

THE GOOD WORK OF SUCCOR ACTIVELY
CARRIED ON BY MANY HANDS.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 25.—Gov. Hubbard arrived in the city yesterday morning, and, accompanied by members of the relief committee, made an excursion about the ruins and fully satisfied himself that reports of the destruction were not at all exaggerated. On returning, he attended a meeting of the relief committee and commended the work being done and the plans laid for further operations by the committee. He suggested that the committee prepare 5,000 circulars, of which he wanted 1,000. Agreeably to his recommendation the following circular has been written and sent out to all parts of the State:

"On the evening of Aug. 21 a terrific cyclone struck our city, completely demolishing 125 dwellings and totally destroying the contents. A large number of others were unroofed and otherwise badly damaged. Thirty-one persons were killed and about 100 wounded, several of them fatally. The ruined houses were nearly all owned and occupied by mechanics and laborers, who have lost everything they had in the world, except the clothing they had upon their persons, and the naked lots. In many cases heads of families were injured. The cyclone entered the county at the western border, and in its course destroyed the crops and buildings on about forty farms. Others lying contiguous were damaged. The relief committee has a detailed list of 104 families entirely destitute. We appeal to the public for aid. Leading business men of the city are all heavy losers and cannot therefore do as much as they would for the sufferers. They have, however, contributed liberally. None of the public buildings have escaped damage. One

school building is destroyed, the court house unroofed, churches seriously injured, one—the Methodist—demolished, elevators and warehouses are in ruins. Provisions are plentiful. More clothing and carpenters are needed. One hundred thousand dollars expended in lumber, etc., for the penniless, would scarcely set them on their feet sufficiently to enable them to help themselves. All contributions are placed in the hands of a thoroughly organized committee of citizens, and may be forwarded to the undersigned."

HOW IT IS DONE.

The correspondent of the *Minneapolis Tribune* writes: "The work of the relief committee is now systematized and is being operated on the most thorough scale. Its rooms are crowded with applicants for provisions and shelter all day. A generous table is provided and a cook stove has been set up in the committee rooms and the hungry fed on the spot. Provisions are sent to families cared for in other places. The general plan of the committee, as outlined in this morning's session, is to give each family orders on the stores or for cash amounting to no more than \$25, with which to supply themselves with the necessaries of life. Each applicant is catalogued his peculiar necessities and the amount given charged against it, for which purpose the committee has hired a book-keeper. It is now estimated that 150 families in the city and 50 in the county are destitute, or 500 persons who require to be almost supported by charity for some days or weeks. About 200 were fed to-day at the committee's lodges, besides meals sent out. The committee has determined to replace the houses inhabited by owners now destitute which were demolished by the storm. J. H. Carpenter of Carpenter & Felts, architects, St. Paul, came to Rochester to-day and generously offered their professional services to the committee gratuitously. The offer was thankfully accepted. The plan, which only awaits the unanimous approval of the committee—which it will

undoubtedly receive—is to rebuild in the rough the houses owned and occupied by sufferers which were demolished by the storm. These will number at least eighty, and will cost from \$350 to \$1,000 each, making in the aggregate about \$50,000. They will be 16 by 20 feet and ten feet high, making a story and three-quarters. They will have two floors and be roofed with shingles or prepared paper. The joists will be sheathed inside and covered with flooring. Outside other finishing and furnishing except a partition on each floor to be done by the occupant himself, so each man will have a roof over his head free, and can make what improvements he can afford. Mr. Carpenter will be put in charge of this work. Railroads will transport lumber free for the purpose, and sixteen car loads are already ordered. The present necessity is for workmen, and a call will be issued offering employment to hundreds of carpenters and masons. Meanwhile homeless families will be provided for in warerooms, etc., although some sleep in the open air. The immediate needs of the committee are bedding and clothes, especially for children from 10 months to 10 years old, and cash. The receipts of the committee up to this evening are \$16,500, which can last but a few days in providing for actual present necessities. Sub-committees have been sent into the country east and west to-day to hunt up cases of destitution and distress.

GENERAL NOTES.

The number of deaths thus far reported in Rochester and vicinity is 29, of which two are in Byron, two in Haverhill and two in Marion. The mangled form of a tramp was found south of town this morning. He is cared for, but will die. Mrs. Chapman is lingering between life and death. She is the mother of the proprietor of the harvester works, and 82 years old.

Few cases of fraudulent applications for aid have come to light, and the committees are so well provided with local knowledge that it will be difficult to perpetrate any decided swindle.

Ex-Auditor of State O. P. Whitcomb was one of the heaviest losers in Rochester. At his residence in town great damage was done and the buildings on his newly purchased farm about four miles northeast were totally destroyed, while even the stubble was blown away from a forty acre field of wheat cut the day before the storm.

The title deeds of the Leland farm, which was in the direct path of the storm, were found seven miles away and returned to their owner this morning. Mr. Leland found a valuable diamond which was in a cravat, wedged among some debris.

It has been decided to replace the dome on the Rochester court house, and the roof will be repaired immediately. The public schoolhouse will be largely rebuilt.

The Methodist church at Rochester has prepared a circular to be read in the churches on Sunday, appealing for aid. It is estimated that \$6,000 will be required to rebuild.

The town of Kasson has appointed a relief committee consisting of R. Taylor, J. B. Arnold, L. G. Nelson, H. Hatch and H. E. Fairchild. These gentlemen will attend to the sufferers in the townships of Westfield, Ashland and Canisteo, Dodge county. Gov. Hubbard communicated with them and authorized the chairman to draw \$500 from the St. Paul fund for relief.

The need of a secretary for the Rochester committee has been sorely felt, and Judge Start has engaged a competent man, who will work for a month or longer, as may be necessary. One of the best things done was the appointing of a canvassing committee, who, with the assistance of the county commissioners, will go up and down in Olmsted county, and into Dodge, if need be, and learn the isolated cases of want or destitution. Experience of former storms has shown that many who are really deserving of aid live in out-of-the-way places and have not the means of making their needs known.

Thus far 104 heads of families in and near Rochester are known to be in need of assistance, though but fifty-four are on the list of the committee. Contributions continue to come in, but more are needed.

At the improvised hospital at Rochester twenty-nine patients are all doing as well as can be expected, although death is expected in two cases. A visit on Friday afternoon showed a marked improvement in matters. Ernest Zerath had just been brought in with a number of slight wounds in the head, which were very skillfully dressed by the doctress. The Quigg children had been taken away by the resident Sisters of Charity, and will be cared for by them either in the convent or by persons whom they will select. Hanson, the injured consumptive, is slowly sinking, and news reached the physicians that Mrs. Chapman, who is in a private house, is worse. The number of burials, counting that of Karl Quigg which took place Friday, foots up twenty-two. There is one child to be interred, and two—undoubtedly killed—are missing. This does not include any outside of Rochester proper, except Cauty, who lives very near here.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions have thus far been reported as follows:

Winona	\$5,000	Red Wing	\$ 500
(with more to come)		Hastings	200
Minneapolis	5,000	St. Cloud.....	400
(to be doubled.)		Waseca	400
St. Paul.....	5,000	Rushford.....	200
W. D. Washburn..	1,000	Northfield.....	250
O. & N. Railway..	1,000	St. Peter.....	300
Lumbermen at-		Eyota	100
tending land sale		A. M. Ozman, St.	
at St. Cloud.....	3,300	Paul.....	300
Stillwater	1,000	Rosenbaum Bros.,	
Mankato	700	Chicago	100
Lake City.....	250	Robert Warren,	
Owatonna	500	Chicago	100

The total subscriptions of all kinds including clothing and provisions, of which latter Winona has contributed freely, will probably reach the value of \$35,000. Much more, however, is needed.

