counting was made there had been received in cash donations $331,972, and supplies, the estimated value of which was $13,467. These figures do not include the amount received indirectly from the United States government through reimbursements, amounting to about $175,000. New York City alone sent $108,199; next came Philadelphia, with $18,085; Boston, $13,876; Chicago, $13,436; Brooklyn, $10,836; St. Louis, $6,959; Savannah, $6,455; Charleston, $5,928; New Orleans, $5,903; Memphis, $5,247; Kansas City, $5,134; and hundreds of cities and towns with contributions less than $5,000. Individual contributions ranged all the way from $12,000, given anonymously by a resident of New York City,† to 2 cents, a widow's mite.

Jacksonville during the progress of the epidemic was a place of utter despair. Hundreds of men were at work cleaning up the city and suburbs, burning trash, and disinfecting; every able-bodied man who applied for work was given something to do, at a nominal salary, the authorities believing that this was the best method to handle the situation as to idleness, and at the same time bring the sanitary conditions to the greatest perfection. But with all this activity, the deserted stores and residences and the serious countenances of the citizens, told plainly the story of the calamity; and at night there settled over the city an uncanny stillness, broken only by the occasional rattle of the death carts or the muffled noises of those whose duty called them out after dark. The odors arising from the free use of disinfectants surcharged the atmosphere, and furnished the basis for the statements of the negroes that they could "smell the yellow fever in the air". It was a situation well calculated to crush the stoutest heart. At that time people thought the best way to escape the yellow fever was to remain indoors from sundown to sunrise; but they were utterly in the dark as to how to combat the disease, as is evinced by the experiments conducted for that purpose. One of the first was the concussion experiment, the theory being that the concussion caused by the firing of heavy cannon charges would kill the yellow fever microbes. The only result attained, however, was the breakage of windows in several churches and numerous other buildings.

†This gentleman later became the benefactor of Daniel Memorial Orphanage, likewise anonymously.