

hundreds of our men in Hospitals, and to the extent of the means allowed us by the State to aid them.

The funds at the disposal of the agency being so small, but little material aid could be given. On July 28th, Mr. Streeter, while on a visit to the Army of the Potomac, where he remained about two weeks, and saw the result of our work up to that time; engaged Mr. Robert Hamilton as an assistant to me there, at twelve dollars per week. He has been ever since at City Point Hospital distributing and aiding our sick and wounded, and occasionally visiting the Regiments at the front. The bulk of the money which we have used in obtaining supplies has been furnished by the Executive committee of the Baltimore Union Relief Association.

These gentlemen, Mr. Streeter being the chairman of the committee, I immediately on giving up our establishment to the government, where we had fed and comforted during nearly three years, nine hundred thousand of our National troops passing through the city.

Conceived the idea of still doing good to our noble defenders, determined to use the balance of funds on hand for the benefit of our Maryland Soldiers, and although money has always been furnished freely and cheerfully on all occasions when needed by them, still we did not feel disposed to call upon them to the extent we should have liked, so far as our Soldiers wants were concerned.

The amount contributed by the Association in this way, from April 15th, 1864, to January 1st, 1865, is four thousand and eighty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents. A number of the citizens of Baltimore have also contributed amounts for the same object.

On the 17th of September, 1864, at your request I accepted with much diffidence the appointment of General Military Relief Agent for the State, made vacant by the decease of the lamented patriot, Sebastian F. Streeter.

I entered upon the duties to succeed one who had so well done his part, and who had while engaged in the service contracted a disease which ended his life. As really a martyr to his country's cause as any one who has fallen by the missiles of enemy.

Having opened an office and engaged a clerk, I have since been giving aid to the soldiers, sick and wounded, and in the field, and their families to the utmost of my ability.

I have had an opportunity of visiting nearly all our Regiments and Batteries in the Shanandoah valley, and on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, so that although