

found themselves in the quarters which were so generously granted to them, rent free, for nearly fourteen years. Money, too, was received, in amounts sufficient to meet daily needs, and, on the whole, the outlook was more cheerful.

Will any of the old members of the Committee forget the five dollars (surely providential) sent that first Christmas Eve, when but a few cents were left, or the enthusiasm over the first *twenty* dollars received. On the other hand, are they not likely to remember the weary hours spent in cooking, or in dispensing—or worst of all—the afternoon when no applicants appeared?

Although the ladies made a house to house canvass of the doctors, leaving a card which explained the object of the work, it was seldom remembered that first year, and orders were such a rarity that the idea of closing the door permanently was mooted, though to the credit of the Committee be it stated, it was frowned upon.

All this time a large number of ladies were engaged in the work. The original Committee did the cooking, at which they spelled one another two mornings of each week, with the aid of a charwoman for the heaviest of the work.