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NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

St. George's
DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETY:

1859.

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”—*Matt. xxv. 40.*

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REPORT.

THE season has arrived when the Committee of the District Visiting Society of St. George's Parish are accustomed to present their Annual Report, and, at the same time, to renew their appeal to the sympathies of their Christian friends.

It is not necessary, on such occasions, to enter into a lengthy statement respecting the appropriation of the funds with which they have been entrusted. Suffice it to say, that a careful judgment and discrimination is at all times exercised in dispensing aid to those who are found really needing the necessaries of life. The experience of several years in the management of this institution, the general sympathy which it has always awakened towards the sick and weary, and the practical good it has, with God's

blessing, been enabled to effect, confirm the Committee more and more in the opinion that the mode in which its operations are conducted is well adapted to accomplish its desired object.

During the past year, the visitors have maintained a friendly intercourse with the poor ; and they have reason to hope that a blessing has attended their humble efforts to relieve the wants of the body, and to speak a "word in season" to those who have thus been brought more immediately within their influence. In several instances, they have been called upon to administer to the necessities of the dying,—those who, without such assistance, would, in addition to the sufferings of lingering disease, have been destitute of temporal comforts to sustain them on the bed of death.

The Committee cannot but regret that it is not in their power to do more for the needy and distressed. In the course of their visiting they become acquainted with many cases of pitiable want, where, from the limited means at their disposal, they are obliged to deal out their help with a most sparing hand.

With this fact in their knowledge, they now make their earnest appeal to the Christian public. They ask for such means as shall enable them to do something for the relief of the suffering poor; and they would remind their friends of the gracious words of our Lord himself: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

CASH ACCOUNT of ST. GEORGE'S DISTRICT VISITING
SOCIETY, from Nov. 1, 1858, to Oct. 2, 1859.

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To contributions and collections by visitors.. £71 15 6½

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By balance due the Treasurer.....	2	1	6
Paid for employment of poor.....	5	0	0
" condemned barrack bedding	2	10	0
" burial expenses for destitute persons,	1	13	6
Expended by visitors in fuel, nourishment, &c.			
for poor.....	55	15	4½
Interest on small sums deposited by poor wo-			
men	0	13	7
Printing Annual Report.....	1	5	0
Balance on hand.....	2	16	7

£71 15 6½

R. F. UNIACKE,
Treasurer.

T. CRISP,
Secretary.

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