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Pittsburgh Sanitary Commission.

A LETTER FROM NASHVILLE.

My Dear ——— I received the keg containing eighty-six pounds of butter from your society last Saturday. Accept for it my sincere thanks, and the assurance that such good things are distributed where I think they are most needed. I deal out the butter in small quantities to persons whom I know will give it to the sick. Yesterday I packed a box delicacies to go to Shelbyville, Tenn., eight pounds of that went in it. I have just given four pounds to a Union lady who prepares extra diet for one of the Hospitals, and sent six pounds to Mrs. Dr. France whose husband is in charge of hospital No. 9, and will copy for perusal part of a note she wrote me this morning acknowledging things sent to her on Monday.

"Complaints are often made that things given never reach the sick men, but are absorbed somewhere by nurses; cooks and nobody knows who. I do not know anything about it, but as there are such complaints, I resolved that no butter should be eaten but by patients in bed, so they brought the toast to my room (herself and husband have rooms across from the hospital, and in two rooms they keep house and she does her own cooking) and I buttered fifty slices, and this morning eighty, and had the satisfaction of learning that the men said *that* was the best toast they had eaten in the hospital. The apples also are in my room, and yesterday all the patients had apples for supper, and will, God permitting, to-day. Eight patients had chicken soup these two days. So you see a few at least are benefitted by the gifts of your estimable commission."

This is but a sample of many. Hospital visitors and other members of the commission are always on the lookout for abuses and misappropriation, when found are reported either directly or indirectly to the surgeons, who almost without an exception are glad to be thus informed, and are very willing to correct the evil so far as it is in their power. The nice boxes from your rooms came to hand last week, but I have been too busy to report to you. The soldiers in the hospitals here were kindly remembered on Thanksgiving day with a good dinner, and all so far as we can learn, spent a cheerful happy day. Two or three ladies were detailed to attend at the different hospitals. My services, what little time I could spare from the rooms, were given to No. 3. I would like to give you a special report of the dinner if time would permit. But suffice it to say, there was nearly four hundred men and all had plenty. We had boiled ham, mutton pie, turkeys and chickens with vegetables and pickles, for desert a piece of mastings, a yankee doughnut and a cup of coffee. Those in the wards who were unable to go down had extra delicacies prepared by our own hands, and the day we spent with them seeing them enjoy it.

Dr. Harlow, the surgeon in charge is a Philadelphian, and all that a good surgeon should be. To show you how he attaches himself to the men, yesterday he had to send to their regiments and the Convalescent camp 14 men to make room for others. They felt so badly leaving, that they shed tears.

Flannel shirts, drawers and socks are the great want. I often think more lives could be saved by giving them warm clothing. Cotton clothing in this damp climate is next to worthless. Whatever flannel costs it must be had if we expect to make our men comfortable. The past week has been fearfully cold, and in all my life on the lake shore I never suffered so much with the cold, as since I have been in the South. I wear extra clothing and am never warm.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am sincerely and cordially yours,

PAMELA B. HOPKINS.

The following donations have been received during the week ending December 12th:

George H. Anderson, 1 bag of onions; Soldiers' Aid Society of Clarksville, 1 quilt, 12 pillows, 7 pads, 10 sheets, 11 towels, 27 handkerchiefs, 28 muslin shirts, 20 calico shirts, 20 pairs drawers, 9 pairs socks, 7 sacks fruit, 13 cans fruit, 4 packages herbs, ½ pounds soap; Soldiers' Aid Society of Connellsville, 6 sheets, 32 arm slings, 4 pillows, 25 flannel shirts, 7 palm drawers, 14 handkerchiefs, binding matter, 6 heads cabbage, 1½ bushels onions, a quantity of potatoes; Soldiers' Aid Society of Elderton, 12 shirts, 20 pairs drawers, 2 pairs socks, 13 bandages, 5 compresses, 4 towels, 4 bushels potatoes, ½ do. beans, 3 gallons onions, 1 quart dried corn, 2 sacks apples, 2 do. peaches, 2 do. elderberries, 6 rolls butter, 16 cans fruit, 1 sack of salt; Soldiers' Aid Society of Leechburg, 135 pounds hops, 2 gallons pickles, 1 do. apple sauce, 2 do. apple butter, 2 do. cherries, 3 do. peaches, 3 do. elderberry jam, 1 do. blackberries, 1 do. tomatoes, 1 bottle tamarind syrup, 1 package dried apples, 6 muslin shirts, 13 handkerchiefs, 1 package old muslin, 1 package dried peaches; Soldiers' Aid Society of Frey Chapel, 45 pounds dried apples, 5 do. peaches, 2 quilts, 1 pillow, 1 pound concentrated apple butter; Mrs. John H. Ebbert, 12 testaments and 1 package papers; Soldiers' Aid Society of First M. P. Church, 6 comforts, 6 arm slings, 7 pairs socks, 19 shirts, 6 pairs drawers, 3 dressing gowns, 18 handkerchiefs, 4 bandages, 5 half worn shirts, 1 roll muslin, 1 roll lint; Episcopal Ladies' Aid Society, 3 cans strawberries, 2 bottles catsup, 8 cans fruit; donated by the scholars of schools No. 4 and 5, Braddock's Fields, per Mr. Mills, 3 barrels potatoes, 3 barrels onions, cabbage and potatoes; donated by the scholars of school No. 6, Braddock Fields, per Mr. Mills, 1 barrel potatoes, 1 barrel cabbage, 1 barrel cabbage and onions; Mrs. Dr. Lynn, Braddock's Fields, 1 barrel potatoes; Mr. Isaac Mills, Braddock's Fields, 1 barrel potatoes; Academy at Braddock's Fields, per Mr. Mills, 20 cans and jars fruit, 2 bottles catsup, 1 jug relish, 1 package lint, 1 peck apples; Ladies' Aid Society of Sewickleyville, 9 flannel shirts, 7 muslin shirts, 1 pair socks, 1 package old muslin, 1 muslin shirt, 22 flannel shirts; Miss B. L. Way, 21 cans fruit; Mrs. Nancy Way, 3 cans cucumber pickles, 3 pecks dried apples, 1 package sage, 1 do thyme, red pepper, 1 keg onion pickles; Mrs. Jas. Dalzell, 2 bottles wine, ½ bush. dried peaches, ½ do dried apples; Mrs. R. M. Long, 1 pair socks, 1 friend, 1 picture and papers. S. A. S. of Salem, 2 pounds pared peaches, 4 pounds dried peaches, 3 do elderberries, 10 do dried apples, and 13 cans of fruit. S. A. S. of Cool Springs, ½ bushel apples, 2 pounds peaches, 9 quarts dried berries, 2 do dried currants, 4 quarts beans, 2 packages papers and pamphlets, 1 package raps, 1 cake soap, 4 pairs drawers, 6 shirts, 1 quilt, 2 sheets, 3 pair socks, 3 towels, 7 handkerchiefs, 3 bandages, 3 pillows, 2 small pillows and five gallons of pickles. S. A. S., of Mercer—½ bushel green apples, ½ do dried apples. 1 box, no name, containing 10 cans of fruit, 1 sack fruit and 1 package herbs. 1 box, no name, containing 4 bushels potatoes. Miss Nancy Murphy, Buffalo township, 2½ bushel dried apples