

REPORT
OF
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MILITARY RELIEF AGENT.

BALTIMORE, January 5th, 1865.

To his Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,
Governor of Maryland:

On the 15th of May, 1864, immediately after the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, at the request of the late Sebastian F. Streeter, Military Relief Agent of the State, a committee of five gentlemen, viz: Robert Tyson, M. T. Gosnell, John W. Lee, John H. Bride and Richard King, visited Fredericksburg to look after the sick and wounded Maryland soldiers. We remained there several days, endeavoring to aid and encourage them; and although we had but few things to distribute among the men, we found the influence of our presence was highly beneficial. The publication of the names of the wounded which we were able to make as the result of our investigation, greatly relieved the solicitude of friends and the public at home.

On the evacuation of Fredericksburg about the last of May, another committee—Messrs. John A. Needles and Richard King—visited Port Royal, which was the new base of supplies. We found but few sick, but met the Second Maryland Infantry, commanded by the late Colonel Howard. We dispensed some small articles to the men, and after a pleasant greeting, returned to Baltimore.

We again started on the first of June for the White House. There we took a tent and supplied ourselves with the means of ministering largely to the necessities of our soldiers.

After the severe battle of Cold Harbor, we met a large number of men from different Maryland regiments. Our presence with articles for their comfort, was most grateful to the wounded men, and the calls upon us for services which the severity of wounds rendered the men incapable of performing