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MEETING AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Eighty-two Thousand Dollars Collected Up to Four o'Clock.

A meeting was held yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce to aid the sufferers from the conflagration in Chicago. There was a very large attendance of some of the most prominent merchants of New York, and, as will be seen, the most heartfelt sympathy was expressed for those upon whom the dreadful calamity has fallen. Mr. George Opdyke presided and called the meeting to order.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce, you are all aware of the object that has brought us together this morning. The overwhelming calamity that has overtaken our sister city of Chicago has awakened the profoundest sympathy throughout the United States. The extent of this misfortune is probably without a parallel on this Continent. The telegraph assures us that the larger and fairer portion of that city is in ashes, and that nearly one half of its stricken citizens are exposed—houseless, homeless and without food. The immense pecuniary loss involved in this disaster we have not met to consider. The intimate commercial relations between this city and Chicago will, no doubt, in time, make us feel and share it with them to the fullest extent; but it is for the suffering of those who are exposed to the inclemency of the weather and without food that we are called upon to exert our active, prompt and earnest sympathy. I have no doubt that the representative body of the commerce of this city is prepared to make good its record in the past, and that it has a heart to feel for the distresses and misfortune that overwhelm Chicago. As an evidence of the spirit and sympathy of our members I beg leave to read a note addressed to the chair, which has just been placed in my hands:—

OCTOBER 10, 1871.

Hon. WM. E. DODGE, President New York Chamber of Commerce:—

DEAR SIR—Our Mr. Hatch, who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is absent from the city, or he would be with you to-day to consult and act with you for the immediate relief of the suffering people of Chicago. But as action, not words, is what is needed, you are hereby authorized to draw on us for $10,000 to use in their behalf. Yours, very truly, FISK & HATCH.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. LOW—Mr. President, I have a few words to say on the preamble and resolutions, however inadequate in language, to express properly the sense of the calamity that has overtaken the city of Chicago. We are told that the city is in ashes. We know that the very best portions of the city—the very best buildings, its warehouses, with their produce—have been burned to the ground and that the citizens are houseless and homeless. I, therefore, move the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas a disaster of unparalleled magnitude has befallen the city of Chicago, and in a single day, 100,000 of her citizens have been driven from their homes by a devastating fire, and without shelter, without food and without clothing these stand facing the early approach of winter amid the ashes of their dwellings and the wreck of their cherished hopes. And whereas our own city, bound to Chicago by so many ties of interest and sympathy, is filled with hearts that know how to feel for those who have been so suddenly despoiled, and is blessed with ample means to minister to the "homeless and houseless" in their great extremity.

Resolved, That this Chamber would, at the earliest moment, tender to the citizens of Chicago the expression of its profound regret, of its heartfelt sympathy, and at the same time proffer its word of encouragement and cheer, in the assured belief that the marvellous vitality of its population will quickly restore what has been so suddenly lost to the commercial metropolis of the West.

Resolved, That a committee of —— be appointed to collect subscriptions in aid of the sufferers by the recent calamity, and that the moneys that may be collected be forwarded to the Mayor of the city of Chicago, or to such committee of its citizens as may be appointed to receive and distribute contributions.

Resolved, That the committee of this Chamber have authority to receive subscriptions from the city at large.

The motion having been duly seconded, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN asked of what number the committee should consist.

Mr. LOW—The number of one hundred has been suggested. I therefore move that one hundred gentlemen be appointed on the committee, with power to add to their number.

The CHAIRMAN put the motion, which was adopted. He suggested that it was also desirable that a subscription book be now opened and that members present have an opportunity of putting down their names for whatever amount they saw fit. He would invite Mr. Low, who offered the resolution, to head the subscription list.

Mr. LOW—You may put me down for a couple of thousand dollars. (Applause.)

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Mr. HILTON—I am authorized by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, which has suffered fearfully by the disaster, to ask you to put down their subscription for $10,000. (Applause.) The directors of that company feel, as every one feels, that this calamity must be distributed. It is impossible that it should rest on Chicago. It will distribute itself by laws as immutable as those by which water seeks its own level. At the same time those who are to suffer should be the first to contribute, because they feel most deeply how heavily the great calamity is going to fall upon the whole community. I would scarcely have said anything in addition to announcing the subscription but for the fact that Mr. Cooper regrets extremely his inability to attend. He requested me, however, to have his name put down for $1,000, and if more is required more will come from the same source. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN stated that the firm of Jay Cooke & Co. had sent a contribution of $10,000.

The announcement was received with applause.

THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Mr. J. STEWART—After hearing the announcement of such subscriptions as $10,000 I am almost ashamed to rise, but in a case like this there should be no hesitation to make a contribution, however small. I think it is an honor to do so. At a meeting held last night representing the Presbytery of New York, at which I happened to be present, though not a member, Dr. Prime, who presided, and many members present suggested that something should be done for Chicago. Dr. Prime made a feeling appeal and considered that every church connected with the Presbytery should take up a collection for the purpose on the next Lord's day. Many gentlemen made similar suggestions. A subscription list was opened last night by the clergymen at once, and the sum of $503 was collected, and I have now got a cheque in my pocket for that amount. (Applause.) It was all done on the spur of the moment. Clergymen are not as rich as we in Wall street. You know their salaries are small. They have not their five or ten thousand dollars to give away; but they give what they can with a good heart and with the wish that it may do good. (Applause.)

Mr. HENRY CLEWS, of the firm of Clews & Co.—On behalf of my firm, I am authorized to subscribe $10,000. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN—I have to ask the gentlemen to send up their names or come forward with their subscriptions, as they see fit.

Mr. LOW—It has been suggested that a telegraphic message should be at once sent to the Mayor of Chicago, apprising him of the collection of money here, and that provisions, &c., should be hurried to the spot. Now, such is not my judgment in the matter. I believe it is far wiser to collect this money and send it in due time to the authorities, when a judicious committee has been appointed, and when they will have need enough for its distribution. Other cities of the West will forward supplies which will doubtless meet existing emergencies. This Chamber should raise all the money it can, and hold it in hand until they could send it to the proper persons in Chicago, to distribute it when it will be most needed after the fury of this tremendous conflagration is over. I verily believe the wants of the moment are doubtless pressing, but they will be readily met from the West. A little later will come the cold and chill of winter, and these houseless people will need all the money they can get for that pressing hour. I hope the terms of the resolution that money will be received as speedily as possible will be carried out, and we can send it to Chicago when a Committee of its best citizens is appointed to distribute the fund according to the emergency of the occasion. (Applause.) A suggestion has been made in respect to the language of the resolution. It says, "and Chicago will again become the commercial metropolis of the West." I move that the words read thus, "and Chicago will continue to be the commercial metropolis of the West." (Applause.)

The motion was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN—We have with us to-day a distinguished member of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. A suggestion comes from him to the effect that if a cable despatch were sent from this Chamber to the Chambers in Liverpool, Edinburg, Glasgow and the other leading cities of Great Britain he thinks it would insure a generous response. I venture to invite the gentleman to express his views to the Chamber.

Mr. PATTERSON, of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, said—Mr. President, I only hoped to be permitted to make a private communication to yourself, and did not think I would have the honor of offering any suggestions to a meeting so distinguished as the present. In England I am sure the feeling of sympathy will be as intense as it is in New York for the sufferings of those who have been visited by so dire a calamity; but the appreciation of the extent of the calamity and of the means that can be taken for its alleviation cannot be by any means so vivid as with the gentlemen who are so intimately and practically acquainted with the circumstances of the catastrophe. Therefore, sir, I venture upon the suggestion that a representation should go from the Chamber clothed with the authority of the distinguished body over which you so honorably preside, to make my countrymen aware of the extent of the calamity, and that if they were invited to assist in relieving the sufferings of the distressed, and had the assurance of a body so favorably known as this Chamber is in England, that the relief forwarded would be judiciously distributed for the relief of human sufferings, they would generously contribute. Therefore I ventured to make the suggestion, and I think I may venture in advance to pledge my townsmen, and I doubt not other towns will compete with Liverpool in doing something to relieve the suffering of such a calamity; that they would be found to do their duty when the voice of the Almighty God spoke with a tongue of fire in such unmistakable language, and calling on humanity to relieve those whom He has, in His inscrutable providence, visited with such a calamity. That is the reason, sir, why I ventured to make the suggestion. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair ventures to express, in the name of the entire members of this body, the thanks of the Chamber for the warm sympathy Mr. Patterson has expressed in view of this overwhelming calamity, and the Chair awaits the action of the Chamber as to whether a telegram should be sent to Liverpool and other cities. I will now read a letter from Messrs. Morris K. Jesup & Co. to the Mayor of Chicago:—

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

GEORGE OPDYKE, Vice President Chamber of Commerce:—

DEAR SIR—We have just sent the following telegram to the Mayor of Chicago:—"We place $5,000 at your disposal, subject to draft at sight, for the sufferers. Our hearts and sympathies are with you.

We feel that by promptly extending relief much suffering may be prevented, while what already exists may be alleviated. Yours, truly, M. K. JESUP & CO."

General WETMORE—It does not seem to me that the statement of the gentleman from Liverpool should be allowed to pass by in silence. I will move that the thanks of the Chamber be given to that gentleman, and communicated to him by the officials of this Chamber, for the interesting suggestion he has made, and that its further consideration be referred to the committee hereafter to be appointed.

The motion was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN announced a contribution of $500 from E. W. Stoughton, accompanied by the following letter:—

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

DEAR SIR—Will you permit me, through your honorable body, convened to enable its members to respond to the appeal for aid made by the Mayor of Chicago, to contribute for the noble object you have in view the sum of five hundred dollars, which I herewith enclose, by check to your order for that amount, and oblige, yours truly, E. W. STOUGHTON.

To WM. E. DODGE, Esq., the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. GEORGE WILSON, Secretary, then read the names of the following gentlemen appointed a committee by the chairman:—John C. Green, John Taylor Johnson, A. A. Low, Charles H. Marshall, Robert Lenox Kennedy, Samuel D. Babcock, Charles E. Beebe, George W. Blunt, Peter Cooper, George S. Coe, Benjamin H. Field, Sheppard Gandy, George Griswold, Walter S. Griffith, John D. Jones, Morris K. Jesup, James B. Johnson, George W. Lane, Nathaniel L. McCready, U. A. Murdock, Frank E. Howe, David Olphant, Samuel B. Ruggles, A. R. Wetmore, Jonathan Sturges, John T. Terry, Horace B. Claflin, James Low, Oliver Harriman, S. B. Chittenden, A. T. Stewart, David Hoadley, Edward S. Jaffray, Abram S. Hewitt, Frederick S. Winston, Russell Sturges, John A. Stevens, Andrew V. Stout, Samuel Sloan, Charles Abernethy, Thomas Achelis, Charles L. Anthony, Daniel S. Appleton, Benj. G. Arnold, John Auchincloss, Francis M. Babcock, Henry J. Baker, Christopher C. Baldwin, Martin Bates, Abraham B. Baylis, Stanton Blake, George Bliss, William T. Blodgett, John H. Boynton, James M. Brown, James Brown, Stewart Brown, William Bryce, James Bryce, Robert S. Bussing, George A. Crocker, William B. Crocker, William F. Cary, Lucius E. Cary, Henry Clews, F. A. Conkling, James M. Constable, George W. Dow, Pitt Cooke, H. C. Fahnestock, Edward Faile, Harvey Farrington, William H. Fogg, Alex. Forman, William H. Guion, John S. Williams, L. A. Jacobus, D. Willis James, Charles G. Landon, William H. Lee, John D. McKenzie, Samuel McLean, Charles Mall, Dibrell P. Montague, Henderson Moore, George L. Nichols, Joseph B. Orvis, Jackson S. Schultz, William Seligman, E. F. Shepard, Charles Smith, Barnet L. Solomon, Henry R. Southwick, L. J. N. Stark, L. J. Shastay, Anson Phelps Stokes, Peter O. Strang, E. B. Strange, A. B. Strange, Robert L. Stuart, E. N. Thiebaud, Charles L. Tiffany, William S. Tisdale, Simon Tobias, William M. Vermilyea, Francis T. Walker, R. Warren Weston, James P. Wallace, Alexander M. White, Thomas Woodward, Henry R. Worthington, Edward M. Wright, William J. Peake, George K. Statare, William B. Scott, Josiah O. Low, [illegible] Wendell, E. E. Poor, C. N. Bliss.

The officers of the Chamber were added to the committee.

General WETMORE said he hoped that after the business of the meeting was over every member would have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Patterson.

The CHAIRMAN replied that he would endeavor to give members that opportunity. The chairman then announced that the subscriptions up to the present (half-past twelve P. M.) amounted to $60,000 and he thought that they would soon amount to $100,000.

Mr. CLEWS stated that he had been informed that the Stock Exchange had voted $50,000 for the sufferers in Chicago.

Mr. LOW—The suggestion made by the gentleman from Liverpool is too important to admit of any delay in acting upon it. I therefore move "that the officers of this Chamber communicate with the principal cities of Europe very briefly informing them of the loss sustained by the citizens of Chicago, and invite such aid as they may be moved in their hearts to render."

The motion, having been seconded, it was unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN said he was desirous of expressing his gratification that this motion had been adopted, and after announcing that the committee would meet in the Chamber of Commerce to-day at eleven o'clock, the meeting was, on motion, adjourned.

THE CABLE DESPATCH TO EUROPE.

The following cable despatch has been sent by the President:—

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

The New York Chamber of Commerce, at the suggestion of a member of the Liverpool Chamber, warmly commends to the generous sympathy of the commercial centres of Great Britain and Ireland the suffering multitudes of Chicago who have been rendered utterly destitute by the conflagration in that city. GEORGE OPDYKE, First Vice President.

TO THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE at Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Bradford, Kidderminster, Sheffield, Hull, Newcastle, Leith, Falmouth, Cork, The Potteries, Stoke-upon-Trent, Macclesfield, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburg, Dublin, Belfast, Bristol, Southampton, Falmouth.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following is a list of the subscriptions to the Chicago Relief Fund, collected at the Chamber of Commerce, up to four P. M. yesterday:—

Cortlandt de P. Field	$200
John Wilson & Sons	250
Fiske & Hatch	$10,000
Henry Clews & Co.	10,000
Illinois Central Railroad Company, by Abram S. Hewitt	10,000
Jay Cooke & Co.	10,000
H. B. Claflin & Co.	10,000
Morris K. Jessup & Co.	5,000
Employes of H. B. Claflin & Co.	3,000
J. & W. Seligman	2,500
A. A. Low & Brothers	2,000
George Opdyke & Co.	2,000
Phelps, Dodge & Co.	2,000
Peter Cooper	1,000
S. P. Chittenden & Co.	1,000
Peake, Opdyke & Co.	1,000
Jonathan Sturges	1,000
Weston & Gray	1,000
Samuel McLean & Co.	1,000
Faberi & Chauncey	1,000
Babcock & Brothers	1,000
Cooper, Hewitt & Co.	1,000
Spaulding, Hunt & Co.	1,000
Benkard & Hutton	1,000
The Presbytery of New York, by J. & J. Stuart	503
H. J. Baker & Brother	500
Williams & Guion	500
E. W. Stoughton	500
Henry W. T. Mali & Co.	500
American Bank Note Company	500
Cyrus W. Field	500
John Devoi & Sons	300
William Brinckerhoff & Co.	100
Dr. Edward Delafield	100
H. Astie & Co.	100
Miss Emma H. Delafield	25
Cash	3
Cash	1
Total	$82,082

THE NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Ten Thousand Dollars Given and Over Seventeen Thousand Dollars Subscribed.

The members of the New York Produce Exchange met yesterday afternoon at one o'clock for the purpose of contributing to the relief of the Chicago sufferers. Mr. Isaac Reed, the President of the Produce Exchange, occupied the chair, and after repeated tappings of the hammer succeeded in bringing the busy hum of voices to a stop. He briefly stated the object of the meeting, and called attention to the following preamble and resolution, which were submitted by a member:—

Whereas the city of Chicago has been devastated by a fire unparalleled in the destruction of property and driving thousands of its citizens from their homes and leaving them without present means of satisfying even the pangs of hunger, therefore

Resolved, without the expression of any other sympathy, that a committee be appointed to obtain subscriptions for material aid from the members of this Exchange, with power to co-operate with any other committees appointed in the city of New York for a similar purpose.

An animated discussion ensued. Mr. Wickes, of the firm of Wickes, Rossiter & Co., said the amount was too small for a body like the New York Produce Exchange. A very large portion of the burned parts of the city was occupied by enterprising young men, fathers or small families who are dependent upon their daily exertions. He offered as an amendment that a subscription should be opened immediately and the collected money remitted this very evening. He headed the subscription with $1,000.

The offer and the resolution were enthusiastically received, and a committee of thirty, consisting of the following gentlemen, was appointed to take charge of the subscription:—J. H. Reed, David Dows, Jesse Hoyt, Josiah M. Fisk, Aaron H. Philips, William W. Wickes, Lewis Roberts, H. O. Annon, Franklin Edson, George Hecker, Stephen D. Harrison, Stephen K. Lane, L. N. J. Stark, Archibald Baxter, George D. Cragin, Theodore Perry, Frederick Sherwood, John H. Pool, Edward Cromwell, J. B. Shaw, J. Hoeart Herrick, A. E. Masters, William Blanchard, Benjamin W. Floyd, E. L. Brown, Horatio Reed, Monroe Crane, John Holzderber, A. D. Spaulding, Frederick Link.

Another proposition authorizing the New York Produce Exchange to remit at once $10,000 out of its treasury was likewise accepted.

The following amounts were then subscribed at the meeting:—

W. Wickes	$1,000	L. Roberts & Co.	500
David Dows & Co.	1,000	John Charles Barber	100
John Porter	50	John Tracey & Co.	500
Monroe Crane	200	Charles Parker	100
John Holzderber & Co.	100	R. P. Buck & Co.	100
M. Park	100	C. H. Midday	100
W. J. Donnell	100	J. F. Whitney	100
F. J. Weeks	100	Mann & Jenkins	150
S. P. Knapp	200	John Gordon	50
Metcalf & Gibbs	100	James Davitt	50
H. W. Smith	250	L. Boyer	50
John Lockett & Co.	500	W. H. Cleveland	100
John Barrett	100	W. H. Power & Co.	100
Geo. H. Boyn & Son	100	David Bingham	100
George McGrath	100	Williams, Bee & Co.	100
Archibald Baxter & Co.	500	Strout Bros.	200
Franklin Edson & Co.	200	F. H. Allen & Co.	50
Webb, Turner & Co.	200	J. Ward, Foster & Co.	500
Goodwin & Elliott	50	John J. Bate	50
Callender & Henderson	100	Jas. W. Croxson	50
A. Spaulding	100	Michael Hennessy	25
Shotwell Bros.	100	P. H. Van Riper & Co.	100
Whitman Bros & Howe	100	J. B. Knapp	50
E. M. Van Tassell	100	Cook & Sledge	100
Robert Norman	50	E. G. Burgess & Co.	50
Easton & McMahon	250	A. Bonnell	100
Watts, Parker & Co.	100	B. G. Rogers	100
Charles W. Strachan	15	J. H. Reed & Co	250
W. H. Irwin & Co.	100	Thos. Richardson	100
C. H. Remington	100	J. H. Herrick	500
Charles White & Co.	100	Cooper & Co.	100
F. E. Smith	100	Gould H. Thorp	100
James Davis	25	Cary & Yale	200
E. Annon	250	Kent & Co.	100
Dalton & Townsend	100	John S. Roberts & Son	50
D. H. Sherman & Co.	250	W. Powell & Co.	100
J. H. Boynton	100	Davis & Atwood	50
Bechstein & Co.	100	M. Marshall	50
Porter & Wickmore	500	Weidinger & Schmidt	100
Wickes & Douglass	100	Wm. Sparrow & Co.	200
Charles L. Higgins & Co.	50	John H. Pool	200
Goulard, Rowe & Bostwick	75	Knapp & Co.	200
Holbrook Mfg. Co.	50	W. H. Fleeman	50
Work, Pennel & Foster	100	Frederick Jacobi	50
John Sinclair & Co.	100	Hughes, Hickox & Co.	500
McBride & Bartlett	100	John Hason	25
John Orpe	500	E. S. Coleman & Co.	250
John Sutphen	100	D. A. McTavish	100
A. M. Atwell	10	Albert & Daniels	100
A. D. Corson	20	Jewell, Harrison & Co.	250
Gamble & McNeill	100	C. H. Going	25
Philipps & Co.	100	L. B. Shaw & Co.	200
A. H. Simons	10	N.Y. Float. & Elevat'g Co.	200
E. Emerson	50	H. A. Drayton	100
C. F. Emerson & Co.	50	T. M. Mark	100
Chamberlain Bros. & Co.	250	Charles Haight & Co.	100

Total.....$17,650

The subscription is being continued and the amounts received will be remitted at once to Chicago.

ACTION OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Subscribed for the Sufferers.

Immediately after the first call in the Stock Exchange, yesterday morning, the President called the assembly to order, and Mr. W. Alexander Smith, with a few prefatory remarks, offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Governing Committee to instruct the Treasurer of the Board to pay over to the proper authorities the sum of $50,000 as the contribution of the New York Stock Exchange for the relief of the sufferers by the recent fire in Chicago, with the expression of the sincerest sympathy with them in this distressing calamity which has visited their city.

Mr. J. L. Brownell then moved the adoption of the following amendment, which was carried unanimously, and the Exchange resumed business:—

And if the Governing Committee find that the finances of the Board will admit, that the sum be increased on their discretion to $50,000.

The Stock Exchange, therefore, virtually gives every cent in its possession to the suffering people of Chicago. A meeting of the Governing Committee will meet to-day, at half-past two o'clock, to approve and carry out the wishes of the Exchange.

THE MEN OF GOLD AROUSED.

Five Thousand Dollars To Be Handed In, and More Promised.

At three o'clock yesterday the uproar in the Gold Room was suddenly stopped by the Vice President, Mr. T. A. Hoyt, who called the turbulent bulls and bears to order and feelingly addressed them on the subject of the Chicago fire. All was silent in a moment, and a committee was forthwith appointed to take action. The committee reported in favor of the Governing Board paying $5,000 to the order of the Mayor of Chicago.

A committee was also appointed to collect $10 from each member of the Board, independently of the $5,000 voted, in aid of the great charity. A meeting will be held to-day.

MEETING OF IMPORTERS AND GROCERS.

Resolutions of Sympathy—The Subscription List.

A number of merchants met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Importers and Grocers' Board of Trade, Wall and Pearl streets, to express sympathy with the Chicago sufferers and to raise a subscription fund for their relief. The meeting was presided over by Mr. William A. Booth, President of the Importers and Grocers' Board of Trade, and Mr. William Nelson, Secretary of the Board, acted as secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That in view of the terrible calamity which has befallen our fellow countrymen in Chicago, we extend to them our most heartfelt sympathies, with the determination to do all that lies in our power to sustain and console them in the hour of their great distress.

Resolved, That we urge the merchants of Chicago to be of good cheer. While they bow in Christian resignation to this great disaster, may they be led to a more powerful exercise of that energy and talent which made their great city one of the proudest monuments of American industry and perseverence.

The following resolution was also proposed and at first adopted, but was subsequently laid on the table:—

Resolved, That we recommend a liberal arrangement of the indebtedness of the Chicago merchants to the Eastern cities, with an exercise of forbearance and an extension of credit when asked, feeling satisfied, from our business connection with them, that it will only be required when their necessities demand the same.

The following resolution formed one of the series, but was withdrawn:—

Resolved, That we ask for them the sympathy of our banks, and that extended paper of the Chicago merchants, when offered at discount to our moneyed institutions be received with liberality, and when endorsed by responsible houses at the extension of time over the usual terms offered the bank for discount be no bar to its negotiation.

The last two resolutions formed a subject of considerable debate. It was evident that the merchants present were anxious to testify in every way to their brother merchants in Chicago their deep sympathy with them in the present emergency, and no doubt the two resolutions would have passed unanimously were it not for the especial reason that their adoption would do the Chicago merchants more harm than good. It was argued by some merchants present that if the two resolutions were to be adopted unfair advantage might be taken of them by traders in other States. Large sums of money no doubt are due all over the country to the merchants of Chicago, and if these traders were to become aware that the New York merchants had granted to their Chicago brothers an extension of time and other mercantile facilities the result might be that the traders owing money to Chicago would use that concession in their own favor, and consequently extend the time of meeting their debts, bringing their money to other markets where they would purchase for cash. This view at once struck the meeting as being sound, and, with the understanding that each merchant would act according to the spirit of the first two resolutions given above in all business relations with Chicago at the present time, the resolutions were not further pressed.

A subscription list was then opened with the following result:—

Arnold, Sturgis & Co.	$1,000	Roswell Skeel & Co.	$300
B. Johnson & Co.	1,000	Beard & Cummings	500
Acker, Merrall & Co.	500	Charles G. Hill & Co.	500
George C. Collins & Co.	500	Greer Turner Steam Sugar Refinery	500
E. Pavenstedt & Co.	500	Mollers, Morton & Co.	500
Merker, Herbut & Co.	500	Gross, Marsh & Co.	500
Carter, Hawley & Co.	500	H. & G. Farrington	400
Stanton, Sheldon & Co.	500	John Haight	100
New York Steam Sugar Refinery	500	John Middleton & Co.	100
Booth & Edgar	500	J. C. C. Reynolds	50
George W. Lane & Co.	500	W. O. McDowell	50

The following named committee was then appointed by the Chair to take charge of the subscription fund, and when it is completed to see that the moneys be applied judiciously to the sufferers:—Bradish Johnson, George C. Collins, Roswell Skeel, W. T. Booth, John D. McKenzie, Charles E. Still, George W. Lane, Henry T. Sheldon, B. B. Sherman. The meeting then adjourned.

THE COTTON MEN AT WORK.

A meeting of the Cotton Exchange was held in the afternoon, at which speeches were made by Messrs. M. B. Fielding and John H. Brower. A subscription was started and $7,500 was raised immediately. A committee was afterwards appointed, with Mr. Fielding as president, to collect money for Chicago. It is expected by the members of the Exchange that $25,000 will be raised in a few days.

HAT MEN IN COUNCIL.

The hat, cap, straw and fur goods trade yesterday resolved that a meeting of the trade be called on Wednesday, at eleven A. M., at the store of Thompson, Son & Co., 50 and 52 Howard street, to take measures for the immediate relief of the poor of Chicago.

MECHANICS AND TRADERS' EXCHANGE.

A meeting was also held at the rooms of the Mechanics and Traders' Exchange. The sum of $1,054 was subscribed in aid of the sufferers. Members desiring to contribute are requested to send their donations to W. O. Monroe, Treasurer, 27 Park place. Gustavus Isaacs is the Secretary.

POPULAR SYMPATHY AND AID.

Subscriptions Received at the Herald Office—List of Subscribers to the Fund for the Relief of the Chicago Sufferers—Fifty Thousand Dollars from Mr. A. T. Stewart—Letters from the Peopls in Sympathy and Support—Archbishop McCloskey's Appeal for Aid for the Destitute.

The awful calamity in Chicago moves the hearts of millions, not only here, but in Europe. The spontaneous movement of all classes of our citizens for the relief of the sufferers by the fire in the Garden City of the West, properly begun yesterday, will increase and spread until all who hunger may be fed, and all who are exposed to the inclemency of the autumn winds are sheltered from them. We have opened a subscription list in our business office, and for the better accommodation of persons desirous of contributing through the HERALD to the suffering citizens of destroyed Chicago, we have provided separate desks and appointed clerks to receive subscriptions. We are sure that it is unnecessary to address the benevolent in any studied appeal to their humanity. They know the urgent necessity existing for prompt and liberal aid, and we hope the response to this call will be creditable to the metropolis. The smallest sums, as well as the largest contributions, will be duly acknowledged in the HERALD and immediately forwarded to the suffering people of Chicago.

The following letters, enclosing contributions, have already been received:—

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Enclosed find one dollar towards relief for the sufferers by the Chicago fire. It will buy a loaf of bread. LABORER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Enclosed please find $10 for the relief of the Chicago sufferers. ABRAM BERNHARD.

BROOKLYN, E. D., Oct. 9, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

At a regular meeting of the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Association, held at Social Hall, corner North Ninth and Fifth streets, a member arose and asked permission of the President to read a telegraphic despatch of a great fire now raging in the city of Chicago, rendering thousands of persons homeless and destitute. After receiving permission to read the details, which affected us very much, the following resolutions were passed:—

Whereas a great fire is now raging and destroying the city of Chicago and rendering thousands of persons homeless and destitute; be it therefore

Resolved, That this association, being only three months organized and our funds not sufficiently strong to give any pecuniary aid, that we donate from our private resources.

The sum of $5 75 was therefore subscribed, and, as all of our members were not present, we will endeavor to send more by our next meeting, hoping you will receive our small mite and give it to the sufferers. I remain, &c., DANIEL HARRIS, Secretary.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Promptness is everything in this case; I don't know where to send but through you for Chicago. Enclosed find $5. E. R. G.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Enclosed please find $160 75 for the sufferers at Chicago from the cabinet makers, upholsterers and others in the employ of G. L. KELTY & CO.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Enclosed please find $100, the amount donated by Atlas Lodge, No. 316, F. and A. M., for the relief of the sufferers by the late great Chicago fire. JAMES PHILLIPS, Master.

BUREAU OF SEWERS, ENGINEER'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Oct. 10, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Enclosed please find $31 in aid of the Chicago sufferers, contributed by a few of the employes of the "Bureau of Sewers," Department of Public Works.

OTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

James Dooley	$10
William Parkhouse, bill poster, 41 Centre street	5
O. H. Barnard	250
Employes of Blum & Weill	34
John Toole	5
H. A. N.	1

DONATIONS FROM H. PERSENHEIM'S ESTABLISHMENT, BEEKMAN STREET, NEW YORK.

H. Persenheim	$10 00	A. Hartmann	$2 00
Otto Persenheim, Jr.	1 00	H. Mesloh	1 00
Charles Schubert	2 00	Henry Mohlt	1 00
John L. Hoffman, Jr.	2 50	G. Faasen	1 00
A. B. Meyer	1 00	H. Heck	50
M. F. Haas	1 00	John H. Riker	2 00
G. H. Sommerville	1 00	T. Gore	1 00
M. Loeb	1 00	J. Sheppard	1 00
E. Schoepflin	1 00	J. Widdowson	1 00
R. Bendig	1 00	Theodore Merk	1 00
A. Gedlich	1 00	Ph. Buttner	1 00
A. Miller	1 00	G. Goetz	1 00
A. Hecht	1 00	Joshua Gledhill	1 00
J. Tracy	1 00	James M. Donohue	1 00
J. McCarthy	1 00	Arthur Heney	1 00
William Mordaunt	1 00	William Graham	1 00
James Ryan	1 00	W. Hollinsworth	1 00
B. Koehler	50	John Chiochi	1 00
George Fleischman	50	James Conroy	1 00
Frank Kolb	1 00	E. J. Godly	1 00
William Schmidt	50	Fred Hele	1 00
Charles Eckart	50	Otto Klein	1 00
D. J. Mara	5 00	Jos. Wahl	1 00
T. Walsh	1 00	H. Volkman	50
L. Heuerman	1 50	H. Wolfers	1 00
J. Porter	1 00		
C. Foster	1 00	Total	$57 00

A. T. STEWART GIVES $50,000.

The following telegram was yesterday despatched to the Mayor of Chicago by Mr. A. T. Stewart:—

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

Hon. R. B. MASON, Mayor of Chicago:—

You may draw on me for $50,000, to be applied by yourself in conjunction with my friends, Messrs. Field & Lester and Mr. John V. Farwell, of your place, in aid of the sufferers by the terrible calamity which has befallen your city. Or, if preferred, I will purchase and send forward that amount in such articles of necessity as you may designate. ALEX. T. STEWART.

GLASSBLOWERS' SUBSCRIPTION.

The Bohemian Glassblowers (Woodruff and Nichols), now exhibiting at the American Institute Fair, give yesterday's receipts, amounting to $16 25, in aid of the Chicago sufferers.

FROM OVER THE SEA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

We received the following cable message from Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co., London, this morning, viz.:—"Place $5,000 at disposition of citizens of Chicago as our contribution to the relief of sufferers, with expression of our warmest sympathies." DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

ARCHBISHOP M'CLOSKEY ORDERS A COLLECTION FOR THE CHICAGO SUFFERERS.

The Most Rev. Archbishop McCloskey has sent the following circular:—

TO THE REVEREND PASTORS OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THIS CITY:—

The cry for help which comes to us in such piercing tones from the thousands of our fellow beings in Chicago, seated amid the ashes of their desolated city, without food or shelter, appeals so forcibly to every human heart that there is not one, I am sure, having it in his power to give relief, be it much or be it little, that will not promptly do so with willing, generous hand. In order that greater facilities may be offered to all the members of our flock for the exercise of a great act of Christian charity, I hereby recommend that a collection be made in all the churches of the city on the Sunday after next, the 22d inst., due announcement to be made on next Sunday.

The sums collected should be sent without delay to the Chancery Office, that they may be remitted without delay to succor the distressed. +JOHN, Archbishop of New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10, 1871.

ACTION OF THE BAPTISTS.

At an informal meeting of several of the pastors and members of the Baptist churches of this city, held at 76 East Ninth street, October 10, Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., Chairman, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the fearful calamity which is now devastating the city of Chicago awakens our deepest sympathies, and calls for immediate contributions of means to relieve the present dire necessities of its suffering inhabitants.

Resolved, That we recommend that collections for this purpose be taken in all our churches at each service next Sunday, and earnestly invite the most liberal expression of Christian philanthropy.

The following gentlemen were appointed to receive all moneys and donations and forward the same:—William A. Cauldwell, 76 Warren street; John W. Stevens, 76 East Ninth street; Andrew F. Hastings, President Security Insurance Company, Broadway and Park place.

APPEAL OF THE GRAND