THE HELPING HAND.

1885.
REPORT

OF

THE HELPING HAND

OF BROOKLYN,

Corner Atlantic and Grand Avenues,

From December 31st, 1883, to December 31st, 1884.

Brooklyn, 1885.
Officers and Managers for 1885.

JAMES W. ELWELL, President.
ALFRED S. BARNES, Vice-Presidents
Rev. T. B. McLeod,
Hon. J. F. PIERCE,
J. F. ANDERSON, Jr.,
Mrs. W. A. WISE,
Mrs. A. P. STROUT,

Trustees.
Mr. James W. Elwell, 70 Lefferts Place.
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. Joseph Mix,
Mr. C. D. Wood,
Mr. W. T. Gregg,
Dr. W. F. Swalm,

Officers of Board of Managers.
Mrs. James F. Pierce, President.
Mrs. W. T. Hemmingway, Vice-President.
Mrs. W. A. Wise, Cor. Secretary.
Mrs. W. F. Swalm, Rec. Secretary.
Mrs. A. P. Strout, Treasurer.
E. P. Crowell, M. D.,
D. R. Brown, M. D.,
H. A. Goodspeed, M. D.,
S. T. King, M. D., Physicians.
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<td>Mrs. M. A. Andrus</td>
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<td>&quot; Sophie Gibson</td>
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF—

THE HELPING HAND SOCIETY,

FOR 1884.

With the going out of the old year, with its burden of hopes and disappointments, its joys and its sorrows, and the ushering in of the new year, with its anticipations of failures and successes, we come to you with the Annual Report of our Society.

While the record of the events of the year just passed has in no marked way been startling in its details, yet the progress of our work has been steadily though quietly increasing, and many hearts have been made glad, and many
homes more comfortable through its modest agency, which the kindness and liberality of the charitably disposed has rendered possible.

Our monthly meetings have been regularly held, where those cases needing our assistance, having been investigated by a special committee assigned for this purpose, were duly reported, and the judgment of the committee accepted as to the advisability of giving them aid. The officers and various committees of this Society have earnestly tried to act in each case in a conscientious manner, and to be just in their decisions and distributions. If they have failed in doing this, it has not been from lack of an earnest desire to do right as unto the Lord and looking for no other reward than a conscience void of offence and His approval.

During the past year our circle has been unbroken by death or serious sickness, for which we are truly thankful.

We feel that we have been especially fortunate in keeping with us our competent Matron (Mrs. Lynn) through whose judgment and honest kindliness of heart we have been able to make our efforts so effective.
Thanks are again due Mr. Barnes for his kindness in printing our reports.

Our thanks are due the Doctors who give their services in the Dispensary work. Their reports will be found accompanying.

In closing this our Thirteenth Annual Report, we come to you with an earnest appeal for aid, could you go with us to the homes of the poor and suffering and realize how great the comfort and happiness you could give by sparing a little from your abundance, if you could feel with us how great the demand for help and how comparatively little the supply, and see the grateful appreciation of the recipients of your bounty, we know it would inspire you to give liberally and cheerfully as the Lord has given you. Will you not help us?

During the year 490 baskets of provisions were given out, 62 ladies have been supplied with servants.
BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1885.

To the Board of Managers of The Helping Hand Society:

LADIES:

We have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the work done in The Helping Hand Dispensary from January 1st, 1884 to January 1st, 1885. The number of patients treated by the attending physicians is as follows:

Men, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 92
Women, - - - - - - - - - - - - 436
Children, - - - - - - - - - - - - 245

Total, - - - - - - - - - - - - 773

One hundred women have received special treatment during the year.

By comparing the figures in this report with those in the report for 1883, you will notice that the work in the Dispensary has nearly doubled itself in the year that has just closed.
A large number of visits have been made when the patients have been too ill to present themselves at the Dispensary. The Dispensary is open every afternoon, and two physicians give gratuitous treatment to the poor who apply for medical aid.

We wish to acknowledge the valuable service which Mrs. Lynn has rendered during the year.

We are, very respectfully,

Edward P. Crowell, M. D.,
87½ Putnam Ave.

D. R. Brown, M. D.,
199 Greene Ave.

Sam'l T. King, M. D.,
445 Franklin Ave.
Annual Report of Treasurer of The Helping Hand for Year ending December 31st, 1884.

Dr.

To Cash, Balance December 31st, 1883, - $243.81
   " City Appropriation, - 1,000.00
   " Donations, - 167.00
   " Return of Loans, - 10.00

$1,420.81

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By Cash paid for Rents and Relief, $620.88
   " Coal, - 75.01
   " Gas, - 9.00
   " Medicines, - 87.21
   " Dispensary, - 2.50
   " Groceries, - 175.26
   " Pork, - 21.12
   " Repairs, - 17.00
   " Extra Services, - 10.00
   " Matron, - 252.00
   " Balance December 31st, 1884, 150.83

$1,420.81

Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE G. STROUT,

Treasurer.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 31st, 1884.

BROOKLYN, January 13th, 1885.

I have examined this account, and find it correct.

J. F. ANDERSON, JR.
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CASH DONATIONS — Continued.

Mrs. A. Church, ........................................ $3 00
" D. H. Houghtaling, .................................. 3 00
" C. Schenck, ........................................... 2 00
" N. Stevens, ........................................... 2 00
" Wm. Moses, ........................................... 1 00
" Huntington, .......................................... 1 00

DONATIONS—CLOTHING, ETC.

Mrs. Gregg, ................................................ Clothing.
" Sloan, .................................................. "
" Rodnagig, ............................................. "
" Richardson, ......................................... "
" Hanford, ............................................. "
" Schutle, ............................................... Socks, Collars and Cuffs.
" Malkins, ............................................... Bottles for Dispensary.
" Fuller, ................................................ Clothing.
" Schenck, ............................................... "
Church of Our Father, ................................ Clothing and Toys.
Mrs. George Pendleton, ................................ Shoes.
Mrs. W. Vail, .......................................... Clothing.