusive, 286 to 290 inclusive, 293 to 303 inclusive, and 306 to 319 inclusive, to the Sanitary Commission, care Dr. J. S. Newberry, Louisville, Ky.; 4 packages, numbering 272-3, 284-5, to Sanitary Commission, care Surgeon General Smith, Columbus, Ohio; 1 package, numbering 267 to Jarvis Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; 1 package, numbering 354, to Point Lookout, Md., care Dr. L. Heard; 9 packages, numbering 342-5-8-9, 256, 385-6, 393 and 418, to the City Hospital, Rochester; and 2 packages, numbering 344 and 350, to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Beside the above, many articles have been given out at the Aid Rooms, upon requisition, to soldiers from the City and St. Mary's Hospitals, including flannel and cotton shirts, flannel and cotton drawers, woolen socks, handkerchiefs, towels, slippers, mittens, flannel, canes, crutches, tobacco, lint, bandages, old pieces, papers, pamphlets, note paper, envelopes and stamps, amounting, with the numbered packages sent to the two hospitals, to about \$2000 in value.

The aggregate contents of these packages were as follows: 1061 flannel and cotton flannel shirts, 676 pairs flannel, cotton flannel, and cotton drilling drawers, 693 pairs woolen socks, 1609 handkerchiefs and napkins, 509 towels, 801 cotton shirts, 159 pairs cotton drawers, 10 1/2 pairs cotton socks, 135 dressing gowns and flannel wrappers, 313 flannel bands, 62 prs slippers, 74 pairs mittens, 3 coats, 2 pairs pants, 3 vests, 12 cravats, 18 bed-ticks, 231 pillows, 111 quilts, 80 army blankets, 3 flannel sheets, 473 sheets, 821 pillow cases, 12 hop pillows, 1 musquito net, 100 arm slings, 22 pincushions, 8 ring pads, a quantity of lint, bandages, compresses and old pieces, 961 papers and pamphlets, 15 books, 215 bottles wine, brandy and whiskey, 2 bottles raspberry vinegar, 66 jars and cans fruit, 45 cans pickles and catsup, 22 lbs corn starch, 1 package cocoa, 1 paper ginger snaps, 2 casks ginger snaps, 1 tub butter, large quantity dried fruit, 1 keg onions, 50 barrels and 42 casks pickled potatoes, onions, cucumbers, cabbage and horse radish, 2 casks apple butter, 2 bags sage, 2 bags dried raspberry leaves, 1 package soap, 3 gallons cologne, 27 bottles cologne and camphor, 3 boxes tobacco, 7 dozen knives and forks.

MRS. L. C. SMITH, Chairman.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Rochester Soldiers' Aid Society, as Amended at the Commencement of the Fourth Official Year.

Art. I. This Society shall be known as the Soldiers' Aid Society, of Rochester, N. Y.

Art. II. The object of this Association shall be to aid in administering to the necessities of our soldiers.

Art. III. The officers of the Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Rooms, to be chosen annually by ballot; and a Board

those ladies down there—and their packages of work, their boxes and kegs, are very familiar and welcome to us; and though we do not know them, "according to the flesh," we recognize in their works the spirit of HIM who went about doing good.

Do not think our President has been idle all these hours. Idleness is not in the category of her virtues. A poor returned prisoner came in, some time since, in deep trouble. He enlisted here, leaving a wife and four children. He expected to find them here, awaiting his arrival. He learned, on inquiry, that, hoping to better her condition, she had removed to Buffalo. To that city he repaired, and learned that the dark "city of the dead" had claimed her for its inhabitant. Sorrowing, he retraced his steps, with his motherless children, and found his baggage among the missing. Here was a dilemma. Not knowing what to do, he repaired to our rooms for help. Our President went to the Central R. R. Depot and found that the baggage had been sent to Albany, after waiting five days without being called for. The proper person is found and a promise given, that the goods shall be returned, free of charge. So, the poor man goes his way rejoicing. Returning to "the rooms," she finds an old lady waiting, who was summoned to Brockport from Elmira, to attend her son, who, since his arrival, had died of his wounds. She had no money to carry her farther; but a ticket was purchased and she sent her way.

At this juncture of affairs, Hattie is summoned home. The regular Directresses "failing to connect," the work devolves, for the rest of the day, upon our overtasked President and those who "happen in."

But where is Miss L—all this time? At the table yonder, preparing "reports," for the "Aid," and Mrs. G—d, at the table, cutting work for our Auxiliary Society.

It is 3 P. M., and no time has been found for dinner. That is out of the question. A "hasty plate of soup," at N—s', to strengthen the inner m—, no; woman! is all. Here is another soldier, wanting a sheet of paper, envelop and stamp. Gets them, and with a pleasant smile and thanks for the many favors received, leaves us. Another soldier, for old pieces and bandages; they are prepared and away he goes. Enter—two little girls, with the question: "got any pinnies?" As they were here Saturday, they do not get their requisition filled, and they go to try their fortunes elsewhere.

It is nearly time to close, and Mrs. B—and other official members entering, a few moments are spent in talking over business which must be presented at our regular meeting, February 1st. Five o'clock comes, and we disperse homeward.

Besides all this labor, there have been several calls from our members, who came to make inquiries about business which must be attended to, and also for work which is prepared, recorded and given out.

So ends one day's work at the "Aid Rooms." The rest are like unto it, with slight variations; some days bringing much more arduous labors—few less.

How do you like the sketch? Shall we give you another, at a future time?

DOROTHY DOOLITTLE.

Net Proceeds of Christmas Encampment.

It will be seen by reports in another column, that returns since the accounts of the General Treasurer were made up, swell the avails of our Christmas Encampment to \$3,104 09.

Soldier's Aid Society, Rochester, N. Y.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY.

To the time of the Annual Meeting January 17th.

CASH RECEIPTS.	
By Balance on hand, January 1st.....	\$16 08
" Cash donations.....	30 10
" Interest on deposit.....	32 78
Total receipts.....	\$78 96

CASH DISBURSEMENTS.	
To Hospital supplies.....	\$42 00
Balance on hand, January 17th.....	\$36 96
Nett proceeds of Christmas Encampment.....	\$2,884 65

CASH DONATIONS.
AID SOCIETIES.
Bergen, in Dec. \$15; Clifton, \$30.10; Wheatland, in Dec. \$20.

DONATIONS OF HOSPITAL STORES.
AID SOCIETIES.
Irondequoit, 13 pairs woolen socks, 4 pairs mittens; Ontario, 8 flannel shirts, 8 pairs flannel drawers, 9 handkerchiefs, 2 comforts, 2 pillows, 51 yards bandage, 2 boxes lint, old pieces, 1 barrel dried apples; Williamson, 1 tub butter, 17 pounds dried apples.

INDIVIDUALS.
Mrs. Bigelow, 2 pairs flannel drawers; Mrs. Comstock, 15 pounds dried apples; Mrs. Gifford, Irondequoit, 2 hop pillows and 1 keg apple butter; Mrs. S. B. Glen, reading matter; Mrs. Huntington, 1 pair stockings, dried fruit; Mrs. Hutchinson, bandages; Mrs. Loup, 1 pair mittens; Mrs. Piffard, Piffardinis, 11 pillows, 8 surgical pillows, old linen, reading matter; Mrs. Shelmire, 2 books.

Report from Jan. 17th to close of month.

CASH RECEIPTS.	
By Balance on hand January 17th.....	\$2,878 61
" Membership fees.....	5 00
" Cash donations.....	22 50
" Sale of articles.....	8 11
" By Encampment receipts.....	268 69
Total receipts.....	\$3,177 91

CASH DISBURSEMENTS.	
To Hospital supplies.....	\$481 64
" Expressage, freight and cartage.....	2 40
" Stationery and postage, including amount furnished to Sanitary Commission.....	10 80
" Printing Annual report in daily papers.....	45 00
" Encampment expenses.....	1 25
Total disbursements.....	\$ 491 09

Balance on hand February 1st.....\$2,686 82

CASH DONATIONS.
AID SOCIETIES.
North Parma, \$2; Scottsville, \$20.

INDIVIDUALS.
Miss L. Hastings, Batavia, 50 cents.

DONATIONS OF HOSPITAL STORES.
AID SOCIETIES.
Churchville, 14 arm slings; 10 ring pads; Macedon, 11 pairs cotton flannel drawers; Second Ward, 1 cotton shirt.

INDIVIDUALS.
Mrs. Lyle, Ogden, 1 bag dried apples; J. B. Sweeting, books and tracts; Miss Van Nest, Ogden, 1 bag dried apples.
Mrs. GEO. GOULD, Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Work.

To the time of the Annual Meeting, January 17th.

Prepared work on hand Jan. 1st—None.
Unfinished work Jan. 1st taken from Sept. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1:64, inclusive; 1:6 flannel shirts, and — do from two pieces flannel; 7 cotton shirts, 1 pair cotton drawers, — pairs socks from 61 skeins yarn, 31 handkerchiefs.

Prepared before Jan. 17th—31 flannel shirts.
Finished before Jan. 17th—97 flannel shirts, 7 pairs woolen socks, 4 handkerchiefs, 7 cotton shirts.
Unfinished work Jan. 17th, 1865, taken as above, 90 flannel shirts and — do from part piece flannel, — pairs socks from 50 skeins yarn, 16 handkerchiefs.

Prepared work on hand Jan. 17th—19 skeins yarn.
From Jan. 17th to close of month.

Prepared and Unfinished work on hand Jan. 17th—Given above.
Prepared to close of month—86 flannel shirts, 14 pairs cotton flannel drawers, 81 skeins of yarn bought.

Finished to close of month—1st, of work prepared before Jan. 17th, 44 flannel shirts, 11 pairs socks, 16 handkerchiefs, 8 pairs mittens; 2d, of work prepared since Jan. 17th, 11 flannel shirts, 2 pairs mittens.

Unfinished at close of month—1st, of work prepared before Jan. 17th; 20 flannel shirts, — pairs socks from 37 skeins yarn; 2d, of work prepared since Jan. 17th; 75 flannel shirts and — do from two pieces of flannel, — pairs socks from 96 skeins yarn.

Prepared work on hand Feb. 1st—4 skeins of yarn.
Mrs. H. L. VERVALIN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Packing and Forwarding.

The Committee have forwarded during the past month five packages, numbering from 419 to 423, inclusive, to the Woman's Central Association of Relief, No. 10 Cooper Union, New York; two of these, 419 and 420 before the Annual meeting, and three since.

The contents of Nos. 419 and 420 were: 24 flannel shirts, 8 pairs flannel drawers, 24 pairs woolen socks, 39 handkerchiefs, 1 undershirt, 22 cotton shirts, 12 pairs cotton drawers, 6 pairs mittens, 3 ring pads, 3 quilts, 13 pillows, dried fruit.

The contents of Nos. 421, 2 and 3 were: 75 flannel shirts, 12 pairs cotton and cotton-flannel drawers, 27 pairs woolen socks, 53 handkerchiefs, 57 towels, 4 pairs mittens, 1 old cot-

ton shirt, 12 arm slings, 10 ring pads, 114 papers and pamphlets, 1 package tracts, lint, old pieces, 1 box butter, 1 pound Java coffee, 1 barrel dried apples.

Given out to soldiers at the Aid Rooms: 15 flannel shirts, 1 pair cotton flannel drawers, 14 pairs socks, 1 pair mittens, lint, bandages, reading matter, note paper, envelopes and stamps.

Mrs. L. C. SMITH, Chairman.

The Soldier's Aid.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., FEB. 1, 1865.

Our Third Annual Meeting.

How strangely this caption would have sounded to us, three years ago, when, on the 17th of January, 1862, we met in the Hall of Eastman's Commercial College, and adopted the Constitution of the "Ladies' Hospital Relief Association" in which, it never occurred to us, among the conditions of election of our officers, to insert the word "annually." Little did we dream then of ever holding an anniversary. Our business was to meet a present pressing emergency, which, even if the war continued, would in a few months, with the government's preparation for meeting it, cease to demand any further aid at our hands.

So we met as a simple "Sewing Society," occupying for a few weeks a room in the same College where the Society was organized, generously placed, all furnished and warmed, by the proprietor, at our service, after which, another liberal offer put us in possession for a few weeks longer of a third story room in Gaffney's Block, whence another migration carried us across the river to Hamilton's Block, on State st., from the third story of which our flag was unfurled through the summer.

Here our Society commenced passing into a new phase, the click of the sewing machine sounding at rarer intervals, while bundles of work were more frequently sent out to be made up elsewhere, and boxes and bundles of finished work and donations were received, assorted, packed and sent off to St. Louis, Washington and elsewhere. From a sewing room "our rooms" were gradually being transformed into a "depot" for receiving and transmitting supplies, a change which made our elevated position quite inconvenient when heavy boxes were to be mounted up two flights of stairs and soon after sent down again. Accordingly, as the mountain could not well come up to Mahomet, Mahomet came down to meet the mountain on the level of the pavement in store No. 49 State street, where we sojourned from September until November.

Leaving here, our pilgrim feet tarried next in No. 3, Exchange Place, where our first great effort for supplying our Treasury, viz: our "Christmas Festival" was arranged, and where we first realized, as our anniversary came around, that our society must take a form of permanence. The latter term, however, was not written upon our abiding place, as February saw us again en route for new quarters, at 23 Exchange Place, whence "marching orders" occasioned another transit and temporary sojourn at 34 Arcade Gallery, then back again to 23 Exchange Place, where was passed the era of the Bazaar, and then, soon after our Second Annual Meeting, to our present convenient and pleasant rooms, in No. 5, Corinthian Hall Building, where terminates, may we not hope, with the advent of a rent-paying policy, our chapter of migrations, and where has just been held "Our

Third Annual Meeting," the reports of which occupy so large a share of our present number.

At this meeting the entire Board of Officers and Directors of the previous year, with two or three exceptions in the latter Board, were re-elected for another year, and the former Committees nearly all re-appointed, and at the regular meeting subsequently, our Constitution was for the second time, since our organization, amended to adapt it to the present status of the society.

Reviewing our progress from this point we discover a material modification of our form and work, as circumstances have gradually and almost insensibly moulded the one and drifted the other into new channels. We commenced three years since as an isolated, temporary Sewing Society, contributing, with the products of our labor, such supplies as we could gather up from time to time, in our immediate neighborhood, and forwarding our packages to various points, and individuals, as appeals enlisted our interest came in to us from various quarters. Now our work has assumed dimensions and a permanence not contemplated in the outset, and we find ourselves working on from month to month and year to year as a matter of course, without even raising the question, "When will this end?" We find too, a double set of relations connecting us with noble bands of workers, both as contributors to our stores and receivers of them from our hands. The latter, during the last two years, have been almost exclusively within the pale of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, our contributions having, with slight exceptions, been forwarded wholly through these now almost solely recognized agencies for reaching the soldiers. To the Christian Commission, as will be seen by our Annual Report, a contribution of \$2,500 in money was made during the past year, about one-fourth the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar, while the bulk of our manufactured articles and other supplies has been consigned to the Sanitary Commission, mainly through the Woman's Central Association of Relief, New York. This latter result is due not so much to any special action on the part of the Society as to a growing sense of the vastness and importance of the Commission's work in ministering to the welfare of our brave soldiers and confidence in the zeal and fidelity with which it is performed, leading us almost imperceptibly into a constantly closer connection with its band of earnest, untiring workers.

Our position now as a Central Society in a region from which so much good to our cause may be expected, we regard as an important and responsible one, and most sincerely do we desire to fulfil our duties in this relation. A proposition made some time since to neighboring societies, to furnish them with materials at half-price, they to return to us the manufactured articles as donations, and sending us also their money and supplies, has met with much favor, and we hope will be the means of mutually stimulating and encouraging both our Auxiliaries and ourselves in carrying out our work.

Regarding it as our province and privilege to aid, more especially in the promotion of this work in our immediate vicinity, and information concerning the modes and details of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions' operations being now so generally diffused through their widely circulated publications, we shall give hereafter the prominent place in our paper to our "Home Work," and we would so-

licit contributions therefor, from neighboring Societies and individuals interested in the cause. Tell us of your mode of working, your difficulties and successes, impart to us suggestions arising from your own experience, that we may mutually incite and encourage each other in the duties which patriotism and philanthropy have thrown upon our hands.

All interested in the success of the Sanitary Commission, will read with pleasure the following announcement in the last Bulletin. Let the country be faithfully canvassed and the home workers brought face to face with the earnest, indefatigable laborers of the Commission who come fresh from the scene of its labors, and imbued with its spirit, to tell us of the good that has been done and the good we must still continue to do.

"Our Canvassers.

"We are pleased to announce, that the canvassing system is now completely organized, and successfully at work. Twenty lecturers are in the home field, most of them ministers, instructing the people, and meeting the objections that may exist in the public mind, concerning the Sanitary Commission. We commend these gentlemen to the kind guidance and hospitality of the people, with the assurance that their labors will be useful. They have all been at the front in hospitals, and among the soldiers in the camps. They have seen the work of the Commission and handled its stores. They know of what they testify, and are entitled to credit."

From the Hospital Review.

Our Christmas.

Our readers will be interested to learn, that our soldiers *did* have a "Merry Christmas" and the "dinner," as we prophesied they would. Supplies were just as bountiful as if there had been no Thanksgiving Feast. There was a nice dinner of turkeys and vegetables, and pies, &c.—and at six again, an oyster supper. Nor was this all. They not only had a "Merry Christmas," but a "Happy New Year's" greeting too. Through the repeated kindness of friends, they were provided on New Year's Day, with a dinner of oysters. All who contributed to these Holiday Entertainments for our Soldiers, will please accept, through us, their grateful acknowledgments.

From the Hospital Review.

Our Wing.

Our Wing is being rapidly completed, and when completed, kind friends, must be furnished. We expect, when it is finished, to be able to accommodate *seventy* more soldiers, and to have *seventy* more beds—and so, of course, we shall want *seventy* more *pairs* of sheets and pillows—*seventy* more quilts and comfortables—and towels and wash stands, and chairs, and everything else in proportion. We want to put in a special appeal for *feathers*. Will not everybody who has a goose—please send us some feathers? The furnishing and fitting up of our Wing looks very formidable at present prices,—but, kind friends, it *must be done*—and you who love the soldiers—you who have dear ones in the army—will all help cheerfully to do it, we know. Let all the towns around us, and all

their several Aid Societies—for we believe there are no towns without these blessed Societies—give an earnest thought to our Wing!

Miscellaneous.

For the Soldiers' Aid.

Before the War.

BY CARYLL DEANE.

[Continued.]

"Father," said SOPHY next day, "I wish you would ever get time to ride with me. You promised me some riding lessons—long ago—and it is such lovely weather now."

"My dear," said the Commandant, who was very busy just then looking over papers, "I can't now, my hands are so full. Why didn't you go when Mr. LAMBERT asked you, yesterday? His horse is enough better for a lady than my old Dick."

SOPHY laughed a little—she "didn't want to ride with Mr. LAMBERT."

"Well, there is PYM; he was speaking of it, day before yesterday."

But SOPHY didn't care about going with Mr. PYM. "You see, father, I want some regular lessons; and I don't want to be troubled with a gentleman."

"I should say, it was the gentleman troubled with you in that case, Missy; but if you want to make a business of it, there is Sergeant STACY. He is a good steady fellow—old enough to be your father, nearly—he will do, and we can make it up to him."

"Who is he, father?" asked SOPHY.

"I don't know; he has seen better days than these, I think, and is quite a gentlemanly fellow. He enlisted in St. Louis, about four years ago, and has always behaved very well. He had a bad illness after he came in—trouble, I fancy, of some sort—most likely some woman was at the bottom of the matter; but, if you like, I will speak to him."

"I should like, papa," said SOPHY, "I had a little talk with him yesterday, out of the window."

"Out of the window! How did that happen?" said the Commandant, pulling his daughter's curls.

SOPHY told him the story. Capt. WOOD was quite indignant. He was in general a man of very easy temper. He would often endure provocation in a very peaceful manner, leaving unnoticed vexation and annoyance until they accumulated to a certain point; when, suddenly, some comparatively small matter would suddenly exasperate him, and he would come down on the offender with sudden severity, reprimand and punish, right and left, and in the expressive phrase of the garrison, "make people stand round generally," until the effect of the explosion subsided; when he would settle down quietly in his old fashion.

Now, for some time, the Captain's indignation against Mr. PYM had been growing. In the first place, he disliked his manners toward the men, and was occasionally somewhat exasperated by the young man's complacent patronage of himself and his airs of semi-contemptuous tolerance toward what he thought his officer's old fashioned ways.

On this occasion, SOPHY's story was the one drop too much. Captain WOOD said he would make the young person know his place once and for all; he might be as mathematical as he liked, but he would have him to know that he did not command the garrison.

SOPHY was rather alarmed and attempted to allay the storm; but the Captain was not

to be held in when once he began to go. He sent his orderly for Lieut. Pym, and in a few energetic words informed that young gentleman that he took altogether too much upon himself, and that in future he need not trouble himself to give orders independently.

Mr. Pym became very majestic. He had been used to overawe his former commanding officer, a meek elderly gentleman who stood much in dread of him. He drew himself up accordingly, and said that he begged pardon if he had overstepped the line of his duty. The phrase and the manner combined had been wont to produce a great effect upon poor old Major CLEMENT, but had none whatever on Captain Wood. He informed him that he had overstepped the line of his duty, not only on this but on several other occasions; that he had taken no decided notice of such occurrences hitherto, considering that his self-sufficiency was owing to his youth and inexperience—but that, in future, he would thank the Lieutenant to understand, that all required of him was, to obey orders; and so dismissed him.

The Lieutenant was inexpressibly mortified and greatly astonished. To be called old is sometimes very provoking to an elderly person; but such a feeling is as nothing to the bitter indignation, the abiding resentment, which a young man experiences at being considered "young!" And "inexperienced!"

What was the world coming to? He, who belonged to the Artillery, and was here only by an accident, who might have gone into the Engineers—to be called "inexperienced" by an old gentleman who did not half understand the latest improvements in his own science, and who had hardly heard of the new method of measuring the speed of cannon balls. He would write immediately and ask to be relieved from duty—transferred to some other station. If that could not be he would resign—he would do anything, rather than stay where he had been so insulted.

Then he remembered that Capt. Wood was Sophy's father, and he almost resolved, that he would give up all thought of that young lady—but then, it was not so easy, to relinquish his plans where Sophy was concerned. So he smoothed his ruffled plumes a little, and sat down to soothe his deep mind with a problem, until Lieut. LAMBERT came in with a cigar and interrupted him, by unprofitable discourse on trivial subjects, such as the death of a boy in the hospital, who had long been ill, and who had begged the Lieutenant to write home to his friends. The young man did not know how to perform his painful task, and begged Mr. Pym's assistance as a literary character.

Meanwhile, the Captain had sent for the Sergeant and told him that his daughter wanted some riding lessons, and that he would be obliged to him for teaching her, at such times as he could be spared from his duties. Sergt. STACY could only salute, say "Yes, Sir," and inquire at what time Miss Wood would like to begin? "Directly—this afternoon; the Doctor says it will be good for her to be out of doors; she is not over strong. See that the horses are ready."

The Sergeant withdrew to make the necessary arrangements, and was soon at the door of the Commandant's quarters, with his own horse and the Captain's Dick, which had been a fine creature in his day and was still impelled to occasional friskiness.

SOPHY came to the door in hat and habit, and her father assisted her to mount.

"Take good care of her, STACY," he said,

"she never was on a horse more than once or twice; and mind, SOPHY, you do what you're told, and don't be careless."

"And come home early, dear," added her step-mother. "It will be good for her," said the Captain, as the pair rode away. "She's studied too much; she's getting pale. I don't see any use in young girls working themselves to death over books."

"Nor I either," said Mrs. Wood, who had gone through the course of education common in her day with sufficient credit, but without brilliancy, and whose studies at present lay mostly among novels. A great weight had been lifted from Mrs. Wood's mind when she had heard SOPHY say that morning that Lieut. Pym seemed to think that what he did not know was not worth knowing.

Mrs. Wood was a shrewd little woman, and she knew perfectly well, that her SOPHY and Mr. Pym were not suited to each other.

Sergeant STACY, to tell the truth, was not very much pleased with the office that had fallen to him. Had SOPHY been a little girl of twelve, whom he could have taken care of and petted, it would have all been very well; but a young lady of seventeen, was another matter. Then, though somewhat amused, he was not much delighted with the result of her championship of himself; for he had already heard of Lieut. Pym's misfortune. In a garrison, a bird of the air will carry any such matter, and the carrier pigeon on this occasion was Mrs. Sergeant McCulloch, who did sewing for Mrs. Wood, and who had been in the dining room, from which the Commandant's office opened, by a door which had been ajar by only a small crack, it is true, but by one quite wide enough to let out the Captain's voice. Now, Mrs. McCulloch hated Lieut. Pym with a perfect hatred, both for the reasons common to all subordinates who happened to come in contact with the young gentleman, and because he had once been the means of procuring for her husband an arrest which she thought quite undeserved. Moreover, he had once boxed the ears of her little HARRY, for running his hoop against his immaculate white trousers; and for these good and sufficient reasons, Mrs. McCulloch held him in abhorrence. She was unable, from her position, to retaliate in any way which should be adequate to her exasperated feelings; but as she was his wash woman, she revenged herself by tearing his collars, pulling off his buttons, and otherwise maltreating such of his raiment as fell into her hands. The victim of these practices had more than once remonstrated, but Mrs. McCulloch overwhelmed him with a torrent of Irish argument, going to prove that it was quite impossible to starch his linen as long as she had a hole in her washboard. He attempted revolt, and patronised a Pottawattomy squaw, who had a cabin outside the fort, and who stated that she could "wash him tip top;" but he found it only

"A bitter change, severer for severer."

And was feign to return to Mrs. McCulloch, who took a great delight in wreaking her vengeance on his innocent and defenceless shirts. Under these circumstances, the lecture which she overheard was balm to her soul, and going back to her own quarters, she told her husband, who told Sergeant STACY.

Coming through the medium of the Sergeant and his wife, the story seemed very much larger than it really was, and Sergeant STACY was not greatly pleased to find his case taken up by a young girl, or to learn that his officer had received a reprimand on

his account. He had not cared much about the Lieutenant's airs of authority; his temper was not quick, and he was not easily moved by small matters. He begged Sergeant McCulloch to say nothing of the matter among the men. He represented to the wife, that the Captain would be greatly displeased, should he learn that she had repeated what she had overheard by accident in his quarters; in short, he did his best to hush the matter up; but he might as well have attempted to put an extinguisher on Mount Etna, as to stop Mrs. McCulloch's tongue, and before night, every soul in the garrison knew that the Captain had reprimanded the Lieutenant.

SOPHY was not at home in the saddle, and felt rather nervous. For the first half mile, she had enough to do to attend to her teacher's instructions; but as she grew more at ease, she remembered her little curiosity about the Sergeant, and tried to draw him out. But Sergeant STACY did not seem to wish to be drawn out. He was extremely respectful—almost too much so. He answered all her questions with deference, but did not volunteer an observation, except so far as related to the business in hand. He was very careful of her, and kept a firm hold of her leading rein; but his manner was that of the subordinate to his officer's daughter; not that of a gentleman to a lady.

(To be continued.)

Statistics of the Christmas Encampment held by the Rochester Soldiers' Aid Society, at Corinthian Hall, Dec. 16th to 22d inclusive, 1864.

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SPECIAL DONATIONS.

TENT No. 2—Central Fancy Tent—Mrs. A. McVean. CASH.

Mrs Adams, \$5; Mrs Wm Alling, \$1; Mrs O Benedict, \$2; Mr John Brewster, \$1; A Cole, 50c; D C Ellis, \$1; O Gaffney, \$5; Mr E Lyon, \$1; Mrs Lewis Morgan, \$10; Mr Potter, \$5; Mrs Wm Perkins, \$2; Mrs John Rochester, \$5; Mrs S B Roby, \$5; Mr Osgood, \$5; M J Terry, \$2; Mrs E Wilder, \$10.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Allen & Shultz, 2 cushion frames; Mrs T G Andrews, 1 baby's cap; Mrs Avery, dressing doll; Miss F Alling, embroidering rug; Mr C Burke, 6 yds calico; Miss Breck, making sack; Mrs W Bush, dressing doll, making tidy; Mrs Bromley, 1 willow chair; Miss C Benjamin, making sofa pillow; Mrs Campbell, Cherry Valley, scarf; Mrs Claxton, 2 sets of doll's furs and collars; Miss Kate Claxton, work on bracket; Mrs Dr Dean, 3 baskets, 2 fancy scales, 1 pr knit reins; Mrs Draper, hemming 1/2 doz handkerchiefs; Mrs T B Dewey, 1 bunch lamp-lighters; Mrs FitzSimmons, knit hood, embroidered slippers; Mr FitzSimmons, 2 doz yds alpaca braid; A Friend, articles valued at \$1; A Friend, 2 sheets bristol board, cards for marking goods; Mrs T Gordon, 3 paper bags; Mr Goss, upholstering of horses; Miss Ruby Gould, dressing doll; Miss Anna Gould, dressing doll; Mrs J Harris, 1 knit hood; Hubbard & Northrop, 1/2 yd opera flannel; Hatch & Son, small pieces of leather; Mrs J Husband, 3 half handkerchiefs; Mrs Geo A Hollister, 3 pr mittens; Mr Hone, 2 yds linen, 3/4 yds ribbon; Mrs E Hayden, 4 cushion tops, table top; Mrs D Hall, hemming 1 doz handkerchiefs; Mrs J Harris, embroidered pocket; Mrs J E Hayden, fancy chair and stand; Miss Maggie Hamilton, knitting lines, 1 netted tidy; Mrs Geo E Jennings, dressing doll; Miss Kempshall, 1 toilet box; Mrs D Little, 2 needle books, 2 pr elastic; Mr D Little, 2 yds worsted lace; Mrs Lawrie, dressing doll; Mrs H Morse, making sack; Mrs A Mann, 2 1/2 yds linen, 3 1/2 yds mull; Mrs Geo E Mumford, child's embroidered dress and sack; Miss Aggie Mumford, scarf and hood; Mr McKindley, 2 pair scissors; Mrs McVean, 3 knitted dolls, 1 embroidered sofa pillow and tidy; Miss Sarah Northrop, 2 brackets, 2 rustic frames, rustic cross; Miss Newell, pin cushion; Miss T Pitkin, making baby's Afghan; Mrs Porter, 2 pr mittens; A R Pritchard, chamol skin; T Rosenblatt, 2 skeins silk, linen thread; Mr Richardson, 3 broom sticks; Mr Robbins, painting sticks; E O Sage, leather for hobble horse; Mrs E D Smith, 5 pr mittens; Miss Stillwell, dressing doll; Miss Julia Smith, making 2 aprons and night gown case; Suggett & Kimball, 1 box segars; Mrs Talman, 3 pr infant's socks; Mrs R Talman, 2 spool cases; Vandenberg, 1 doll; Miss F Whitteley, 2 toilet boxes, infant's shawl; Mrs Whitney, making 1 pr tides, 1/2 doz elastic; Frankie Whitney, croquet scarf; Mrs A Whitteley, making cushion and tidy; Miss Mary Whitteley; 4 pr worsted leggings; Mrs F Whitteley, 1 pr hose, 2 pr mittens, 2 scarfs; Young Ladies' Society St Luke's Church, 1 infant's cap, infant's blanket and hood; Mrs Yale, hemming 1/2 doz handkerchiefs; Child at Orphan Asylum, 4 pr stockings.

TENT No. 5—Dudley Waller's Tent—Miss. M. Whitteley.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Mrs N W Benedict, 4 pictures framed, 1 cross without

frame, 1 picture; Mrs Chamberlain, 1 picture; Miss Julia Hamilton, 1 canary bird.

TENT No. 6—Headquarters—Mrs. General Williams. ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Mrs S G Andrews, 1 child's bonnet, Mrs T Birdsall, Pittsford, 1 tetter collar; Miss Birdsall, making 10 pr undersleeves; Mrs Wm Breck, Boston, 1 pr slippers and tidy; Mrs James C Bell, Albany, acorn emeries and wax; Benton & Andrews, and Mix, for engraving and printing encampment badges; Mrs Freeman Clarke, 1 worked tidy; Mrs J Gregory, knitting 1 breakfast shawl; Mrs Roswell Hart, 1 handkerchief and collar; Miss Mary H Lee, 1 worsted shawl; Mrs Wm Lansing, 2 needle books; Mrs Major Lee, 1 Roman scarf, 6 caps; Miss E Mathews, 1 worsted shawl; Mrs Wm Mudgett, 1 hood and 3 morning caps; Mrs Dr Palmer, 2 dressed dolls; Mrs Mont, Rochester, sea weed crosses; Mrs L C Smith, 2 baskets paper flowers; Mrs Sherman, 2 chair covers, Mrs G Whitney, ; Miss Lols Whitney, 4 rustic crosses; Mrs J Williams, 1 sofa cushion, 1 child's apron, 1 cone frame, 6 tins for rustic baskets, plants for bakets and aquarium; Mrs E W Williams, 1 child's afghan, 1 cone basket; Mrs Geo D Williams, toilet cushion; Warham and George Whitney, 6 embroidered holders.

TENT No. 7—Young Volunteers—Mrs. H. Putnam and Mrs. Penfield. ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Miss Brodish, Palmyra, 2 toilet cushions; Miss C Bush, 1 handkerchief case; Miss Anna Bush, 1 worsted scarf; Linda Bronson, 2 yds tatting, 3 book marks; Hellen Bissell, 2 house-wives, 1 pr mats; Fannie Bissell, 1 sugar case, 3 handkerchief cases; Miss Hellen Churchhill, baby afghan; Mrs H G Cushman, 1 jewelry case, pin cushions, 2 rabbits; Mrs L C Cushman, 1 work bag, toilet cushion, jewelry case; Mrs H C Daniels, 1 framed cross, 1 cone chair and table, 1 card; Mrs W F Flemming, toilet cushion, 1 pr worked slippers; Miss L Fleming, 1 toilet cushion; Mrs F Garritt, Gates, 1 toilet cushion; Miss Jennie Gould, scrap bag; Miss Ada Hurd, 4 moss crosses; Mrs Hampton, 1 watch case; Anna Hinckston, 20 pin balls, 2 busts; Jennie Hinckston; 1 doll's sack, 1 pin cushion; Miss Hooker, 1 pr mittens; Miss Dora Hurd, 3 pr mittens, 1 pr stockings; Mrs J Jeffres, 2 drums, 7 flags; Miss Cassie Perry, 1 pr brackets; Mrs C Parsons, 3 china ornaments; Miss Helen Parsons, toilet mats; Mrs Ried, 3 pr stockings; Miss Rowley, 1 doll pin cushion; Anna Reid, 6 dressed dolls; Miss E Rowley, 1 pr of worked slippers, 1 watch case; Mrs Smith, 1 pr stockings; Mrs E Shaw, 2 crosses; Mrs Flora Turner, 1 pr mittens; Mrs Mary Trenaman, 1 watch case; Mrs J Vicry, 6 whistles, 1 magnet, 2 kaleidoscopes; Miss F Walbridge, pr worsted mats; Mrs Watts, 3 pin balls, 1 toilet cushion; Mrs B Williams, 1 tidy, 1 worsted tidy, 1 work basket, 2 needle cases; Miss Nannie Williams, 2 pen wipers; Mary Wait, 3 pr leggins, 1 hold; Miss Anna Yeomans, 1 netted tidy; Lima, 1 worsted tidy.

TENT No. 8—Curiosity Shop and Antiquarian Tent—Mrs. Dr. L. Hurd and Mrs. C. M. Crittenden. CASH.

Driggs & Co., New York, \$60.

TENT No. 9—Misses E. Farrar and R. Gould. CASH.

Mrs M B Anderson, \$5; T Brooks, \$5; Wm Burke, \$10; A Champion, \$20; H C Churchill, \$2; Mr Churehill \$1; Mrs Disbrow, \$5; Mrs Gaffney, \$5; A Lyons, \$1; Mr McDonald, \$1; Mrs Medberry, \$3; Mrs Watson, \$14; W A Waters, \$25.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Mrs Ailing, \$5 worth paper; Mrs M B Anderson, 3 strings Roman pearls, 4 colored engravings, 20 card leaf pictures; Mrs Barnum, pin cushion; Miss Helen Bristol, gas shade; Mrs Bristol, children's stockings; Miss Bradstreet, Boston, 1 Roman scarf; Burke, Hone & Co, 1 handkerchief; Miss Corning, 6 pr mittens; Mrs Ely, 1 pr mittens; Miss P Ely, moss picture; Mrs J Frost, 6 doll's hoods; Miss E Farrar, 2 pr children's stockings; Miss T Farrar, 6 handkerchiefs, lady's hood; Miss E Gould, children's reins and needle case; Ella Gould, scrap bag; Julia Hamilton, tidy and pin cushion; Miss E Hall, baby sack; Mrs Geo Humphrey, moss picture; Mrs J Hill, baby and doll's hood; Miss L Hill, 3 operettes; Miss T Hill, 2 pr baby socks, flutes for the neck; Mrs Hill, doll's opera cloak; Miss Emily Hill, toilet cushion and mats; Mrs S Hamilton, 7 leaf pictures; Mrs Morrison, baby sack; Mrs Morse, 1 tidy, 2 egg baskets; Miss D Nichols, skirt trimming; I B Northrop, linen for aprons; E Occumpaugh, 1 scarf; Mrs Peck, 3 moss pictures; Miss Richardson, 4 rustic frames; Miss Anna Reid, toilet cushion, 3 pen wipers, "Washington's"; Miss Carrie Shaw, 2 baby sacks; Mrs D Shaw, 5 baby's shirts, 3 pr Polish hoes; Suggett & Kimball, bag of tobacco; Mrs Trip, velvet and silk; Miss Toulser, pin cushion, 2 needle books; Miss Ella Tal, 6 moss pictures; Miss Ward, 1 moss picture.

TENT No. 10—Santa Claus' Tent—Mrs. M. A. Barnes. CASH.

Miss Allen, \$1; Mrs Belden, \$1; Dr Benjamin, 50c; Mr Cushman, \$1; A Friend, \$1; A Friend, \$1; Mrs E P Hotchkiss, 50c; Mr Rice, \$2.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Mrs Geo Arnold, crocket tidy, worsted collar and cuffs; Mrs T Adams, fancy articles; Miss T Briggs, 1 book mark; Miss Mary Brown work on fancy articles; Miss Badger, fancy articles; Miss Bangs, Chill Centre, toilet cushion, &c; Master C Butterfield, fancy frames; Mrs J Barnard, collars, needle book, &c; Mrs M A Barnes, book mark; Mrs N B Baker, moss wreath cushion and collar; Dr Benjamin, perfumery; Mrs B Y Baker, fancy goods; Mrs W Beach, infant socks; Mrs A M O Barnes, Toledo, variety of fancy articles; Dr Blair, box of perfumery; Mrs A Cushman, toilet cushion and infant socks; Mrs W Cochrane, wax doll dressed; Mrs W H Cook, tetter tidy; Mrs Craigie, needle book, cushion, basket, &c; Master T Corning, pin furniture; Miss L Davis, 1 pin cushion; Miss Sarah Denney, bead watch case; Miss Libbie Denney, work on 4 tidies, Frankie Dixon, needle book and pin flats; Miss E G Eddy, 1 reticule; Ellen Ensaworth, crocket basket; Mrs P Ford, fancy basket; Mrs W B Gould, 3 emerys, 4 boxes needles; Miss Gay, infant's sack; Mrs B F Harris, worsted balls and furniture; Mrs Hartman, the Hive, Palmyra, toilet cushion; Miss Hattie Hyde, watch case; Miss Allie Howland,

reticules and crosses; Mrs Hollowell, infant's sack; Mrs M Hunt, 1 toilet cushion; Miss Lathrop, work on fancy articles; Miss Libbie Langworthy, toilet cushion and knitted shawl; Mrs J C Linde, Chill, perfumery satchel; Miss Lee, 2 moss crosses, doll's shawl; Mr Mitchell, perfumery; Mrs Myhrea, variety of millinery goods; Mrs A Mann 1 hankerchief; Miss Murdock, knitting shawl; Mrs L B Nurse, North Chill, 2 pr mittens; Miss M A Pratt, 3 book marks and pen wipers; Mrs C Pratt, 1 scarf; Mrs D Putnam, 8 emerys; Miss M J Perrine, moss wreath and basket; Mrs T Pritchard, toilet cushion, and fancy articles; Miss E Robinson, 1 pr slippers, &c; Ladies of Riga, 1 reticule, 4 watch cases, easy chair, 8 collars, 5 pin cushions, 4 doll pin cushions, 1 needle book and work bag; Miss E Sutherland, 1 pin cushion; Mrs Trillings, pr socks; Mrs D Y Smith, 6 emerys; Mrs L N Smith, 6 pin balls; Miss Libbie Thompson, velvet reticule; Misses Wright, work on infant's shirts, hood and slippers; Miss Sophie Wright, tetter collar; Mrs Woodward, frame for moss wreath; Mr Wheeler, frame for moss wreath; Miss Ella Young, infant sack; Young Ladies of High School, variety of fancy articles.

TENT No. 11—Floral Tent—Miss. M. Pardee. ARTICLES FOR SALE.

C B Woodworth, Rochester Chemical Works, \$30 worth of perfumery; Ellwanger & Barry, Mount Hope Nurseries, 6 bouquets; Frost & Co. Rochester, 6 bouquets; Mrs Isaac Butts, 1 basket of cut flowers; Mrs Aaron Erickson, 1 basket of cut flowers; Mrs Joseph Hall, 1 basket of cut flowers; Dr Mitchell, 1 box perfumery.

LUNCH TABLE No. 7—Mrs J. Whitney.

Mrs S G Andrews, mince pie; Mrs H A Brewster, lemon pie; Mrs H P Brewster, mince pie, biscuit; Mrs Freeman Clarke, chicken salad, cranberries, turkey; Mrs E M Day, brown bread and biscuit; Mrs G Danforth, cream; Mrs Gorton, cream pies; Mr G Gray, \$1; Mrs D H Griffith, brandy snaps; Mrs Romanta Hart, turkey, biscuit, tarts and oyster patties; Mrs H F Montgomery, biscuit; Mrs S D Porter, pudding and mince pies; Mrs E Pond, turkey and cranberry, mince pies and pickles; Mrs A O Wilder, Washington pies; Mrs J Whitney, pickles, biscuit; Mrs J Williams, pickles; Mrs J M Whitney, chicken pie, pork and beans, bread, game and oyster pie, game and chicken pie.

LUNCH TABLE No. 8—Mrs. J. Chamberlain.

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