S.L.I.

Salem June 1st 1861 -

Mrs Cook:

Your packages for the Dawson boys were promptly delivered by Mr Shackley - Our space being limited we were obliged to open some of the bundles to repack them with our own here - We have written to our son (Capt A. F. Devereux) so, when the articles are distributed the Dawson's members of the S.L.I. will have their own goods -

Every member has been provided with two pairs of excellent

English hose marked with his
own initials by some of our young
ladies. We were obliged to withhold
the woolen sock which you sent —
which I should have sent you had
they not been begged from me
for the "Guards" who are in a
most destitute condition in Washington
being very ragged and dirty — some of
them not having had a change
of under clothing since they left
Salem — Some ladies had volunteered
themselves to get up some articles
and hearing we had some matters
left from our boys — came to me
entreating ~~me~~ to relieve the distress
of the Co — I gave them some shirts
& drawers wh. we had left — well

those woolen socks - The boxes were sent on Thursday afternoon in care of Capt Fowler who goes out to join the Lancers.

We hear no particular news from the boys excepting their general good health and spirits -

We feel much gratified with the interest shown by your ladies in enabling us to carry out our plans so expeditiously -

Let us trust "our boys" commend to that Providence which never fails to protect and establish the right and under His guardianship let us hope to welcome them all home again at the expiration of their three months.

If there should be any difficulty about the disposition which I have made of these socks I must beg you to let me know and we will replace them —

With respect &c —

C. S. Devereux.

Mrs H. Cook
South Danvers

Washington City Sep. 24. 1862.

My Dear Mrs. Cook,

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of "five dollars and fifty cents, contributed by the Baptist Sabbath School" in South Danvers, for the sick and wounded soldiers. In behalf of the soldiers I thank the dear children, and will appropriate the amount so that the hearts of many of the soldiers may be made glad not only for the refreshment furnished, but with the thought that they are remembered by even the children at home. I meet with Mass. boys daily, in the hospitals and by the way side exhausted. to them and all of every State. I do what I can for their comfort. The paroled prisoners, are arriving here by thousands, in a destitute and almost starved condition. and then there are about 18,000 in the hospitals in this city and vicinity, so that all that will work for their benefit can find much to do. I am doing more than ever and need more than ever to do with. The government furnishes me with an ambulance two horses and a driver and all the army rations that I can use, which enables me to go to the distant hospitals, and to aid the stragglers on the out skirts of the city. so that every day I can feed or furnish some comfort to many hundreds speaking to each one personally.

Last week Col. Sandford, Supervisor of Gov. Tel. Despatches furnished me with $50 - worth of excellent grapes, these I distributed to 3,100 sick and wounded men in the hospitals, and yesterday Adams Express Co. furnished $100 - worth of grapes, and I shall commence the distribution to day. a lady going with me to assist.

I want more clothing of every kind, but principally shirts and drawers. When a soldier is wounded in battle, and his clothing becomes very bloody it has to be thrown away if there is no opportunity to wash it, as it becomes very offensive. I have supplied hundreds of men with shirts that had none for weeks and months. Two paroled prisoners came to my door last night both barefooted and sick they had no shoes for months. one was Sargeant Richardson of the 2nd Reg. Mass. the other was of the 5th Conn. They had just arrived from Richmond where they had been nearly starved. Two men from Maine were with them. I made them a good supper lodged them in a tent I have in my front door yard and gave them a breakfast this morning. got some shoes and socks for the barefooted but in doing this I had to take a pair of my own stockings and my slippers for the sick sargent. who I had put in the Trinity Ch. Hospital which is across the street. I give you these facts, that you may see what work there is to do here, and as soon as I finish this I must get fifty loaves of bread from the bakery at the Capitol, and with cheese, ham, fruits &c go among the hungry and sick, and to several hospitals to distribute grapes. Please remember me kindly to all my friends in your town, and tell them to send me every thing.

Yours truly Mrs J. T. Fales.

Last week I received 14 barrels and large boxes of goods, and could have put to good use double that amount if I had them

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION.

22, SUMMER STREET,

Boston, Jan 9th 1863

My dear Mrs Cook

We received yesterday from Mr Dawes a box containing a large & very satisfactory collection, which we most gratefully acknowledge. There being no invoice with the box, & no letter having been received concerning it, I write to you as our usual correspondent in South Dawes. Will you be kind enough to let us know to whom we are indebted, if you can find out for us. The dressing-gowns & socks contained in that box I would mention as being among the articles we

are most glad to receive — We are also most anxious for an immediate supply of Mittens, for which we have lately had a large requisition from the army of the Potomac —

With most grateful acknowledgements to whomever we are indebted for this contribution

Yours, very truly
S Williams

Washington City
Feb. 7, 1863

Mrs. Cook.

Dear Madam.

Though I send to the Post Office every morning for letters I was surprised yesterday to find three for me advertyed, Great blundering in that P.O. somehow.! Among the three was yours of the 22nd ult. This will account to you for my not acknowledging the receipt of the half barrel, with butter &c. I have been wondering where it came from, as I could find the name of no town upon it but Boston, Though I suspected it was from South Danvers as I had been promised some butter when there.

You would have been delighted to see the boys receiving the butter

as I went around amongst them, some in their cups, some with a little piece of paper and some in their bare hands. I had just received a barrel and box of homemade bread and rusk from Philadelphia, and the boys took to their bread and butter quite naturally though they had not seen the two together for a long time.

I am glad to learn that the Ladies have not become weary in well doing, and will be pleased to be their agent in doing good. I meet with hundreds of Mass. Soldiers daily, and almost every night several lodge in my tent, and I have a greater demand for goods than ever. I am reserving a piece of the butter for the son of Mr Fitch Poole as I shall go to the Fort where he is in a few days. Please remember me kindly to my friends and believe me yours truly Mrs. J. T. Fales,

413. C. St.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

22 SUMMER STREET,

Boston, May 12 1863

Mrs. Cook,

Dear Madam,

The barrel and box from the Ladies Aid Society of So. Danvers have arrived in safety. Just at this time we are of course specially thankful for everything entrusted to our hands. We had a letter from Washington written before the terrible fighting on the Rappahannock, saying that in case of a great battle, all the scanty supply of clothing then on hand would melt away in a single day.

Under these circumstances it would of course be unnecessary for us to say how glad we are to receive your work. Will you express to all the ladies of your society, our

grateful acknowledgements and
believe me yours respectfully

Harriet Appleton
Exec. Com.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

22, SUMMER STREET,

Boston, March 5 1862.

My dear Mrs Cook,

Please accept our warmest thanks for the box of valuable clothing received from South Danvers, received yesterday and present the same to your friends. it arrived most opportunely, as all our stock was leaving for New Orleans, and a requisition for Newbern arrived at the same time. Any assistance at this time is most welcome.

Very cordially and truly yours

S Wilkins. Q M

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,
~~22, SUMMER~~ 18 West STREET,

Boston, June 22 1864

Write many thanks to each contributor.
Believe me
Gratefully yours
S. G. Cary
Sec. Com.

Dear Mrs Cooke.

Accept our most cordial thanks for the box of comforts which arrived safely Sat. June 18th. Such assurances of sympathy and interest are most satisfactory and I wish you could share with us the frequent & deeply interesting accounts that reach us from the field & hospitals of the daily good results of our work, they would cheer & encourage you to future labor. I'm ask for articles most needed and I therefore send the list we received in answer to that same question.

Hand Kerchiefs, towels, cotton
socks, sick books furnished,
ring cushions, games, lemons
oranges, Bay Rum, Cologne,
Pickles, canned tomatoes, Green
tea, Brandy, Cherry Rum,
Musquito netting, Blackberry
Syrup, considered better than
than fruit when dried, and it
cost in stone beer bottles will
arrive without breakage. It is
also suggested that farmers wd.
do great good by cultivating
largely cabbages & onions, and
the former will be very accep-
table in the form of sour kraut.
Hospital shirts too with sleeves
left open all the way down &
prepared with tapes to tie
over the wounded arm. Old Linen
, Cotton & Bandages without limit.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET.

Boston, July 12. 1864

My dear Mrs. Cook,

Please accept our hearty thanks for your welcome contribution. Will you thank the Ladies of the Society for their assistance in our work. We have no new calls, still the old cry for Bandages & old cotton & linen.

Yrs. gratefully

M. C. Stevenson. Cor. Sec.

Washington July 22. 1863

Mrs. Henry Cook,
South Danvers,
Mass,

My Dear Friend,

I thank you for your expressions of sympathy in your letter of the 6th inst. They touched the hearts of myself and husband deeply. But I feel now that I must work harder and do more for the living than I have ever done, and to this end I go daily 6, 8, 10 or 12 miles to the distant camps, forts, and hospitals where a female is seldom seen, and furnish the sick and suffering boys with all such things as you good ladies are sending me from time to time. I wish I could do more.

The box from your place did not arrive until monday and yesterday I commenced the distribution amongst the Mass. boys in Virginia. To some I gave a whole package with a request that they would write to the school acknowledging the receipt of it, and they must distribute among their comrades. In all this visits I carry a large amount of religious reading furnished me by the two great Tract Societies of New York and Boston, and I thing a great good is accom-

plished as the soldiers crowd around me every where and beg for more.

I shall be please to receive your photograph in exchange for the enclosed. Glad to hear that your husband is convalescent. Mr. Fales joins in kind regards to both.

Yours truly

Mrs. J. T. Fales,
413. C. St.

Washington May 31. 1864

Mrs. Henry Cook,

Dear Madam,

In the absence of Mrs. Fales I received your letter of the 26th and went yesterday to look for E. S. Daniels. I found him on the grounds of the hospital, sitting with others on a bench under a tree. He appeared to be pretty well, and only complained of weakness. I asked him if he needed anything and if he did I would get it for him. He said he did not, and was well cared for there. His quarters were in a brick building formerly one of the residences of the Professors of Columbian College. The College building and hundreds of large tents are now filled with sick and wounded. He told me he knew Mrs Fales and had often seen her around among the sick. I think his mother need feel no anxiety nor his wife, for he will be well cared for. When Mrs. F. returns she will go and see him also. On Sunday she started to New York on a Steamer with several hundred wounded men transferred from hospitals here to make room for worse cases coming from the battle field. She took with her a large supply of hospital stores that she might nourish them on the

way. For three weeks she has been at the Steamboat landing doing what she could to relieve the sufferings of those taken from the boats and put upon ambulances to go to the hospitals, sometimes riding with them to bathe their wounds and to keep life in them till they reached there.

She has been at work daily, since you saw her, in this good cause and now, having served three years, she says she has reenlisted for the war, and is just as anxious as ever for the means to work with. Mass. has done well in sending her supplies Penn. also. whilst New York has fallen of the last two years very much. but she makes no distinction among the needy where ever she finds a soldier in want of anything she can supply him with she cheerfully gives it to him.

She is well acquainted with the Mass. 1st Artillery, as she has visited them in their forts, for nearly two years. going the rounds of the 60 forts, around the city once a month with hospital stores and religious reading, the latter furnished by the American Tract Society of Boston.

Mrs F. will return in two or three days and will be much pleased to look after any of the sons or husbands of your friends.

Very respectfully yours

Jos. T. Fales.

She will highly prize your photograph.

Washington June 7. 1864.

Mrs. H. Cook,

My Dear Madam,

The box of hospital stores from the Ladies Aid of South Danvers, arrived yesterday and just in time, as Mrs Fales, started again this morning on the Steamship Ashland for New York with another cargo of wounded soldiers.

On her first trip, she was the only female on board and she had her heart and hands full all the way. She found many Mass. men on the ship and done all she could for them.

She has a more important work on hand now than ever and needs greater supplies. Instead of supplies for an Ambulance she wants them for an ocean steamer, and will thankfully receive and judiciously distribute all that you and your friends will entrust her with.

She wishes to be kindly remembered to yourself Mr Cook and your friends, in which I heartily join

Yours truly Jos. T. Fales

Washington City July 16. 1864

Mrs. Henry Cook,

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 13th reached me a moment since; the box of goods arrived yesterday all in fine order for which Mrs F and myself, send to you and the Ladies Aid Society our hearty thanks. Mrs. F. returned on Thursday from near Petersburg, having dispensed her hospital stores to the best advantage among the brave boys in the entrenchments and the wounded in the field hospitals.

She is now expecting to start in a few hours for Portland Me, on the Steamer Ashland with an other load of wounded. On her last trip there, she returned by the R.R. and came through Salem, and would have stopped to see her friends in that vicinity if she had known in time that her route was through that place, but she did not until the cars stopped, and then she had a young lady in charge to deliver to her friends here so she had to come right on.

If she comes that way again she will call on her friends in Salem and So. Danvers for a few moments.

Very truly yours
Jos. T. Hales,

Washington Aug 16, 1864.

Mrs. H. Cook,

Dear Madam,

You will please thank the Ladies Aid Society and all others that have contributed to the contents of the box received yesterday. I leave to morrow on a Steamer loaded with wounded soldiers, but where we shall go with them is not known yet. I have made several trips of the kind since I last wrote you, and I am in need of just such articles for the poor wounded boys all the time, I wish I could get such a box from your town weekly. Bandages and lint are much needed for these severely wounded cases. The Penn Relief Asso. of Philadelphia have furnished me with thousands of dollars worth of nourishing food and clothing and hospital stores for my work but still I have good use for much more.

I want to go over the river to day to the camp of the 6th Mass. and carry the sick there many things if I can get a conveyance. As I am at sea so much lately I have no ambulance and have to get some private conveyance.

Kind regards to Mr Smith yourself and all friends

Yours truly

Almira Gales,

Frederick City Maryland

Mrs Henry Cook

Respected Friend

Permit a stranger to acknowledge the receipt of your kind donation, from the Ladies. Which arrived safe at this Agency & will be distributed, impartially, to the needy Soldier by our Loyal Ladies, composing the Union Relief Association & the delegates of our Commission, Donation as follows 24 pocket handk 3 vests, 2 pr pants, 6 pr Cotton hose, 6 pr Woollen hose, 12 towels, 15 bandages, & some crackers, & dried fruit, Also 41 Comfort bags, This was a very nice and acceptable donation, more especially so, being the free willed offering, of children, of your primary school, They having made up the articles from their own resources, as a preasent, to our noble, wounded, and sick soldiers, confined in our hospital, Many of whom, have been brought here by the casualities of war,

This evening I distributed your comfort bags to our brave sick & wounded Heroes, who received them with thankfulness & delight & pronounced them a fine gift.

Carolyn

The rebels having paid us three visi-
-tes during the war, These times we were
the unwilling subjects of Jeff Davis, thoug-
-h only for a day and a half, yet, it was too
long a time, for a free, and loyal people, to have
a rebel to reign over them, Even for this short
time, it cost us $200.000, and a large amount
of Merchandise, Manufactures, horses &c &c
Considerable of a battle very destructive to the
rebs was fought here, only 3 miles from our City,
The rebs had engaged some 16,000 men, and
40 cannon, we had about 3500 men, 6 pieces
of artillery, the rebs had killed, as the grave shows,
2 Commanding Officers, Gen Evans & Leung, 2
Majors, quite a number of subordinate officers,
150 privates, & 1700 wounded, that were attended
to in one day, all that could be, were forwarded
south, 450 were left when they evacuated
this section, We had 175 wounded, & 70 killed,
Yet nothing has ever been said about it in
print, From the army of Virginia we have
many wounded and sick, continually com-
-ing and going to and from our hospitals

* Your friends do not believe that we have an immense force daily crossing through our City, on their way to the Shenandoah Valley, carrying with the rebels —

Last week we had 1637 inmates, of
23 of whom have paid the debt of nature, during
the week, 1120 remaining this week, the rem-
-ainder forwarded to their regiment or other
hospitals, You will percive we have yet a
great many to attend to, Where want are
faithfully supplied by our ladies, who do
not grow weary in well doing, Were you
here, you would see 50 ladies, carrying various
delicacies, the workmanship of their own han
-ds, and administering to those unfortunate
brave men, who have bared their breast in
defence of our once happy country, They bind
=ing their wounds after being well washed,
Comb their heads, administer nourishment,
sit by their bed sides, comforting them, wipe
the death sweat from off their brow, place
the boquet on their coffins, follow their rem
=ains to our Cemetary, their final resting
place on earth, When loved ones at home,
are little thinking of the change taking
place in the earthly prospect, of those near
and dear to them, Such has been the

If we could not do for one to counteract what number, do not think they would ever come to harm in any land or Country by an act of God

daily occurrence in our midst ever since the war began, in our City, we being (unfortunately) on 12 miles from the line of Dixie — Rather uncomfortably near, but so it is, Could you Northern ladies, prey us a visit you would, wonder at the patience & perse-verence of our self sacrificing women, who think they are doing their duty, to do all they can, to make the soldier feel at home, by rendering all the kindness that those at home would, were they here, I thank you and the dear children of your school, in the name of the sick and wounded soldier, and pay to them, long as this war lasts, We shall be pleased to receive from their hands, whe-ever they are disposed to forward, As much is needed in a large hospital, to meet the, minutely demands —

Truly your friend
Gideon Bantz Agent,
of Christian Commission —

For more than a month, the soldier occupies my undivided time — Have been in the service three years in September —

Massachusetts Military State Agency,
Corner 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 18th 1864.

Mrs. Henry Cook
South Danvers Mass.
My Dear Madame,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a box from the Ladies So Danvers Aid Society, and also of your favor of the 13th inst. All the other boxes have been duly recieved, and I must crave your indulgence if in the hurry and rush of business I have neglected to acknowledge them also. Please accept my sincere thanks in behalf of the brave soldiers for your constant remembrance of them.

I am Madame
Your Obt Svt.
Gardiner Tufts
Mass. Mil. Agt.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET.

Boston, Aug't 3 1864

My dear Mrs. Cook,

I did not write in reply to your welcome letter of July 13th, because I thought the Bulletin, spoke better than I could; & so I mailed you a copy at once, wh I trust you promptly received. — But the letter has been lying in my drawer ever since; giving me a feeling that I have not done my duty in regard to you, until I have answered it, & thanked you for your friendliness in writing, & in sending me the "Freeman". I had not seen the article, until you sent it, & am very glad to have seen, what I must believe to be one of the most shame faced, & unchristian articles ever penned. I

cannot believe that a person claiming the name of Christian, even if he lacked the spirit, could so twist & falsify plain simple, earnest words, as they are twisted in that article. It made me at first indignant, then sorry. When afterwards, I heard that its slanders were so bad that they reacted on the heads of the writer & publishers, & created an increase of interest for the Sanitary Fair, I saw that I had been "of little faith". For if God promises anything, it is that such wickedness shall fail. But His providence, in a wisdom we do not understand, is often slow; this time it was very swift. I do not wish the Sanitary Commission to gain from abuse of Evil men; that's a sad experience always. Rather do I see in this work of soldiers' relief, a cause in which every sincere christian may work, in unity with every other. Thanking you again,

I am very cordially yours,

Abby W. May Chm. Sec.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, August 13 1864

My dear Mrs Cook,

Please present to the Ladies of "The Soldiers Aid Society," our sincere thanks, for the box of bandages, received yesterday; nothing could have been more acceptable; they are faultless, being well rolled, pinned, and marked.

Although bandages are our chief need, we hesitate to urge them, where we are not sure of their correct manufacture; the number received is, therefore, limited, while the demand is very great.

The rapid decrease of our funds reminds us, of our reliance upon our Friends in the Country; to them we must look for our supplies, for

the present, and have much reason for gratitude, in the assurance of their continued favors.

Very truly yours,

S Williams & Son.

Massachusetts Military State Agency,

Corner 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 16. "62

Ladies Soldiers Aid Society
South Danvers Mass.

Ladies:

Allow me to express my satisfaction and thanks for your gift to our wounded men here in the different Hospitals.

Believe me, that the goods shall be delivered, so that the most good can be derived. Thinking, could you see how the kindnesses to these are appreciated, you would feel repaid for the care and trouble you have undergone in procuring the supplies.

I am Ladies
very truly yours &c.
Gardiner Tufts
Mass. Military Agent.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, Sept 3d 1864

My dear Mrs Cook.

Many thanks for the welcome barrel, received this morning; it is just such as we could have wished.

We find a large number of handkerchiefs which are not upon your list.

For all the gifts, please thank the Ladies of your Society and accept, for yourself, the cordial gratitude of,

Yours, very truly,

S Walkins Cyler

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, Sept 24th 1864

My dear Mrs Cook,

Please present our warmest thanks to the Ladies of your society, for the contents of their box, received yesterday. It arrives in very good time, just as we are forwarding all our stock, in anticipation of an approaching battle.

The handkerchiefs, towels, and bandages are especially welcome; with the good news from the field, large, and valuable contributions for our suffering men are arriving; may it continue while there is one man to succour, and one gun to be fired.

Very truly yours.

J Williams Glen

Massachusetts Military State Agency,

Corner Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 27th 1864 –

Mrs. Henry Cook.
South Danvers. Mass.

My Dear Madame.

I acknowledge with great pleasure the receipt of a box of Hospital supplies from the Ladies Soldiers Aid Society of South Danvers. I am deeply grateful for this renewed testimony of your interest in our good cause. Our goods are distributed as soon as received. We are constantly receiving, constantly distributing, and always calling for more.

The blessings of Massachusetts soldiers lying sick or wounded in Hospital rests upon the noble women of our State who have so generously ministered to their necessities through this dreadful season of suffering. I trust that they may soon return home to praise you with their own lips

Hoping to hear from your Society

Yours

I am Madame
Your Obedient Servant
Gardiner Tufts
Mass Mil Agent
By S Vassall asst

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET.

Boston, Nov. 14th 1864.

My dear Mrs Cook -

We gratefully acknowledge today the receipt in most excellent order of a valuable box - containing a most welcome variety of articles, from the ladies of your Loc. We desire to thank most heartily all who assisted in its preparation -

We beg all to remember that the supplies & aid of the San Commn were never more needed than in this, let us hope, the final struggle of the war. The army is far from all but temporary depots of supplies, & from permanent hospitals, and in the probable coming battles before Richmond - the men must lie for days in only temporary shelter, and necessarily

rely more on just such aid
as is furnished by the agents of
the Commission —

Hoping that your ladies
will continue faithful until the end
& assuring you of the very great
encouragement your valuable &
timely contribution gives us in our
work — I am

Very truly yours —
Annie T. Endicott.
Exec Comm —

Women & Children's Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, Dec 10 1864

Mrs W. Cook.

Dear Madam,

The Eastern R.R. has promised free passage to our delegates, and the best way of claiming it will be to show your invitation.

Very truly yours
Mary A. Livermore
Exec Com

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United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, Jan. 30th 1865

Dear Mrs Cook,

We have the pleasure today of unpacking 2 very nice boxes from the Ladies of South Danvers, whom we thank most sincerely for the contributions. We are forwarding every week now and I hope these comforts will soon be on the way to those who will fully appreciate them.

I had the pleasure of hearing an agent of the San. Comm., formerly a Chaplain in the Army, speak before a Cambridge audience, he told his stories of

suffering and anxiety relieved through the ready aid of the Comm. with a simple earnestness that touched all who listened. I could wish but wish, such assurances of the results of these good works might reach all who have been so long and faithfully at work in the good cause.

With renewed thanks I am
Yours very truly
S. C. Pary
Frem. Eq. Comm.

UNITED-STATES SANITARY COMMISSION.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET,

Boston, April 17th 1865

Dear Mrs Cook

I am happy to report the safe arrival of your 2 boxes, everything is welcome now when the hospitals are very full and the demand upon the San. Comm. very large. I am glad to see among your articles some that are especially in request. I enclose the list as it came by telegraph from Washington "Towels, handkerchiefs, Ring-Cushions, Slippers, wrappers, Bandages, Rags, Canned fruits Pickles, Tobacco - Lemons

Jellico - Stimulants - Bay Kum.

Since the date of your letter what sad news has come to us! Our faith in God's overruling care and strength must be firmer than ever - since He, who alone could avert the blow suffered it to fall, we are bound to believe that he will supply the light and wisdom that shall guide us safely through this anxious crisis.

In sympathy,
Your friend
(Mrs) S. S. Cary
Wm. H. Cowan.

Boston April 25th 1865

Mrs. Henry Cook, Pres
Mrs Geo. A. Osborne, sec
and
Ladies of Soldiers Aid Society of
South Danvers:-

Your note, conveying to me the vote of your Society on the 21st of April came duly to hand.

Permit to express to you my thanks for the expression of your kind wishes, and also to assure you that they are duly appreciated.

I am happy to be assured that I was instrumental in forwarding the good work in which you are engaged, and only regret that circumstances forbade me doing more.

Hoping that the time is not

far distant when your labors, as a Society, will be relieved by Peace,

I remain

Respectfully yours

Edward F. Osborn

Washington D.C. June 5. 1865

My Dear Mrs Cook,

I thank you for your kind remembrance of me in yours of the 2nd received yesterday. You are correct we have passed through thrilling scenes, and though overwhelmed we have not been cast down, our strength was in the God of the Universe who doeth all things right. And we have confidence that he will bring our nation safely through its fiery trial though we poor mortals suffer.

I have been at work among the soldiers every day since I saw you, and now, I have more work than ever before. The 200.000 soldiers, returned warriors around our city, have shared my labors tho' small in comparison for a few weeks. I have been amongst them in their camps and they come to our house by scores and are thankful for any little attention. Many are sick and the hospitals are already filled with those from the previous battles.

You and your society can aid me much in sending supplies of any thing that you can spare. There is not a day that I do not do something for

the soldiers of Mass. Thousands of them have had no pay for many months. so that they are destitute of every thing except what the Government supplies To some I give 25 cts to some 50 cts so that I do and can use judiciously much money and make the boys hearts glad.

I will thank you kindly for hospital supplies for towels, handkerchiefs shirts, drawers &c and money, much of which I use in purchasing oranges & lemons for the sick.

I should be pleased to have you spend two or three days with me when you could have a better opinion of the many things needed.

In my work for the soldiers I find much to do for the destitute families of the freedmen. Friends in Philadelphia furnish me with clothing for the women and children, which I take pleasure in distributing. and could do great good if I had more to do with.

Mrs Fales joins in kind regards to yourself and family

Yours truly.

Mrs G. T. Fales

368. 4th Street.

United-States Sanitary Commission.

N. E. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION,

No. 18, WEST STREET.

Boston, June 5th 1865.

My dear Mrs. Cook,

Your box reached us safely, and its contents were most welcome – Although the end of the war has come, we cannot put down our work yet, and any contributions sent to us during the present month will be most acceptable – We received a telegraph last week, saying "Send all you can of woolen and cotton underclothing, socks, needle books, bandages and lint – demand urgent and great appro-

the Hospitals - Please give our more cordial thanks to the members of your Society, and believe me,

Very Sincerely Yrs,

(Miss) Mary J. Allen

Mem. Ex. Com.

tunities for doing good.
This message comes
from Head Qrs. at Washington, I wish you
could look into the office
of the San. Com. there, and
see how busy they are
from morning till night.
It is very hard to realize,
so far from Washington
as we are, the large
number of soldiers in the
Military Hospitals, and
also the number of
soldiers in the army
requiring assistance —
Anything you
send will be forwarded
within a few days to
Baltimore and Washington,
the generous supply of
condensed milk will
find immediate use in

Washington June 29. 1865

My dear Mrs. Cook,
South Danvers,
Mass.

I thank you and the Soldiers Aid Society for the $10, received yesterday. It was just what I was in want of to buy currants raspberries, blackberries oranges, lemons, vegetables and tobacco for the suffering and dying braves. Tobacco most of them prize above every thing else it cheers them and stimulates them when nothing else will. There are some of the worst cases here that I have ever known among the wounded and the gangrene is very bad among them.

I thank Massachusetts for her noble work. Within this month I have received about $100 from her, the little town of Heath sending me $90 which has enabled me to purchase things most need by the boys that are not furnished by the government. I am much engaged in getting the wounded transferred to hospitals near their homes getting the dead embalmed and sent home. getting

wounded men employed in the departments as clerks door keepers &c. the latter can only be accomplished in few instances but it takes much labor.

Indeed I have as much work as ever and I suppose I shall for a long time. But I will do all I can for the freedmen, I have two old ladies aged 84 each, that are perfect queens in their manners but their skins are colored, have been slaves all their lives, and much abused. I want to get dresses for them from some of my good friends. The Penn Relief Society of Philadel phia and the Ladies Aid of the same city have sent me many goods for the Freedmen and they are coming to me constantly for more.

Very truly yours

Mrs J. T. Fales

368. 4th St.