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Twenty-third Annual Report

OF

ST. GEORGE'S

DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETY.

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"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."—PSALM xli. 1.

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THE approach of winter, and the preparation needed for that inclement season, remind those who are interested in the welfare of the sick and destitute, that the time has again arrived when a provision is requisite to meet the necessities of those who are unable to lay by a store for themselves, but are compelled to look to the sympathy and assistance of such as are blessed with health and plenty.

The District Visiting Society of St. George's Parish has now been in operation for 23 years. During this period, many hundreds of pounds have been employed, through its means, in relieving the wants of the suffering and needy in this community. Many distressed families and individuals have partaken of its benefits; while the spiritual good effected by its humble instrumentality will only be known when "God shall bring

every work into judgment." Year by year its appeals have been made on behalf of God's poor; and year by year its appeals have been responded to by the charitable and benevolent. And although since its commencement many other channels have been opened for conveying blessings to the destitute, yet the Committee confidently hope that the claims of the old Society will not be overlooked; but that ample means will still be supplied by its many friends, so that it may be able to go on with its work, and continue to be, as heretofore, a comfort to the afflicted, and a blessing to the poor of the community.

Through the continued mercy of our heavenly Benefactor, we have passed a peaceful and comparatively prosperous summer. While many in the Mother Country have been living in a state of great destitution, and many others in the neighboring States have been called upon to undergo the privations, and endure the horrors caused by a woeful war, we have had enough to meet our temporal wants, and have enjoyed our many

comforts, "every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, and none to make us afraid." Surely these are blessings for which we should not only feel, but also *express* our gratitude. And, according to the teaching of the Scriptures, there is no manner in which we can more acceptably manifest our thankfulness to the Giver of all good, than by contributing to the necessities of those whom the Saviour has appointed to represent Him, and to receive our offerings in His name. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

With these considerations, we ask you to give according as you have the ability; and to pray that what you give may be attended with the blessing of God.

CASH ACCOUNT of St. George's District Visiting Society, from November 1, 1862, to October 31, 1863.

DR.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year.....		0	5	0½
By Contributions and Collections by Visitors		71	2	6½
From the Mayor (Sykes Fund).....		3	15	0
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		£75	2	7
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To Paid for Printing Reports.....		1	5	0
Do. Condemned Barrack Bedding,		10	16	8
Do. Expended by Visitors in Food, Fuel, and Clothing for the Poor		63	0	0
Balance in hand.....		0	0	11
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		£75	2	7
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R. F. UNIACKE,
Treasurer,

T. CRISP,
Secretary.

CASH ACCOUNT of St. George's Ladies' Benevolent
Society, from November 1, 1862, to Oct. 31, 1863.

DR.		£	s.	d.
By Donations and Subscriptions.....		8	15	0
Amount Received for Clothing and Bed- ding sold to the Poor.....		8	0	10½
		<u>£16 15 10½</u>		

CR.		£	s.	d.
To paid for Nourishment.....		2	4	3
Fuel given to the Sick.....		3	11	0
Cash given.....		1	17	6
Condemned Barrack Bedding.....		3	5	7½
Clothing given and sold to the Poor.....		5	17	6
		<u>£16 15 10½</u>		

1132 shirts and other garments have been made by
the poor in St. George's Parish during the past year.

ELIZABETH G. UNIACKE,
Secretary and Treasurer.