

In ascertaining the character and actual condition of these families, and distributing such aid as could be commanded from the loyal and benevolent, I have been much assisted by the assiduous labor of several zealous and patriotic ladies in this city. The result has finally been the organization of a "Ladies' Aid Society, for the Relief of Soldiers' families," to operate in conjunction with the Union Relief Association. A house has been taken near the Relief Rooms, (No. 105 Conway street) and put in order for the reception of applications and the accommodation of a few lodgers. Applications are invited—the cases presented are visited and scrutinized, and if found deserving, assisted; not so much by money as by work and the donation of clothing, provisions and fuel. In some cases, rent also is paid or guaranteed. The children are looked after, and sent, if possible, to day and Sunday School.

In addition to this work, female refugees from the South, in a destitute condition, are received and entertained, until work can be found for them or they can be sent to their relatives or friends.

This, sir, sums up the record of my particular work, and its results. I trust it has not been without its advantages to our brave soldiers and their too often suffering families.

My expenditures, thus far, have been \$70; the principal part of which has been for record books and blanks, with some moderate contributions in a few cases, which I felt justified in charging to the State.

With high respect,

Your obdt. serv't,

S. F. STREETER,

Military Relief Agent for the State of Maryland.

Baltimore, Nov. 27th, 1863.