

The Giddings News

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Quick Response

The condition of "Zonie" (Ernest Shippe) has been such for the past two months that it was necessary that some aid be rendered him. Many of the good ladies who live near him supplied him with meals; the physicians readily and cheerfully answered his calls in pain, and some one was employed to sit up with him. Church committees composed of Mesdames P. H. Merchant and Hertel of the Methodist, Mesdames Davis Heck and Chas. Fields of the Presbyterian, Mesdames E. M. Collier and Bishop of the Baptist, and Messers. Herman Blar and Gersch of the Ev. Lutheran have arranged to provide him with the necessities of life and also to assist him in whatever way they can to regain his strength. Mrs. Collier solicited funds and the Giddings people responded with a glad helping hand, which the committee appreciates very much and helps to make the work lighter for them.

Zonie was reluctant to receive charity and it was only at the insistence of the good ladies that he received same. He is industrious as far as his physical ability will permit but his condition makes his earnings quite scanty. The four churches above mentioned employ him as janitor and when he is unable to attend to his duties he is paid just the same, while others volunteer to do his work. Giddings people are always willing to help the needy and such Christian acts while traveling life's pilgrimage will doubtless redound to the glory of the participants.