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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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It has been thought best in presenting the Annual Report of our work for 1893 to enter somewhat into the object of our existence, the work we aim to do, and what actually comes into our hands to do. The statistics for the past year will be given in a separate report as usual.

The Temporary Home for Women and Children was instituted eleven years ago, to supply a great and long felt need, namely a temporary home for women and children needing from any cause and in any emergency, a helping hand. It is a State Institution, and yet is not limited to those of our own State household, any one found within our borders is offered such assistance as she may need to help her to self-support, or to assist her to her friends.

The work is preventive, charitable and reformatory. From door-steps, from alms-houses, from any evil surroundings are the little ones taken, tenderly nurtured and trained until a better, or real home can be found for them. Many a little one in the past ten years has gone out from us to a home where it is the cherished child in the otherwise childless home, or the pet among older children in the home it shares.

Young girls without homes, ineligible to any other institution are here taught to care for self, in kitchen, in the laundry or with the needle. From this Home they are then sent out into families where they can be useful and self-supporting. A few examples of the work of this Home may more clearly show its scope.



A young girl arrives in Portland to take an English Steamer for her home. The long journey from Chicago has taken all the money she had. With her ocean ticket and fifteen cents only in her pocket she arrives the day after the steamer left, to find she must wait two weeks for the next vessel of that line. There is no other safe retreat for her in this city but the Temporary Home whose doors readily open for her.

A young, pretty French girl not knowing one word of English comes into the Union Station at 5.30 one afternoon a few weeks ago to take train next morning for Lawrence where she had friends. With no money there was no alternative for her but to remain in that station all night, had not the waitresses received permission to send all such cases to the Temporary Home. Here she was cared for with supper, lodging and breakfast and brought by the matron the next morning to the station and started safely on her way.

A child sixteen years old, who had been placed by her mother in a hotel in a city in the eastern part of our State, as a table girl, was through her ignorance and childish innocence betrayed by a man twice her years. Through the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of that city she was sent to this home, the only shelter for her in her trouble and sorrow. She has been tenderly cared for, for more than a year and just having passed her seventeenth birthday, she, with her ten months old boy, has been put into a good home where she can earn their support.

As is shown by these incidents cited, the benefits of the Home are not limited to any class, it offers its sheltering arms to needy, homeless women and children not as a hospital, but as a home.

And not only while inmates of this Home do they receive help, but the watchful care of the Managers follows them into the homes secured for them. If sickness comes to them, if after service rest is needed, the doors of this institution open for them

and the home welcome which so many of them have missed is given to them.

The arrangements of the Home are in the hands of a Board of Managers who meet monthly. An Executive Committee of six or more from this Board meets weekly. One member of this committee has charge of the Home for one month at a time overseeing the House and the inmates. These committees give much time and thought to the work and are well repaid by its success. Each case that comes before the Board is carefully considered, and every effort is made to meet its individual need. In the ten years prior to 1892 two hundred and ninety-six women and two hundred and fifty-six children have been admitted to the Home.

The value of the work has only to be known to be appreciated. The disappointments have been so few and the encouragements so great, that it gives much assurance for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, May 10th, 1893.



## STATISTICS.

On May 11, 1892, there were in the home,

|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Women,   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Children,                                      | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Women admitted since,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Children admitted since,                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Children born,                                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6  |
| Old girls returned one or more times,          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| Children returned with mother,                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Total number of women,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| Total number of children,                      | - | - | - | - | - | - | 46 |
| Total number of inmates,                       | - | - | : | - | - | - | 84 |
| Women sent to places,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Children sent with mothers and to their homes, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Women left to go to friends,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9  |
| Children adopted,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Died (children),                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Largest number of women at any one time,       | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Smallest " " " "                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6  |
| Largest number of children at any one time,    | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| Smallest " " " "                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7  |

## REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

|   |   |   |   |    |
|---|---|---|---|----|
| Number of visits, (four by Dr. Hersom), | - | - | - | 81 |
| Number of patients prescribed for,      | - | - | - | 25 |
| Number of births,                       | - | - | - | 6  |
| Number of deaths,                       | - | - | - | 4  |

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. AVERY.

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Visitors are admitted only on Thursdays from 2 to 5 P. M.

## TEMPORARY HOME FOR

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

| RECEIPTS.                       |                   | EXPENDITURES.                      |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance May 11, 1892,           | - - - - \$ 891 67 | Provisions, water and light,       | - - - \$837 61    |
| State appropriation,            | - - - - 1,000 00  | Fuel,                              | - - - 242 52      |
| Interest on fund,               | - - - - 241 38    | Salaries,                          | - - - 782 49      |
| Rent of Merrill house,          | - - - - 20 93     | Repairs,                           | - - - 142 84      |
| Annual subscriptions, city,     | - - - 621 25      | Medical supplies,                  | - - - 59 49       |
| Subscriptions from other towns, | - - - 178 35      | Funeral expenses,                  | - - - 37 00       |
| Board of children,              | - - - 348 00      | Clothing,                          | - - - 49 10       |
| Donations,                      | - - - 210 00      | Furniture,                         | - - - 59 26       |
| All other sources,              | - - - 33 89       | Insurance,                         | - - - 36 00       |
|                                 |                   | Telephone,                         | - - - 18 00       |
|                                 |                   | Carriage hire,                     | - - - 16 27       |
|                                 |                   | Printing, postage and advertising, | - - - 37 04       |
|                                 |                   | Sundries,                          | - - - 25 70       |
|                                 |                   | Balance May 10, 1893,              | \$2,343 32        |
|                                 |                   |                                    | 1,292 15          |
|                                 |                   |                                    | <u>\$3,545 47</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

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| " A. T. Clarke,            | 1 00   | " Henry D. Pike,    | 1 00   |
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| Mrs. Frank Davis,          | 50     | " O. B. Rideout,    | 50     |
| " George Eaton,            | 1 00   | " C. B. Rounds,     | 50     |
| " Henry Eaton,             | 1 00   | " D. E. Seymore,    | 50     |
| " George R. Gardner,       | 1 00   | " C. E. Swan,       | 1 00   |
| " Fred Ham, (St. Stephen), | 50     | " Fred Stoddard,    | 50     |
| Miss Ida Harmon,           | 50     | " Albert Todd,      | 50     |
| Mrs. Charles King,         | 1 00   | " E. H. Vose,       | 1 00   |
| " George G. King,          | 1 00   | " F. T. Waite,      | 50     |
| " W. B. King,              | 1 00   | " William Woods,    | 50     |
| " Ella M. Haycock,         | 1 00   | " Frank Woods,      | 50     |
| " George Lord,             | 1 00   | " B. Young,         | 1 00   |
| " Irving McAllister,       | 50     | Methodist Society,  | 7 00   |
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|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
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| Mrs. C. H. Cram,      | 1 00   | " Frank Ridlon,        | 35    |
| Miss Lucia Emery,     | 1 00   | " Frederic Robie,      | 1 00  |
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| Mrs. Charles Campbell, | \$1 00 | Mrs. William Freeman, | 1 00 |
| " Fred I. Campbell,    | 1 00   | Miss E. D. Freeman,   | 1 00 |
| " S. N. Campbell,      | 1 00   | " M. C. Hunter,       | 1 00 |
| " G. R. Campbell,      | 1 00   | " J. W. Coffin,       | 2 00 |

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| Mrs. C. A. Ricker,  | \$ 25 | Mrs. C. A. Allen,   | \$ 25 |
| Miss M. A. Flynn,   | 50    | " S. S. Hutchinson, | 75    |
| Mrs. Rose M. Smith, | 25    |                     |       |

## OTHER TOWNS.

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| Miss Isabella Shirley, Brooklyn,<br>N. Y., | \$1 00 | Mrs. J. Greenleaf, Cambridge,<br>Mass., | \$20 00 |
| Mrs. J. Gooding, Brookline, Mass.,         | 1 00   | Mrs. George Wetherell, Castine,         | 2 00    |
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| " J. E. Quinby, Stroudwater,               | 2 00   | " F. A. Johnson, Stroudwater,           | 1 00    |
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## FORM OF A BEQUEST.

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I give and bequeath to the Temporary Home for Women and Children, in Deering, Maine, incorporated in the year of our Lord, 1882, the sum of———dollars to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said corporation.

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| Mr. William M. Marks, Portland, | . . . . . | \$ 5 00 |
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## DONATIONS TO TEMPORARY HOME.

## MAY, 1892.

B. Minors, towels and nursery articles; King's Daughters, boots and diapers for Jimmie; Mrs. P. H. Brown, lettuce; Mrs. Fred Dow, dolman; Miss Dow, soup dish, cake pans, brown bread dish; Mrs. P. H. Brown, lettuce and rhubarb.

## JUNE.

Miss Kimball, shoes and flowers; Miss Quimby, flowers; Mrs. Stevens, glass of cream; Mr. Stevens, hen and chickens; Miss Dow, dress, drawers, nursery articles, steamer and cover, bananas, eggs and cream for ice cream; Mrs. Lord, jersey jacket, night dress and thread; Mrs. L. Lincoln, 4 small mattresses, 1 spring, 1 iron cot-bed, dress and sack, 2 bottles medicine.

## JULY.

Bananas and flowers, Miss Quinby.

## AUGUST.

Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, black dress goods; Mrs. Jewell, flannel for skirt and baby bands; Miss Boothby, 3 gallons of jersey milk; Mrs. W. W. Brown, 10 quarts black berries; Mrs. Jewell, baby shoes and water melon; Miss Mayberry, package of corn starch for babies; Miss Scales, two large bundles clothing; Miss Quinby, flowers; Mrs. P. H. Brown, vegetables of all kinds; Goudy and Kent, barrel of crackers.

## SEPTEMBER.

Miss Quimby, 2 baskets apples; Miss Hill, 4 flannel night dresses (infants; Miss Day, 5 cambric dresses; Mrs. P. H. Brown, tomatoes, vegetables and bundle of clothing; Mrs. W. W. Brown, apples, tomatoes, needles, pins, safety pins, white flannel, paint for walls of matron's room and straw matting for the floor; Miss Dow, pears, roll of cloth for nursery and table bell; Miss Patten, pair of boots; Mrs. Webster, 2 infant bibs; Mrs. M. L. Haskell, gingham dress and cotton flannel; Gen. J. M. Brown, eggs; Mrs. S. J. Frank, cucumbers for pickling; Goudy and Kent,  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel crackers; Mrs. M. P. Frank, vinegar, 1 doz. tumblers, 2 pair stockings, infants sacks, matting for assistant matron's room; Mrs. W. W. Brown, ticket to Boston; Mr. Howard, painting walls of matron's room.

## OCTOBER.

Mrs. M. L. Haskell, remnants of flannel; Mrs. A. W. Longfellow, basket of pears and woolen wrapper; Mrs. Margaret Merrill, basket of fruit; Mrs. W. W. Brown, package of clothing and basket of fruit; Mrs. Margaret Merrill, bundle of clothing and basket of fruit; Mrs. F. C. Johnston, five shade curtains.

## NOVEMBER.

Mrs. Margaret W. T. Merrill, 2 yds. flannel; Mrs. E. M. Smith, bundle of clothing and roll of pieces; Mrs. McIntire, 2 infants shirts; Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Payson, bundle infants' clothing; Mrs. Fred N. Dow, 1 bath robe, 1 pin cushion, 1 long damask table cloth, 1 basque; Miss C. M. Dow, 1 cloak, roll of pieces, 1 set knives, roll of skirt lining; Mrs. Lord, 1 bundle of underwear; Mrs. P. H. Brown, 1 turkey and bunch celery; Mrs. W. W. Brown, 1 turkey, squash, onions, sweet potatoes, cranberries; Miss Quinby, 2 qts. cranberries; Mrs. Carter, 2 doz. bananas; Mrs. W. W. Brown, 1 straw hat and children's rubbers; W. W. Thomas, 1 turkey; Mrs. J. W. Dyer, 2 pair children's stockings; Miss C. M. Dow, 1 plum pudding, 2 mince pies.

## DECEMBER.

Mrs. Longley, bundle of clothing; Mrs. Longfellow, 2 infants bands; Mrs. Taft, children's toys; Mrs. W. Milliken, basket of pears, 2 doz. oranges; Mrs. J. H. Lowe, bundle of clothing; Mrs. Dana Fellows, 3 sheets and bundle clothing; Miss Dow, 12 napkins; Mr. Thayer, 6 oranges; Mr. Payson Tucker, 1 book; Mrs. W. Milliken, 2 cans clam chowder, 1 pair of infants' socks; Martha Campbell, 2 doz. oranges; Mrs. W. W. Brown, 1 turkey, sweet potatoes, onions, squash, 2 qts. cranberry sauce; Mrs. M. Merrill, 1 turkey, onions, cranberries, 2 doz. oranges; Mrs. P. H. Brown, 1 turkey, 6 heads celery; Mrs. J. W. Dyer, 1 lot of toys for children, 4 handkerchiefs, 5 cakes of toilet soap, 8 bottles perfume, 4 pencils, 1 case needles and crochet hook, bag fancy crackers for children, 2 baby bibs, 1 bottle cough medicine, 6 booklets and christmas cards; Miss Dow, fruit, cakes and corn balls; Mrs. W. Milliken, basket apples; Mr. Vese and Mr. Dyer, 1 tub lard.

## MARCH, 1893.

Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, stuffed bird and Japanese card basket; Mrs. W. W. Brown, saxony yarn and knitting cotton; Mrs. W. H. Fenn, spanish wool; Mrs. W. F. Little, one pair of infants' shirts; Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, quilt and cotton squares.

## APRIL.

Miss Quinby, 1½ doz. oranges; Mrs. J. W. D. Carter, table-cloth, napkins, satteen dress; Miss O. M. Beckett, satteen dress and waist; Miss Quinby, 20 yds. gingham.

## DONATIONS OF MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS TREE.

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