ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Helping Hand Society

FOR 1882.
REPORT

OF THE HELPING HAND
OF BROOKLYN,
CORNER ATLANTIC AND GRAND AVENUES,
From October 1st, 1881, to October 1st, 1882.

BROOKLYN, 1882.
Officers and Managers for 1882.

JAMES W. ELWELL, 
ALFRED S. BARNES,
Rev. T. B. McLEOD,
Hon. J. F. PIERCE,
J. F. ANDERSON, Jr.,
Miss M. A. BERRY,
Mrs. A. P. STROUT,

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- Vice-Presidents.

- Rec. Secretary.

- Cor. Secretary.

- Treasurer.

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Mr. James W. Elwell,
Mr. Alfred S. Barnes,
Mr. J. F. Anderson, Jr.,
Hon. J. F. Pierce,
Mr. D. D. Ives,
Mr. F. G. Smith,
Mr. A. P. Strout,
Mr. W. T. Gregg,
Mr. Joseph Mix,
Mr. C. D. Wood,
Rev. Emory J. Haynes,

- 70 Lefferts Place.
- 533 Clinton Ave.
- 385 Grand Ave.
- 7 Montague Terrace.
- 111 Gates Ave.
- 395 Washington Ave.
- 466 Carlton Ave.
- 56 Irving Place.
- 475 Lafayette Ave.
- 825 St. Marks Ave.
- 446 Washington Ave.

Officers of Board of Managers.

MRS. JAMES F. PIERCE,
MRS. W. T. HEMMINGWAY,
Miss M. A. BERRY,
MRS. W. F. SWALM,
MRS. A. P. STROUT,
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, M. D.,

- President.

- Vice-President.

- Cor. Secretary.

- Rec. Secretary.

- Treasurer.

- Physician.
Managers.

Mrs. M. A. Andrus, 356 Carlton Ave.
J. F. Anderson, Jr., 385 Grand Ave.
Robert Chumaser, 417 Classon Ave.
Julia Burke, 44 S. Oxford St.
Miss M. A. Berry, 183 Lafayette Ave.
Mrs. H. M. Cook, 45 New York Ave.
W. T. Gregg, 55 Irving Place.
W. T. Hemmingsway, 359 Bedford Ave.
D. D. Ives, 111 Gates Ave.
E. C. Knapp, 281 Cumberland St.
H. P. Messenger, 378 Adelphi St.
James F. Pierce, 7 Montague Terrace.
Warren Richmond, 342 Jay St.
C. Schench, 193 S. Oxford St.
A. P. Strout, 366 Carlton Ave.
F. G. Smith, 395 Washington Ave.
W. E. Swalm, 118 Lafayette Ave.
I. N. Thatcher, 140 Greene Ave.
Wyllys Warner, 415 Clermont Ave.
S. A. Van Wagoner, 459 Lexington Ave.
Miss Sophie Gibson, 259 Carlton Ave.
ANNUAL REPORT.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting was held at the Rooms of the Society, Atlantic Ave., cor. Grand, on Tuesday Evening, October 31st, when the following Reports were presented and accepted, and ordered to be printed:

Another year has passed, and it is incumbent on us to present a brief record of our work during the past twelve months, and render thanks for all kindnesses bestowed. We are deeply grateful that we are not called upon to record a single death, but pained to announce the serious illness of one of our oldest managers, Mrs. Joseph Mix. That she may be spared to us is the earnest prayer of all.

In comparing our work with the labors of former years, it will be seen that the demand is constantly increasing. As the cold weather approaches, it
brings with it suffering and distress. The calls upon us will be frequent and numerous, and it is to our kind friends and patrons that we look for that substantial aid that will enable us in part to respond to the supplications for help. Monthly Meetings are held when the claims of the different applicants are laid before the Board, and a member is assigned to visit each case, make such inquiry as is demanded, and report as to their worthiness or unworthiness. This precaution is taken more particularly when money is asked. In many instances where money has been given to help in the payment of rent, redeem a pledge, save a machine, or enable the party to go a distance with the view to bettering their condition, letters have been received conveying grateful thanks, and sometimes money returned. Such things encourage and stimulate us to a renewed effort to increase our work.

During the past year we have expended $949.05 for rents and relief (thereby assisting 218 families), an increase of $322.39 over the previous year. 673 baskets of provisions have been given—an increase over last year of 298. More than 100 ladies have called for girls or work-women, and most of them have been supplied.

The dispensary is still under the able care of Dr.
Campbell, to whom the ladies render many thanks for his kindness and attention to the sick poor. His report please find accompanying. The financial condition of the Society is given in the Treasurer's report, which please find below. To the City of Brooklyn for its appropriation, and to our friends and patrons we owe many thanks for their kindness and generosity, and hope that the disposition of the trust placed in our hands will meet with their hearty approval.

I cannot close without grateful remembrance of our faithful and efficient matron, ever ready to carry out our plans, and always mindful of our interests.

Mrs. W. F. Swalm,
Recording Secretary.
To the Board of Managers of the Helping Hand Society:

LADIES:

The end of the fifth year of my service as physician to the Helping Hand Dispensary is at hand, and brings with it the pleasing duty of making my annual report to you.

The number of patients treated during the year is as follows:

- Women, 288
- Children, 120
- Men, 15
- Total, 423

Thirty-four women have been treated for diseases peculiar to them with good results in most of the cases. You will notice that the number of persons applying for this special treatment is larger every year. This shows a growing appreciation of the unusual facilities for treatment afforded by this Dispensary. Many women who would have been unwilling to undergo treatment alone, have gladly
accepted it when told that they would have the sympathy and help of one of their own sex during the trying ordeal; and few go away without expressing their thanks to Mrs. Lynn for her kindly attentions to them.

The number of children treated is nearly double that of last year. The intense heat of the past summer was very detrimental to these highly sensitive little human thermometers, and, consequently, many infants were brought to the Dispensary for relief from the effects of the warm weather.

A necessary addition to our stock of drugs has been made recently, at my request. My thanks are due to Dr. H. F. Williams for his faithful attendance at the Dispensary during my absence from the city.

With many thanks for your kind consideration of my requests, I am,

Very respectfully,

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, M. D.,

883 St. Marks Avenue.

Brooklyn, October, 1st, 1882.
Annual Report of Treasurer of The Helping Hand, for year ending September 30th, 1882.

Dr.
To Cash Balance, September 30th, 1881  $836.25
   " Irving Place property owners' fund   28.62
   " City appropriation                    1,000.00
   " Thanksgiving coll. Cen. Con. Church   100.34
   " Return of loans                        7.00
   " Donations                             273.50
                                          $2,254.71

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By Cash paid for Rents and Relief       $949.05
   " Groceries                            254.27
   " Gas                                  13.80
   " Stove-pipe                           6.40
   " Plumbing                             4.05
   " Mr. Lynn (extra services)            5.00
   " Coal                                 57.50
   " Wood                                 5.00
   " Ash Sieve                            85.00
   " Pork                                 39.28
   " Medicine                             45.63
   " Matron                               230.00
   " Balance, September 30th, 1882         6.57
                                          $2,254.71

GERALDINE G. STROUT,
September 30th, 1882.  Treasurer.

Brooklyn, October 31st, 1882.
I have examined this account, and find it correct.

J. F. ANDERSON.
CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED,
1881-1882.

City Appropriation, $1,000 00
Irving Place Property Owners’ Fund, 28 62
Cen. Con. Church Thanksgiving Collection, 109 34
Messrs. Dan Talmage’s Sons, 100 00
Mr. Charles Merrill, 25 00
  " C. H. Raymond, 25 00
  " Eli Robins, 20 00
  " F. Loeser & Co., 15 00
Mrs. F. G. Smith, 10 00
  " Julia E. Brick, 10 00
  " F. F. Jones, 5 00
  " D. H. Houghtaling, 5 00
  " G. L. Pease, 5 00
  " E. Holmes, 5 00
  " E. C. Russell, 5 00
  " A. Church, 5 00
  " Benj. Cary, 5 00
  " N. T. Beers, 5 00
Mr. Wm. Howard, 5 00
Mrs. E. A. Phelps, 3 00
  " Warren Richmond, 3 00
  " Sarah Price, 5 00
  " Henry Treadwell, 3 00
  " J. H. Frothingham, 3 00
Mr. J. Davenport, 3 00
Mrs. C. Schenck, 2 00
  " W. T. Hemmingway, 2 00
  " H. F. Hutchingson, 1 00
  " Sidell, 50
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673 baskets of provisions given out. More than 100 ladies have called for girls or work-women, and most of them have been supplied.

Thanks are again due Mr. A. S. Barnes, for printing the "Annual Report" without expense to the Society.