GOD'S CHILDREN.

The Destitute Thousands and Their Generous Donors.

ANOTHER BOWERY BENEFIT

Tony Pastor's Matinee Furnishing Food For the Tenth Ward Poor.

THE SOUP KITCHENS.

In Charge of Mr. Delmonico.

Fourth precinct, No. 327 Water street, Captain Ulman.

Sixth precinct, No. 110 Centre street, Captain Kennedy.

Seventh precinct, No. 79 East Broadway, Captain Mount.

Eighth precinct, No. 114 Wooster street, Captain Williams.

Eleventh precinct, No. 285 Second street, Captain Murphy.

Thirteenth precinct, No. 224 Delancey street, Captain Hedden.

Fourteenth precinct, No. 53 Spring street, Captain Clinchy.

Eighteenth precinct, No. 302 avenue A, Captain Tynan.

Nineteenth precinct, Second avenue, corner of Sixty-third street, Captain Gunner.

Twentieth precinct, No. 511 West Twenty-ninth street, Captain McElwain.

Twenty-first precinct, No. 218 East Thirty-fourth street, Captain Allaire.

Twenty-second precinct, Tenth avenue, between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, Captain Killilea.

Twenty-ninth precinct, Thirty-first street, near Seventh avenue, Captain McCullogh.

Other Soup Houses.

Juvenile Guardians' Society, downtown relief, No. 14 Dey street.

Mr. Orcutt's soup kitchen, No. 17 East Seventh street, near Third avenue.

Howard Relief Association soup houses, old police station, Leonard street, and No. 51 Thompson street.

Industrial School for Women, No. 47 East Tenth street, near Broadway, gives meals and furnishes beef tea for the sick.

Fifteenth ward citizens' soup house, No. 219 Mercer street.

Twenty-first Ward Reform Club's relief house, No. 232 East Thirty-third street.

Bread and beef house, No. 306 West Fifty-second street, near Eighth avenue.

Sparta Club soup kitchen, opposite the Court House, Fifty-seventh street, near Third avenue.

Twelfth ward citizens' soup house, Harlem Market, 125th street.

Mannattanville, 130th street, near Broadway.

In Brooklyn.

Fourth precinct temporary relief soup house, Vanderbilt avenue, near Myrtle avenue.

Tenth precinct soup house, corner Bergen and Pearsall streets.

Helping Hand, Atlantic avenue.

A RUSH AT THE SOUP KITCHENS.

The continued cold weather has had its influence on the hungry and destitute population of the city. The Delmonico kitchens are now crowded every day, and the raw and piercing winds of the early March days are driving hundreds of the poor to seek assistance at these places where good hot soup can be obtained without money or extra toil. The amount of soup distributed yesterday at the different kitchens under the management of Chef Ranhoffer we give below, with the understanding that in many places there was not soup enough, and a number of people had to content themselves with waiting for another day.

GALLONS OF SOUP DISTRIBUTED.

Precinct.	Gallons.	Precinct.	Gallons.
Fourth	360	Eighteenth	120
Sixth	480	Nineteenth	150
Seventh	240	Twentieth	150
Eighth	120	Twenty-first	90
Eleventh	240	Twenty-second	150
Thirteenth	180	Twenty-ninth	120
Fourteenth	240		
Total			2,640

A JOURNEY WITH DELMONICO'S CHEF.

Yesterday morning a HERALD reporter accompanied Mr. Charles Ranhoffer, the chief cook of Mr. Delmonico, on his daily official inspection of the thirteen different soup houses in his jurisdiction. Some idea may be formed of the arduous work performed by Mr. Ranhoffer, who is one of the foremost culinary artists in this country, and who carries on a scientific correspondence with Urbain Dubois, *maître d'hôtel* to Emperor William of Germany, and whose brother was chef to the Emperor Napoleon for many years, and is now with the Empress Eugenie at Chislehurst—when it is mentioned that Mr. Ranhoffer visits every one of the thirteen soup kitchens twice a day, which are scattered from Sixty-third street to Water and Dover streets on the east side of the city, and from Wooster and Spring streets to Sixty-second street and Tenth avenue on the west side. The reporter having ensconced himself beside Mr. Ranhoffer, and behind a warm pair of robes, full speed was given to the horse "Incroyable," who has been going the rounds of the soup houses for about three weeks. Starting from Delmonico's, in Fifth avenue, the route taken was down on the west side, and the first kitchen visited was at No. 114 Wooster street, which is on the ground floor of a very large building. There were a large number of poor, forlorn looking men here drinking soup out of quart porringers. The day had not far progressed, and yet a 120 gallon boiler had been emptied of its savory contents. At the Centre street soup kitchen two boilers full of 120 gallons each were distributed at noon, and two more were ordered to be made by Mr. Ranhoffer, which in all made 480 gallons of soup applied for and delivered to the poor of the district. At the kitchen in Water street, near Dover, Captain Ulman has been exerting himself energetically for some days, and has succeeded in procuring a plentiful supply of bread from the charitable shop and saloon keepers of the ward. Two boilers of soup of 120 gallons each, were delivered at this place, and the next kitchen visited was in East Broadway, in the Seventh precinct. A bountiful supply of bread was used up here, and 240 gallons of soup were furnished to the families who called by their proper representatives. Women and children are served here before the men or grown-up boys can get a drop. At the Delancey street soup kitchen the applicants are chiefly Germans and there is a ninety gallon boiler which had to be filled twice, and, as there was plenty of bread given out, the soup, amounting to 180 gallons, did not last but a short time. In every instance, the soup is very carefully skimmed by Delmonico's assistants, thirty of whom are employed in the thirteen kitchens under his charge.

At the Eleventh precinct kitchen in Second street, in the charge of Captain Murphy, the youngest captain on the force, 240 gallons of soup were delivered to the applicants, and in addition a large amount of bread was also given out. At the avenue A kitchen, in Captain Tynan's precinct, one boiler of 120 gallons was served out, but the call for soup here is rather light in comparison with other districts no more largely inhabitated. In two other different districts there was a great rush for the soup, which was yesterday made of beef, beans and vegetables.

PICTURES OF POVERTY.

Thirty Thousand People Fed and Clothed by St. John's Guild—All Parts of the City Represented—Tabular Statement of the Number of Families in Each Ward—Opening of the Somerville Art Gallery in Aid of the Poor—Mrs. Worstell's Last Visit to the Merchants.

Let the prosperous and happy in New York think over and dream over these startling facts—30,000 people who are without food or fuel are being constantly supplied with the necessaries of life by the volunteer organization of St. John's Guild. Thirty thousand people, who comprehend 6,000 families, composed of men and women out of work, of men and women involved in temporary embarrassments, of men and women who are for the moment outcasts, with no hope save in the benevolence of men and women, and the final mercy of God! Families that include all phases of suffering and wretchedness within their folds; aged men and women, who find after a life of vicissitudes only a home in a garret, a lodging in the station house, a bed of straw, or the shelter of a shed, a cart, a hallway, an area or a doorway in the open street; the crippled and the maimed, who drag out a weary existence at best, and who, while they would hail with delight that ultimate nepenthe which the grave will bring still cling spasmodically to life. The young and hopeful, who, starving upon a crust of bread, still feel the fresh blood rushing through their veins, and tremble with anguish, like Beatrice Cenci, when they are compelled by a cruel fate to murmur,

> Thus I am cut off from the only world I know!
> From light and life and love in youth's young prime.

Little children and babes who come into the world as the birds come, to prattle, to plume themselves and to make it beautiful by and by, with their songs, their pretty plumage, their building and their happy flights of forms and fancy. Who would pass a wounded bird by and refuse it tender sympathy and aid? Yet how much more strongly does the little, cooing, crowing, dimpled and laughing child appeal to the human heart, with its helplessness and its lingering sweetness born in heaven!

With helpless age and helpless infancy St. John's Guild has most to deal, for in times like the present these weaklings are soonest found, crushed and broken, at the foot of the passer-by.

WHAT MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF THE GUILD.

On the books of the Guild, in St. John's chapel, may be seen the names and places of residence of these 30,000 persons—these 6,000 families scattered over the entire length and breadth of the city. They are arranged alphabetically for reference, and they are grouped in wards thus:—

WHAT ST. JOHN'S GUILD HAS DONE AND IS DOING.

	Families Cared For.		Families Cared For.
First ward	113	Twelfth ward	10
Second ward	21	Thirteenth ward	398
Third ward	21	Fourteenth ward	615
Fourth ward	317	Fifteenth ward	38
Fifth ward	850	Sixteenth ward	176
Sixth ward	636	Seventeenth ward	46
Seventh ward	127	Eighteenth ward	225
Eighth ward	1,310	Nineteenth ward	38
Ninth ward*	203	Twentieth ward	144
Tenth ward	86	Twenty-first ward	110
Eleventh ward	6	Twenty-second ward	86

*Now cared for by the Ninth Ward Relief Association.

It will be seen that St. John's Guild covers the entire twenty-two wards of Manhattan Island; yet every one of these 6,000 families has been visited by the volunteer corps and found worthy of aid. They are each given regularly, upon one day in every seven, groceries and provisions in quantities sufficient to last for a week.

WHAT ST. JOHN'S GUILD WILL DO.

So long as the public will generously place means at the disposal of this organization, so complete and perfect in all its details, the poor will be well cared for in the most direct, thorough and economical way. The groceries and provisions—oatmeal, cornmeal, rice, hominy, sugar, coffee and tea—will, when purchased, be bought from millowners and importers, and the saving of profits from middlemen will thus place about ninety per cent more in food in the homes of the poor than could be purchased by a *per capita* distribution of money.

FRAUDULENT CLAIMANTS

upon the bounty of the benevolent will be constantly exposed, as they have been, for at least one-third of the daily number of applicants are impostors, who present false addresses, and are to be rated as among the meanest, most heartless and despicable of swindlers, for they consume valuable time and only make a miserable attempt to cheat the starving, the homeless, the sick and the dying.

AID FROM THE CHURCHES.

As the churches are taking hold of this matter and forwarding contributions to the Guild, it is probable that, with these sums and the additional ones the generous from every quarter are sending, the Guild will be able to continue its extended work until such time as the season for outdoor labor is fairly opened. In the meantime it will be well for those who intend sending donations of clothes, food or money to remember that every moment is precious, and that starving people cannot very well postpone their hunger till "to-morrow."

THE LADIES WHO VOLUNTEER.

It is well known that hundreds of ladies of the most refined and wealthy circles are among the volunteer visitors of the Guild; but it may not be so well known that there is a wide field in which the services of many additional volunteers will, for the next few weeks, be of great value. Not only are they needed among the tottering hovels and noisome tenements of the Five Points and of Water and Cherry streets, and in the attics and basements of Mackerelville and the shanties of the slaughterhouse district, where many noble women have fearlessly gone, but in homes where refinement and delicacy has not as yet been blunted by poverty.

THOSE WHOM THE GUILD HAS SAVED

from destitution and death have not all been vagabonds—and the word "vagabond" is used with reverence—but were those whom the great storm found strong and full of hope and promise, only to be wrecked without word of warning. Men whose music has delighted millions of ears and hearts; actresses who have won the plaudits of the most fashionable and cultured assemblies by their genius, while they have delighted the senses of their auditors by their grace and beauty; girls who have basked in the sunshine of an imperial court; authoresses whose pages have evoked a world of pleasant fancies, and have gilded many a heavy hour; preachers whose denunciation of sin and words of hope and faith and charity have echoed in fashionable churches, and lawyers, physicians and merchants, have felt the strong right hand of the Guild, bringing them back to life, to hope, and it may be to a happy future.

Though the Guild has received in the past, and is receiving daily, a generous support from the people, it will be seen how insufficient are the donations sent for the future care and maintenance of so many thousands.

OPENING OF THE SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY.

To-day the Somerville Art Gallery will be opened, with Mr. Frost's entire collection of 150 paintings, for the benefit of the poor. The following letter will be read with interest:—

> NO. 3 WEST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET, March 12, 1874.
>
> REV. ALVAH WISWALL, Master St. John's Guild:—
>
> MY DEAR SIR—I have sent to Mr. Robert Somerville's Gallery, No. 82 Fifth avenue, my entire collection of oil paintings, consisting of 150 pictures, for exhibition for two weeks for the benefit of the poor of the city through your most noble institution.
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> The gallery will be open for the purpose to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. Tickets for admission, twenty-five cents. I will pay all the expenses incident to the exhibition, but must beg you to select some one of your lady volunteers to receive the admission money. Respectfully, your most obedient servant,
>
> CHARLES L. FROST.

MRS. WORSTELL AND THE MERCHANTS.

Mrs. Worstell yesterday renewed her visits to the downtown grocery and provision dealers, and the following donations will show how generously they have responded:—

Fulton & Bookstaver, 1 bag of oat meal.
John B. Freed, 1 gallon of sherry wine for sick.
Hays & Hoskins, groceries.
C. M. Burr, vegetables.
Edwards & Wright, 1 barrel of potatoes.
Levy & Lewis, sago, lentils and peas.
A. Moses, 1 tub of lard.
H. Cassey & Co., 1 box of tea.
W. E. Hartwig, 1 barrel of peas, 1 barrel of beans, 1 bag of meal.
W. H. Montanye & Co., 1 bag of coffee.
Hoeit & Lindeman, 1 bag of oatmeal.
Greenfield & Strauss, 1 barrel of sugar.
M. H. Moses, 1 bag of coffee.
A. Martin, 1 barrel of flour.
Clark & Huntington, 1 box of coffee.
No. 181 Duane street, 1 package of coffee.
J. S. Martin & Co., 1 box of cheese.
C. F. Mettiage, provisions.
George B. Whitmore, eggs.
John Herman, provisions.
Hunken & Otten, 1 barrel of beans.
J. H. Miller, 1 barrel of rice.
Bogle & Lyles, 100 pounds of hominy.
Cochran, Mix & Co., 1 barrel of potatoes.
John Combes, 1 barrel of potatoes.
John B. Page & Son, 1 barrel of turnips.
Samuel Sterling, ½ barrel of mackerel.
Titus & Bros., turkeys and chickens.
Camp & Milleman, provisions.
John H. Boschen & Bro., 1 bag of meal.
No. 96 Barclay street, beans and oranges.
Young & Wegman, 1 box of oranges.
E. P. & N. H. Loomis, 1 barrel of potatoes.
D. A. Heyer & Co., 1 barrel of potatoes.
Nathan & Barnett, 1 barrel of turnips.
E. T. Potter, fish and hams.
Charles Parsons & Sons, 1 bushel of beans and oranges.
L. Benedict & Sons, poultry.
Philip Gilman, poultry.
G. Mathews & Co., 1 bag of meal.
No. 214 Fulton street, 2 hams.
I. M. Fuller, pork.
Mulford & Coe, 1 bag of meal.
W. A. Henshaw, 1 bag of meal.
Parker & Gemmel, 1 bag of rice.

DOWNTOWN CHARITY.

Work Done by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Assembly District.

The ladies of this society, during the week ending March 7, relieved 250 families, averaging about five persons in each family, making a total of 1,250 persons who have been supplied with meat, bread, groceries and vegetables, besides fifty-one families who were supplied with the following articles of clothing:—35 pairs of stockings, 30 girls' dresses, 18 women's dresses, 18 women's sacques, 18 women's chemises, 20 petticoats, 19 girls' chemises, 30 boys' pants, 30 boys' jackets, 21 boys' undershirts, 2 pairs of sheets and 2 pairs of blankets.

The ladies have been obliged to discontinue the distribution of coal and shoes for want of funds. The above, with the addition of coal and shoes, has been the average work done by these ladies each week since January 26. This week, through the benevolence of Messrs. Cornell & Co., Von Hagan, S. B. Miller, Ferguson & Locke, and others, and the kindness of Mr. Kettleman, Clerk of Washington Market, they have been able to supply, in addition to the above, on—

March 3, 51 families, 255 persons, with meat.
March 5, 26 families, 130 persons, with fish.
March 6, 72 families, 360 persons, with meat.

The President begs to acknowledge with gratitude the following donations:—

From Messrs. Cornell & Moon, West Washington Market, 262 pounds of beef and mutton and a promise of 300 pounds per week until April 1.
From S. B. Miller, Fulton Market, 200 pounds of fish and a promise of like amount each week until April 1.
From George Von Hagan & Co., No. 120 Cedar street, 100 pounds meat and potatoes, turnips, cabbage, &c., with the promise of 50 pounds of meat per week till April 1.
From Ferguson & Lott, corner of Dey and West streets, 2 barrels of potatoes, 2 barrels of turnips, 1 barrel of carrots and 1 barrel of beets.
Also various donations of meat and vegetables through Mr. Kettleman, Clerk of Washington Market.
From Captain Lowery, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct Police, 100 loaves of bread.
From Peter Lynch, No. 41 Vesey street, $25 worth of groceries.

J. S. Davidson, Pearl and Broad streets	$20 00	Mr. M. L. Flynn	$20 00
Mr. J. A. Sullivan	10 00	Mr. M. Loftus	10 00
Mr. M. M. Folsom	5 00	Hon. John Fox	100 00
Mr. W. S. Fairfield	5 00	Through Mother M. Jerome	10 00
Mr. S. Moorley	5 00	From Dr. J. M. Simms	10 00
Mr. P. Dollard	20 00		

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

The following sums have been contributed and collected by the ladies of the society since its organization:—

From Mrs. Snyder	$10 50	From Mrs. E. Hogan	$16 00
From Mrs. Bierne	9 00	From Mrs. P. Hogan	9 00
Through Mrs. Bierne	13 00	From Mrs. M. L. Flynn	20 00
From Mrs. Quigley	9 00	From Mrs. P. Dollard	10 00
Through Mrs. Quigley	55 00	From Mrs. Gallagher	9 00
From Mrs. Fay	13 00	From Mrs. J. O'Brien	5 00
From Mrs. Wall	7 00	From Mrs. John Callahan	8 00
Through Mrs. Wall	62 10	Through Mrs. John Callahan	6 50
From Mrs. Oda Duffy	14 00	From Mrs. J. Eagan	10 00
Through Mrs. O. Duffy	29 00	From Mrs. M. Brown	25 00
From Mrs. Connell	10 00	From Mrs. Powers	2 00
From Mrs. Fox	25 00	From Mrs. P. Klahr	3 00
From Mrs. McKenna	9 00	From Mrs. Jas Burns	10 00
From Mrs. David Fox	8 00	From Mrs. Sweeney	9 00
From Mrs. M. Loftus	16 00	From Mrs. Aherns	5 00
Through Mrs. M. Loftus	2 50	From Miss E. Dollard	10 00
From Mrs. P. Moore	8 50	From Miss A. M. Murphy	15 00
Through Mrs. P. Moore	5 00	From Miss J. Byrne	9 00
From Mrs. Rufer	5 00	Through Miss J. Byrne	12 00
From Mrs. Lindenstruth	7 00	From Miss E. Burke	6 00
From Mrs. M. Duffy	20 00	Through Miss E. Burke	6 88
From Mrs. D. Mooney	10 00	From Miss O'Keefe	10 00
Through Mrs. D. Mooney	32 00	From Miss Horan	6 00
From Mrs. McNally	5 00	From Mrs. J. Sullivan	10 00
Through Mrs. James Sullivan—		From Mrs. A. Halliday	10 00
James Sullivan	25 00	From Mrs. M. Madigan	10 50
Chas. F. Lawrence	5 00	Through Mrs. Madigan	5 00
Mr. Sweet	5 00	From Mrs. J. Laird	10 00
Captain Caffery, 2d precinct	5 00	Through Mrs. J. Laird	10 50
George Horn	5 00	From Mrs. J. Monroe	9 50
Officer J. Sullivan	7 00	Through Mrs. Monroe	121 00
C. A. Mullovy	5 00	From Mrs. Fitzgerald	9 00
From Mrs. Robinson	7 00	From Mrs. J. P. Wilson	7 00
From Mrs. J. Rogers	14 50	From Mrs. W. H. Burns	10 00
Through Mrs. J. Rogers	50 00	From Miss Murphy	5 00
From Mrs. Smith	12 00	From Miss M. E. Hawes	15 50
		Through Miss M. E. Hawes	40 00

From Mr. Hawes, bread amounting to $16 50.
From Mrs. Loftus, various articles of clothing and dry goods.
From Mrs. Maher, one dozen gingham aprons for children.
From Mrs. John Fox, articles of clothing, blankets, sheets, &c.
From Mrs. E. Hogan, articles of clothing, &c.

Total amount of money received from all sources to March 11	$1,280 01
Expended—	
For dry goods	$205 68
For shoes	181 00
For groceries	402 11
For bread	133 33
For coal	49 00
For meat	63 00
	1,034 72
Cash on hand March 11	$245 29

Mrs. JOHN FOX, No. 3 Morris street, President.
Mrs. JOHN SNYDER, No. 13 Nassau street, and Miss M. E. HAWES, No. 328 Greenwich street, Vice Presidents.
Mrs. ODA DUFFY, No. 105 Greenwich street, Treasurer.
Mrs. M. MADIGAN, No. 18 Vestry street, Secretary.
Any one of the above will receive, gratefully, all donations.

THE RELIEF FUND.

Donations for the poor received by the HERALD office and not previously acknowledged:—

P. M.	$2 00
A Poor Bank Clerk, Stamford, Conn., for widows' rent fund	5 00
E. X. J., for the widows' rent fund	15 00
A Widow, for the widows' rent fund	2 00
A Friend, Litchfield, Conn., for the French family No. 73 Carmine street	2 00
Collection at David's Island, New York Harbor, for the poor	35 00

St. John's Guild and the Downtown Poor.

The following additional contributions were received yesterday by Rev. Alvah Wiswall for the poor of the Fifth and Eighth wards, and handed to the Almoner of the Guild, Mr. Henry C. De Witt:—

[Those desiring to visit the office of the Guild will remember that it is in the school buildings attached to St. John's chapel, Varick street, between Laight and Beach streets.]

THROUGH THE REV. J. H. HOUGHTON.

Wilson G. Hunt	$100 00

SENT TO GUILD OFFICE.

J. W. Houghton	5 00
A., for the poor	1 00
Little Edith, from New Jersey	75
Charlie	1 50
Jonnnie	1 00
Josie	1 00
Mrs. B.	10 00
Mrs. H., for flour paste baby	3 00
A. Goodrich Fay	25 00
A Friend	50 00
Orange, N. J.	5 00
Orange, N. J.	5 00
Mrs. William Lowndes	10 00
Mrs. A. H.	5 00
Mrs. M. D.	5 00
Rossville, S. I.	10 00
From a Lady Parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn	2 00
Little Laura, for paste baby	1 00
Mrs. G. W.	10 00
Total	$251 25
Previously acknowledged	10,341 36
Grand total	$10,592 61

Contributions to this fund may be sent to the HERALD office; Mayor Havemeyer, City Hall; C. V. B. Ostrander, President of the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, No. 149 Broadway; Andrew W. Leggat, Collector of Assessments, New Court House; George Wilkes, M. D., No. 16 North Washington square; G. K. Lansing, Earle's Hotel; G. J. N. Zabriskie, Cashier of People's Bank, corner of Canal and Thompson streets; J. L. Davis, Sheldon & Co., No. 677 Broadway, and Rev. S. H. Weston, D. D., No. 3 East Forty-fifth street, or to the Rev. Alvah Wiswall, Master of St. John's Guild, St. John's chapel, Varick street.

Packages of clothing, groceries, &c., should be sent to St. John's chapel, Varick street, between Laight and Beach streets, or if an order be sent a messenger will call for any packages.

Mrs. Judge Brady, No. 19 West Thirty-third street, and Mrs. F. P. Earle, No. 34 West Fifty-second street, have kindly consented to receive subscriptions.

CHARITY AND MUSIC.

Shall We Hear Nilsson and Lucca Sing for the Poor?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Your hint in this morning's HERALD in regard to a charity operatic performance is in the right vein, and should be taken into consideration by some of our managers. It is for Mr. Max Strakosch to carry off the palm. If he could make arrangements for the joint appearance of Mmes. Nilsson and Lucca, in conjunction with his superior company, it would be the greatest financial success yet recorded in the annals of Italian opera in New York. For instance, should he give "Don Juan," with Nilsson as Donna Elvira and Lucca as Zerlina; or "Il Trovatore," with Nilsson as Leonora and Lucca as Azucena, it would result in a $10,000 to $15,000 house. Boxes and stalls should be sold at auction, including the best taken by the stockholders, and would bring probably larger sums than the yearly Charity Ball.

Mmes. Nilsson and Lucca are both to leave us soon. Could they not after their present engagements terminate give this, the greatest opera performance ever attempted in New York, which would be highly appreciated by the musical people of New York, and by the poor beneficiaries as well? If you through your columns would make this suggestion I have no doubt it would be fulfilled.

NEW YORK, March 12, 1874. CHARITY.

THIRD WARD.

Donations to the Dey Street Soup House and Calls Upon Its Bounty.

NEW YORK, March 12, 1874.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Will you be so kind as to acknowledge the following donations received at the downtown relief soup house of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society, No. 14 Dey street:—

Washington Market Butchers' Association, 427 pounds of beef.
G. B. Gilbert, order for 100 loaves of bread.
A Mother, package of clothing and four pairs of shoes.
Hyman & Mack, corner Houston and Hudson streets, 750 loaves of bread.
Fulton Market Fishmongers' Association, 445 pounds of excellent fish.

DOWNTOWN DISTRESS.

With the strongest aversion for all sensational statements, we could not do justice to the suffering poor around us if we suppressed entirely cases like the following:—

Hamilton street—Widow, with four children, two deaf and dumb, infant at breast, no food or fuel and no means to pay the rent of $4 per month.

No. — Washington street—Hoey, longshoreman, out of work four months; seven children; wife sick over a year; no fire in room; children in bed to keep warm and crying for bread. Bread sent.

McCauliff, No. — Washington street—Four children; husband in last stages of consumption; no fire, no work, no friends. Helped.

Mrs. Lynch, widow, aged and sick; daughter long time without work; without food or fuel and miserably clad. Supplies sent.

O'Brien, —— street—Widower, sick; four children; daughter also long time sick; very needy; children half naked. Aided.

Similar cases are to be met with in all directions. The oldest citizens remember no such widespread penury. The policemen in the lower and eastern wards never witnessed such destitution. No work has been within the reach of multitudes for long winter months. These are patent facts to every ordinary man of sense who is not bewildered with the theory that it is better to starve the poor than to pauperize them. We would not take the responsibility before God of those editors and ministers who, contemning the authority of facts, seek to stigmatize the multitudes of hungry and naked families as impostors and idiers. If a poor man, half starved, half demented, wanders, in his extremity, into two or three different charitable institutions (obtaining some separate aid in each for the moment), shall he be ruthlessly registered as a "repeater" and stigmatized in a "black book," and his name (all he has on earth) cast out as a "repeating pauper?" Is this all New York can do for a half-bewildered poor man or woman? If there are some impostors—yea, many—shall we turn away the worthy? If there is one Judas, one impostor in twelve, shall we cast out the eleven? How easy it is to deceive ourselves and hold on to our money, or hold on to our party or clique and let our suffering fellow man die before our eyes!

We are thankful for the privilege of having a share in ministering to the forlorn and ramishing families which sadly abound on every hand. Donations in clothing and provisions should be sent directly to No. 14 Dey street. Donations in money to J. E. Cary, No. 11 Wall street; Ambrose Wood, No. 90 Chambers street, or to the editor of the HERALD. RELIEF OFFICER.

NINTH WARD.

Appeal of the Relief Association.

The Executive Committee have distributed through the ward the following circular:—

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE NINTH WARD—

We respectfully inform you that the result of the recent benevolent movement in the ward has been the opening of a headquarters, from which it is proposed to dispense to the poor aid in the shape of groceries, provisions, coal, &c. To meet the demand for food during the early winter many families were obliged to pawn, piece by piece, nearly all of a scanty stock of clothing, and to-day many persons are without a sufficient number of garments to be comfortable and have barely enough to cover them. Children particularly are in need in this respect, and we ask every mother in the ward to look through her storeroom and send us a package of unused, cast-off clothing, not only for children, but for men and women as well. The clothing department will be under the charge of several well known ladies, who cheerfully give their time to receive and assort the garments, and to issue them with judgment. Packages of clothing will gladly be sent for on receipt of the donor's address, or if left at the Ninth precinct station house, No. 94 Charles street, at any time, they will be, through the kindness of Captain Washburn, promptly forwarded to headquarters. The ward has been divided into thirty-two districts, each of which is now being thoroughly canvassed by a member of the General Committee, who voluntarily obligates himself to discover and relieve every case of distress that may exist in his district. Many persons are now suffering keenly, who, until this winter, have been in comfortable circumstances, and who consequently shrink from either applying publicly for assistance or even from making their needs known, and for their benefit we would state that a Confidential Advisory Committee has been appointed, whose duty it will be to investigate special cases in strict confidence and to administer whatever relief they can, without any publicity whatever. The address of the chairman of this committee will be found below. While we have enough to begin with, we must remind you that calls on us will be constant, and we depend upon you to see that the supply keeps pace with the demand. Donations of money, clothing or other necessaries will be very welcome in any sums or quantities, and remember distinctly that whatever you give goes directly to the poor. We are under no expense whatever, and we know no distinction of race, creed or color in our giving. Messrs. Herring & Farrell very kindly tender us a commodious room for our headquarters, free of rent, and the arduous and detailed daily office duties are performed by gentlemen who voluntarily give their services to the cause of charity. All citizens are invited to visit and inspect our headquarters at any time, and also to inform us of any case of destitution that they may hear or know of that may have escaped the observation of our visitor. Out of consideration for the feelings of applicants no publicity of their names or residences will be made. As the funds in the hands of this committee have been specially contributed for the benefit of the poor of the Ninth ward, the committee feel it their duty to confine their operations to that district.

Please do not forget to notify us as soon as that package of clothing is ready.

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE DISTRICT VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dist.
1—George B. Deane, 424 West Thirteenth street.
2—D. C. Westervelt, 30 Eighth avenue.
3—W. H. Gedney, 67 Horatio street.
4—F. J. Dupignac, 70 Jane street.
5—J. R. Voorhis, 786 Greenwich street; T. H. Coppins, 737 Washington street.
6—W. J. Van Arsdale, 110 Bank street.
7—James R. Floyd, 14 Van Nest place.
8—E. Gilon, 557 Hudson street.
9—James Galway, 74 Bank street.
10—Charles Schultz, 621 Greenwich street; G. S. Schultz, 621 Greenwich street.
11—Captain George Washburn, 94 Charles street.
12—James F. Drummond, 274 West Eleventh street.
13—J. J. Richards, 221 West Tenth street; Tim Shea, 689 Greenwich street.
14—John G. Bogert, 758 Greenwich street.
15—J. Wilzinski, corner Hudson and Leroy streets.
16—John L. Caverly, 13 St. Luke's place.
17—I. B. Wentworth, 335 Bleecker street.
18—Robert R. Carpenter, 9 Leroy street; John Nicholson, 170 West Eleventh street.
19—Robert Paton, 26 Grove street.
20—G. J. Hunter, 13 Jones street.
21—Henry Dayton, 50 West Washington place.
22—A. G. Bogert, 59 Christopher street.
23—David M. Earl, 240 West Eleventh street; John P. Faure, 238 West Eleventh street.
24—Jesse Travers, 272 West Fourth street; A. J. Mathewson, 647 Hudson street.
25—F. B. Thurber, 108 West Twelfth street; W. H. Carroll, 300 West Thirteenth street.
26—H. M. Smith, 61 Perry street.
27—Dr. E. Denison, 30 Clarkson street.
28—C. S. Wright, 240 West Fourth street.
29—C. E. Hadden, 26 Leroy street.
30—H. H. Wotherspoon, 144 West Twelfth street.
31—G. Isaacs, 144 West Thirteenth street.
32—T. L. Thornell, 169 West Twelfth street.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Chairman.

DAVID M. EARL, WILLIAM H. GRAY, } Treasurers.
W. J. VAN ARSDALE, FRANK J. DUPIGNAC, } Secretaries.

Confidential Advisory Committee—Samuel A. Lewis, Chairman, 314 West Fourteenth street; Robert Paton, 26 Grove street; J. F. Drummond, 274 West Eleventh street.

Headquarters, 339 West Thirteenth street, corner of Hudson. Open daily from nine A. M. to five P. M.

The First Week's Work.

A meeting of the Ninth Ward Relief Association was held last evening at Greenwich Hall, corner of Christopher and Hudson streets, Mr. Samuel A. Lewis in the chair.

Reports from the Treasurer, the Purchasing and Supply, the Confidential Advisory and the Executive committees were made, and they all showed that the different departments of the association's work were being well and thoroughly attended to by those in charge.

Some detailed facts and figures, taken from the Executive Committee's report, will give some idea of the good that this association is doing.

The headquarters, situated at No. 339 West Thirteenth street, corner of Hudson, were opened on the 27th ult., and from that date up to and including Saturday, the 7th inst. (a period of eight working days), the following articles were issued for the relief of 619 families:—

580 packages of tea, ¼ pound each.
581 packages of coffee, ½ pound each.
591 packages of sugar, 2 pounds each.
549 packages of rice, 2 pounds each.
410 packages of oatmeal, 2 pounds each.
177 packages of corn meal, 2 pounds each.
65½ bushels of potatoes.
1,117 loaves of bread.
812 smoked herrings.
1 quintal of codfish.
15 tons of coal.

After these general statements brief reports were made by each visitor, many of them showing that the districts were being thoroughly canvassed, and that all needy cases were receiving prompt attention.

TENTH WARD.

A Noble Donation from Tony Pastor—Opening of a Relief Depot.

NEW YORK, March 12, 1874.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I wish to return my sincere thanks to Tony Pastor and the members of his company for contributing the receipts of a matinée performance given at his opera house this afternoon, amounting to $1,750.

Also to Miss Jennie Hughes, of the Metropolitan Theatre, for a donation of $20.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, No. 260 Grand street, $5.

And T. S. Hayward & Co., for the free use of their stores, Nos. 154, 156 and 158 Chrystie street, where provisions will be distributed to the deserving poor of the Tenth ward. J. J. WARD, Captain Tenth Precinct Police.

All contributions of provisions will be thankfully received at the stores in Chrystie street.

THIRTEENTH WARD.

Bread for the Poor of the Ward.

NEW YORK, March 12, 1874.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I have this day received the following donations of bread for the poor of the Thirteenth precinct:—

	Loaves.
Martin Grossman, No. 82 Clinton street	300
George Trust, No. 78 Cannon street	100
Thomas Brown, No. 276 Henry street	70
Total	470
Total contributions to date	4,640

Respectfully, HENRY HEDDEN, Captain Thirteenth Precinct Police.

THE PACIFIC GOULD.

What Is Thought of Jay Gould Becoming a Director in Union Pacific.

Prominent Financiers on the Subject—Is the Union Pacific to Become Another Erie?—Gould Not a Controlling Power in the Directory—How He Voted Himself In—The Probable Future of the Road.

The excitement in Wall street over the election of Mr. Jay Gould as a director of Union Pacific continues to increase. It may not, perhaps, be properly called excitement, but it certainly is a feeling of interest, doubt and insecurity among bondholders, which may be productive of some change in the status of the road. Though foreshadowed in the HERALD, this election was viewed with great doubt even by men who believed they had the "inside track" on all matters pertaining to Wall street news. To the very moment of the election many of these did not believe Mr. Gould could succeed in his project, but they found themselves amusingly deceived when the moment came. The whole election is stated to have been controlled entirely by the coalition of the Ames-Gould interest, at least as far as themselves and their partisans were concerned. People in Wall street are variously affected by this election, though none of the prominent men seem to care to give their opinions too frankly upon the subject. They appear, on the contrary, to rather wish to be left alone about the matter, and express no opinion until they find how the land lies. Some believe that the election of Mr. Gould will exert a baneful influence upon the road, while others think that the effect will be neutral. None go further than this by openly stating that they believe the influence will be for good.

Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co. are the financial agents of the Union Pacific Railroad. A reporter of the HERALD called upon Mr. L. P. Morton yesterday with the intention of ascertaining his opinions upon the new deal, and also as to the statements about his declining election to the directory because of Gould's presence among them. The views of Mr. Morton are all the more important in consequence of his being