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THE CAMBRIDGE SANITARY SOCIETY having finished its labors, some account of its first attempts and great success — honorable to Cambridge people, and especially to the young ladies who have shown such hearty zeal and real ability in the management of all the work — seems worthy of being recorded.

The former Treasurer and Secretary began in October, 1861, by collecting some subscriptions ; and, having obtained the use of one of the small rooms connected with Lyceum Hall, opened it on Thursdays from nine to four, to receive donations and give out work. And, as the record shows, the people liberally responded. Other young ladies joined in the labors of remaining at the rooms and keeping a record of the work, also in cutting and preparing the articles to be made, and inspecting them when returned. Many who had nothing else to give gladly gave their time, and took home garments to be made. And here it may be as well to say, that the sewing has *chiefly* been done by giving it out to poor women, employed by different ladies who paid them ; and of late the Trustees of the Soldiers' Fund of Cambridge have in this way assisted some of the women connected with soldiers' families.

The work increased so much that the other small room of the Hall was taken as a cutting-room, and a larger body of ladies was collected, who volunteered their assistance.

A Handkerchief Society was started among the young girls, and a Slipper Society was successfully carried on for two seasons at the house of the present Treasurer, where all sorts of pieces of old carpeting, &c. were liberally contributed by various people, and odds and ends that seemed past service made useful.

The funds were raised by personal solicitation, until December, 1862, when the plan was started of monthly subscriptions, that the managers might know what sum they could depend upon for their yearly work.

For three years the labor was carried on almost entirely by those who had first commenced it, with an amount of patient self-sacrifice and quiet hard work, some idea of which may be formed by looking at the accompanying Reports, though they give but a small idea of the labor of purchasing materials; of cutting, distributing, receiving, and inspecting the work; of keeping the accounts of the sewing given out to different individuals and sewing-circles (many of whom lent most efficient aid), and of lists of the donations received; of packing and forwarding the boxes, for each of which a double invoice was made. Also the accounts of the money received, collected, and expended, and all the necessary letters to be written.

It was found that the labor was too much, and it was proposed to distribute it by reorganizing the Society, which was accordingly done at a public meeting held in Lyceum Hall, January 5, 1865. The number of officers was greatly increased, and the work more subdivided. The rooms at Lyceum Hall being found too small, the City kindly allowed the use of their new room in Church Street, from January until the last of June, and the work continued with renewed energy, until the happy completion of the war rendered their labors no longer necessary.

It is pleasant to record in this connection the hearty co-operation the Society, from its cause so appealing to the hearts of all, has received in all directions. The rooms have been allowed mostly free of rent, the coal given, the express work and printing of reports were free of charge, and all the little repairs and necessary assistance have been rendered with a cheerfulness and kindness which make a most pleasant remembrance to all who have been privileged to assist in this great work, and do our share in helping our beloved country in this its time of need.

JANE L. GRAY, *President.*

CAMBRIDGE, Sept., 1865.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ON June 29, 1865, a general meeting of the Cambridge Sanitary Society was held, at which a vote was passed that the Society should disband, in consequence of directions received from the United States Sanitary Commission to forward no more supplies after July 4. A statement was made by the Chairman of the Trustees of the Fund for Cambridge Volunteers of their work and aims, and, after some discussion, a vote was passed to present the surplus funds, amounting to thirteen hundred and ten dollars, to that Society.

A vote was passed requesting the Secretary to prepare a statement of the work accomplished by the Cambridge Sanitary Society since its beginning. The following is accordingly respectfully submitted.

From October 30, 1861, to July 6, 1865, we have forwarded to the Boston Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission 137 boxes, 10 barrels, 33 bundles, containing

10545 shirts,	3664 pairs of drawers,
301 dressing-gowns,	1770 pairs of socks,
1091 pairs of slippers,	1882 pocket-handkerchiefs,
277 pillows and cushions,	103 sheets,
1034 towels,	251 pairs of mittens,
46 blankets,	97 quilts and comforters,
477 bottles and jars of jelly, wine, &c.	22 jars of pickles,
332 packages of edibles,	

besides large quantities of old cotton, linen and flannel, lint, band-ages, books, illustrated papers and magazines, and pillow-cases, bed-ticks, pillow-ticks, fans, soap, beeswax, mutton-tallow, salve, caps, India-rubber cloth, work-bags, pin-cushions, wristers, bands, com-

presses, stationery, games, biscuits, crackers, dried apples, lemons, bitters, whiskey, brandy, cologne, bay-water, and second-hand clothing.

Of the above articles the following have been made by the Society:—

10156 shirts,	3455 pairs of drawers,
266 dressing-gowns,	477 pairs of socks,
860 pairs of slippers,	1994 handkerchiefs and towels,
32 comforters,	8 pairs of mittens.

Making a total of 17,248 articles, made from Oct. 24, 1861, to July 6, 1865.

CATHERINE A. ELIOT, *Secretary.*

RECAPITULATION.

FORWARDED FROM OCTOBER, 1861, TO JULY, 1865.

	Shirts.	Drawers.	Dress'g- gowns.	Socks.	Slippers.	Pillows, &c.	Handks.	Towels.	Mittens.	Sheets.	Blank'ts.	Quilts, &c.	Bottl's, &c.	Jars	Peck'ge Edibl's.
From Oct. 1861, to Jan. 1863,	1,868	1,654	84	892	357	209	1,140	266	225	60	34	72	239	7	196
From Jan. 1863, to Jan. 1864,	4,052	1,093	74	399	430	68	543	0	0	31	10	23	105	11	122
From Jan. 1864, to Jan. 1865,	3,051	425	92	326	173	0	62	24	26	9	2	0	127	4	13
From Jan. 1865, to July, 1865,	1,574	492	51	153	131	0	137	744	0	3	0	2	6	0	1
	10,545	3,664	301	1,770	1,091	277	1,882	1,034	251	103	46	97	477	22	332

MADE FROM OCTOBER, 1861, TO JULY, 1865.

	Shirts.	Drawers.	Dress'g-gowns.	Socks.	Slippers.	Towels & Handks.	Mittens.	Comforters.
From Oct. 1861, to Jan. 1863,	1,747	1,502	56	106	183	826	4	32
From Jan. 1863, to Jan. 1864,	3,880	1,071	69	75	398	336	0	0
From Jan. 1864, to Jan. 1865,	2,969	411	91	185	152	0	4	0
From Jan. 1865, to July, 1865,	1,560	471	50	111	127	832	0	0
	10,156	3,455	266	477	860	1,994	8	32

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

FROM OCTOBER, 1861, TO JULY, 1865.

<i>Received</i>		\$ 12,468.25
Paid for cloth, flannel, crash, &c.	\$ 10,588.41	
“ tape, threads, buttons, &c.	244.95	
“ stationery and printing	32.38	
“ yarn	136.83	
“ expressage	39.32	
“ room expenses	29.37	
“ incidentals	52.92	
“ rent for Lyceum Hall	8.00	
“ printing and postage of this Report	26.07	
	\$ 11,158.25	
Balance	1,310.00	
	\$ 12,468.25	

MARY H. COOKE, *Treasurer.*



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