

but has continued to render emergency assistance whenever conditions are brought to our attention. During the year, we purchased 846 tons of coal for distribution to the poor through the various Police Districts; rendered emergency aid to 1809 families by providing food and clothing; and helped 147 other families regularly throughout the year, in addition to providing 2030 baskets for distribution at Christmas time,—an expenditure of \$26,573.02.

All members were instructed in the use and care of revolvers and tested for proficiency. As a result, 40 qualified as experts; 68 as sharpshooters; 152 as marksmen; and 128 as first-class men. These courses will be continued and I am confident that the instruction received will be highly beneficial.

The Department, as provided by Chapter 76, Acts 1931, disposed of one hundred and twelve (112) unclaimed motor vehicles at auction. This practice has proven entirely satisfactory and permits disposal of machines after they have been in our possession unclaimed for three (3) months, whereas prior to the enactment of this law, it was necessary to hold the vehicles for one year and then dispose of them as junk.

Before giving consideration to preparing our budget for salaries during 1933, I called a meeting of all Commanding Officers and discussed the advisability of interesting members earning more than \$1500.00 per year, to voluntarily submit to a ten per cent (10%) reduction for a period of one year, for the purpose of assisting the Mayor and City Council to balance the budget. The plan met with immediate approval and those affected signed a waiver of rights as to existing salary schedules. For the purpose of further assisting in the Mayor's program, no appropriation was requested for positions that could be carried as vacant during the coming year,—a total salary saving of \$430,758.90.

It is a pleasure to advise you also that members pledged \$10,204.50 to the Baltimore Relief Committee.

Due to the exercise of rigid economy in our maintenance account during the year, we estimated a saving of \$20,000.00, and reported this fact to the Board of Estimates, requesting permission to retain \$15,000.00 to purchase radio equipment. The request was approved and in the latter part of the year we entered into a contract with the R. C. A. Victor Company of Camden, New Jersey, for the purchase and installation of necessary equipment. It is planned to put the system into operation about February