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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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It has been said that "crime is the product of a defective character under given temptation, and the defective character has often an ancestral basis." In some cases which have come under their care, the Managers of the Temporary Home for Women and Children have found it too late to eradicate hereditary vices: shall we, because disappointments have come, class all unfortunates, who seek our home and aid, as beings without a spark of the true womanhood?

Our report for the year 1887, varies little from the preceding years; hopes and disappointments have come to *us* as they do to all who are determined to aid those who need a kindly hand or encouraging word. Our work is so broad and embraces so many different points of interest, that the satisfaction of to-day's efforts may be entirely at variance with the duties of to-morrow. It is only by summing up the many little items, that a gain can be discovered—yet we can see the advance of our labors in the influence we gain over our own inmates, and the increasing approval of the public opinion of our entire State. Our wish is to help those who are irresolute from the weight of a fearful burden which has been brought upon them, either by their own weak will, or the sorrow cast upon their lives by the wrong doing of others.

We do not give charity in the common acceptation of that word, but we open the door of our Home to shelter the mother and her little family of deserted children, because the father prefers his selfish love of the poison which so often has brutalized



the tender manhood of his heart—or to the young girl who has often promised herself “to be good,” but a stronger will than hers has led her into the path of sin—and also to the young daughter of toil who asks shelter for a few days until she can find another place wherein she can still earn a respectable living.

With thanks to all who have in any way contributed to our needs during the past year we urge their continued interest in our cause, and may we not hope they will induce their friends to become donors also? (If each of our old subscribers would but send us one new one!) We appeal to you, mothers, sisters, daughters to remember we ask not aid for the vicious, the intentional sinners, but for those whose very weakness is a cry for help.

During the year we have had one birth and one death in the Home, and given shelter to thirty women and twenty-four children; the ages of the women ranging from thirty-two to fifteen years; those of the children, from three weeks to three or four years. The good health of our family is largely owing to the vigilant skill of our physician aided by our matrons.

The adoption of three of our children during the past year has proved all we could wish, if we may judge from a bird's-eye view into their new homes where the little waifs, with happy faces and pleasant prattle, play with the children of the house, or follow its elder members engaged in their daily avocations. Our work is as the drink of cold water to the parched traveler, a little thing in itself, but a life-long blessing to the recipient.

In concluding our report, we feel permitted to ask our friends, in addition to *material* aid, for the sympathy that encourages us to carry on a work demanding much personal labor and thought. Each case coming before us varies in its needs, requiring strict investigation, conscientious action, and the exercise of that

charity we ask of the public. Let us unite in this work to endeavor to make the world better.

### STATISTICS.

On May 9th, 1888, there were at the Home:

[illegible]

Of the women :

[illegible]

Of the children :

[illegible]

## TEMPORARY HOME FOR

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN

| DR.   | RECEIPTS. |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Balance on hand, May 18, 1887,                              | - -       | \$ 32 62   |
| Received from annual subscriptions and donations, Portland, | - -       | 607 00     |
| from annual subscriptions, Bangor,                          | - - - -   | 115 00     |
| from other towns,   | - - - - - | 49 50      |
| for board of children,                                      | - - - - - | 83 14      |
| for rent of Merrill house,                                  | - - - - - | 36 64      |
| from Mrs. Kent's Parlor Concert,                            | - - - - - | 100 00     |
| from Charity Ball,  | - - - - - | 214 00     |
| from State appropriation,                                   | - - - - - | 500 00     |
| from interest on bank deposit,                              | - - - - - | 10 69      |
| from all other sources,                                     | - - - - - | 3 34       |
| Total receipts,   | - - - - - | \$1,751 93 |
| Withdrawn from bank account,                                | - - - - - | 20 10      |

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\$1,772 03

## BANK ACCOUNT.

|   | RECEIPTS. |                |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| On deposit May 18, 1887,  | - - - - - | \$275 00       |
| Received from twenty-five cent subscription on the "E. E. Hale plan," | - - - - - | 230 25         |
|   |           | <hr/> \$505 25 |

Other property owned by the society, consists of the land and buildings in Deering occupied as the Home, and one eighth of the house at 78 Danforth Street, Portland.



## AND CHILDREN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 9th, 1888.

| EXPENDITURES.                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Cr.               |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Paid for groceries,                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$425 69          |
| milk,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 161 69            |
| meat and fish,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 126 92            |
| fuel,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 208 75            |
| carriage for physician,            | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 41 50             |
| conveying inmates to places,       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 50              |
| medical supplies,                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 54 59             |
| salaries of matron and assistants, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 466 89            |
| printing and postage,              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 58             |
| clothing,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 49 52             |
| furniture,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 84              |
| repairs,                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 114 10            |
| telephone rental,                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 27 25             |
| water tax,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 00             |
| burial expenses,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 50              |
| trucking,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 75              |
| incidentals,                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 96             |
| Total expenses,                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>\$1,772 08</u> |
| Average expenses per month,        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$147 67          |

## BANK ACCOUNT.

| EXPENDITURES.                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Transferred to current account, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ 20 10        |
| Amount on deposit, May 9, 1888, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 485 15          |
|                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>\$505 25</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA D. GOULD,  
Treasurer.

MAY 9th, 1888.

In submitting this report, the treasurer wishes to call attention to the fact that in order to meet the bills for the year it has been necessary to withdraw a small sum from the money on deposit in the bank. While we are glad to be able to supply in this way what is needed, we are sure it is the desire of all, that this fund, much of which has been gathered by unusual effort,

should be kept as far as possible for greater emergencies than the daily current expenses. It may cause some surprise to learn that these expenses have been less in nearly every department during the last year than for several previous years, \$1,772.03 last year as against \$2,248.95, the year before. The bills for medical supplies and carriage hire are two hundred dollars less than in 1887, showing that we have had much less serious illness. While this is a very favorable showing it will not do to depend upon having another year the expenses more than four hundred dollars below the average and we would urge once more that a special effort should be made to obtain new annual subscribers to take the places of those who for various reasons have dropped from the list.

With the exception of Bangor, where we have a very active worker, the towns outside of Portland send less and less every year and it is to our own citizens that we must look for our support. There are many who have not yet been called upon, who doubtless would be willing to help if they were asked; shall they not be given an opportunity to contribute to our needs?

## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 9, 1888.

Number of visits from May 19, 1887, to May 9, 1888, including eleven visits at 71 Wilmot Street, and three by Dr.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Avery in October,   | - | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| Number of patients, calling each person prescribed for during the month, one, | - | - | - | - | - | 44 |
| Number of births,   | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Number of deaths,   | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |

(An infant of a few months, very feeble and poorly nourished, who had been in the Home but a few days—of cholera infantum—dying before my second visit.)

There were two months, June and November, when no medical attendance was needed.

The general health of the inmates has been excellent, the illness being largely confined to new comers, and these soon improve under the regular life and good diet of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HERSOM, M. D.

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| Mrs. J. N. Chandler, | 1 00 | " S. F. Humphrey,      | 1 00 |
| " Donald C. Clark,   | 1 00 | " S. Hemmenway,        | 1 00 |
| " T. W. Coe,         | 1 00 | " A. R. Higgins,       | 1 00 |
| " F. W. Cram,        | 1 00 | " Frank Hight,         | 1 00 |
| " E. A. Crosby,      | 1 00 | " Abel Hunt,           | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Isaac Currier,  | 1 00 | " Geo. P. Jeffers,     | 1 00 |
| " J. L. Cutter,      | 1 00 | " Peleg T. Jones,      | 1 00 |
| " Lester Dwinel,     | 1 00 | " R. K. Jones,         | 1 00 |
| " G. S. C. Dow,      | 1 00 | Mrs. G. W. Lancaster,  | 1 00 |
| " W. S. Dennett,     | 1 00 | " C. V. Lord,          | 1 00 |

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| Mr. A. D. Manson,      | 5 00 | Mrs. C. P. Stetson,  | 1 00 |
| Mrs. H. McLaughlin,    | 1 00 | " Chas. Stetson,     | 1 00 |
| " James McLaughlin,    | 1 00 | Miss F. A. Stetson,  | 1 00 |
| " A. Moor,             | 1 00 | " Annie Stetson,     | 1 00 |
| " Caroline Mason,      | 1 00 | Mrs. C. H. Sawyer,   | 1 00 |
| " Dr. Morrison,        | 1 00 | " S. H. Sawyer,      | 1 00 |
| " G. W. Merrill,       | 1 00 | " J. S. Sewall,      | 1 00 |
| " Isaac Merrill,       | 1 00 | " L. F. Stearns,     | 1 00 |
| " Harry Merrill,       | 1 00 | " C. G. Stearns,     | 1 00 |
| " Elias Merrill,       | 1 00 | " J. S. Smith,       | 1 00 |
| " E. C. Nichols,       | 1 00 | Miss M. P. Smith,    | 1 00 |
| " H. E. Prentiss,      | 1 00 | Mrs. James H. Snow,  | 1 00 |
| " J. A. Peters,        | 1 00 | " J. F. Snow,        | 1 00 |
| " A. W. Paine,         | 1 00 | " T. G. Stickney,    | 1 00 |
| " I. W. Porter,        | 1 00 | " Arad Thompson,     | 1 00 |
| " C. C. Prescott,      | 1 00 | " A. S. Thompson,    | 1 00 |
| " G. W. Pickering,     | 1 00 | " B. B. Thatcher,    | 1 00 |
| " H. C. Quimby,        | 1 00 | " A. H. Thaxter,     | 1 00 |
| " Edward Roberts,      | 1 00 | " E. C. Weston,      | 1 00 |
| " J. T. Rines,         | 1 00 | " J. S. Wheelwright, | 1 00 |
| " C. W. Rolfe,         | 1 00 | " Geo. Wheelwright,  | 1 00 |
| Miss A. Sparhawk,      | 1 00 | " F. A. Wilson,      | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Mary Strickland,  | 1 00 | " I. P. Walker,      | 1 00 |
| " Lysander Strickland, | 1 00 | " Isaac Whitman,     | 1 00 |
| " William Strickland,  | 1 00 | " S. L. Wing,        | 1 00 |
| " Hastings Strickland, | 1 00 | " Wilson O. Wing,    | 1 00 |
| " Philo Strickland,    | 1 00 | " H. A. Wood,        | 1 00 |
| " Geo. Stetson,        | 2 00 | " Chas. Woodman,     | 1 00 |
|                        |      | " C. F. Woodard,     | 1 00 |

## SACO.

|                  |      |                      |      |
|------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Mrs. R. Bowers,  | 1 00 | Mrs. B. F. Hamilton, | 1 00 |
| " H. Fairfield,  | 1 00 | " Franklin Nourse,   | 1 00 |
| " H. P. Garland, | 1 00 | " Henry Scammon,     | 1 00 |

## GORHAM.

|                      |      |                     |      |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Mr. Frank Emery,     | 1 00 | Mrs. Joseph Ridlon, | 1 00 |
| Miss Mary Hinkley,   | 1 00 | " Fred Robie,       | 2 00 |
| " Susan Hinkley,     | 1 00 | " Mary Tyler,       | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Lewis McLellan, | 1 00 | " J. A. Waterman,   | 2 00 |

## BIDDEFORD.

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| Mrs. C. E. Goodwin, | 1 00 | Mrs. Jesse Gould, | 1 00 |
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## OTHER TOWNS.

|                                    |       |                                  |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Mrs. J. Gooding, Brookline, Mass., | 1 00  | Miss E. D. Freeman, Cherryfield, | 1 00  |
| " J. Greenleaf, Cambridge, "       | 20 00 | Mrs. F. S. Hale, Ellsworth,      | 1 00  |
| Rev. Samuel Longfellow, Cambridge, |       | Calais subscribers,              | 12 00 |
| Mass.,                             | 5 00  | Mrs. J. W. Hathaway, Norridge-   |       |
| Mrs. Cate, Castine,                | 1 00  | wock,                            | 1 00  |
| " Geo. Witherle, Castine,          | 2 00  | Miss M. J. Allen, Boston, Mass., | 1 00  |

## DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

|                            |        |                      |         |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|
| Mrs. P. H. Brown,          | \$2 00 | Mrs. E. M. McDonald, | 1 00    |
| " W. W. Brown,             | 2 00   | " Enoch Marten,      | 50      |
| " J. E. Blabon,            | 1 00   | " Weston Milliken,   | 50      |
| " Chas. H. Baker,          | 35     | " Wm. H. Fenn,       | 2 00    |
| " E. T. Burrowes,          | 1 25   | " F. C. Johnston,    | 1 00    |
| " J. W. D. Carter,         | 1 00   | " Margaret Merrill,  | 6 00    |
| Miss C. M. Dow,            | 1 00   | " A Friend.          | 3 00    |
| " Harriet L. Fox,          | 1 00   | Miss M. A. Libby,    | 1 00    |
| Mrs. Chas. W. Goddard,     | 1 00   |                      |         |
| Miss M. D. Gould,          | 1 00   |                      |         |
| Mrs. A. W. Longfellow,     | 1 00   |                      |         |
| Money left over from 1886, |        |                      | 5 74    |
| Making in all,             |        |                      | 33 34   |
| Money spent this year,     |        |                      | 21 43   |
| Balance remaining,         |        |                      | \$11 91 |

Miss O. M. Beckett, 2 aprons and Christmas cards; Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, calico dress, Christmas tree, etc.; Miss M. A. Oxnard, 7 dolls and toys; Miss Celia M. Patten, calico dress, mittens, toys, etc.; Miss E. Oxnard, 4 books and Christmas cards; Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, articles of clothing and toys for the children; Mrs. X. John Little, children's clothing and toys; Mr. X. John Little, wreath and evergreen for decoration; Mrs. King, clothing and toys.

MARGARETTA A. LIBBY,  
*Chairman Christmas Com.*

## FORM OF A BEQUEST.

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.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| MRS. J. B. BROWN,          | Portland. |
| MR. P. H. BROWN,           | "         |
| MISS HELEN CLIFFORD BROWN, | "         |
| MR. HENRY DEERING,         | "         |
| MRS. DARIUS H. INGRAHAM,   | "         |
| MR. HENRY ST. JOHN SMITH,  | "         |
| MISS LOUISA TITCOMB,       | "         |
| MRS. SAMUEL BLAKE, Bangor. |           |
| MRS. F. H. HOLYOKE,        | "         |
| MRS. H. S. GRISWOLD,       | "         |
| MRS. R. S. MORRISON,       | "         |

The payment of twenty-five dollars constitutes one a life member.



## DONORS.

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|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Ann L. Pierce, Portland, | \$25 00 |
| Friend, (by Mrs. Stevens), "  | 10 00   |
| Mr. D. W. Snow, "             | 10 00   |
| Friend, Auburn, . . . . .     | 2 00    |
| Bath, W. C. T. U. . . . .     | 10 00   |
| Mrs. Henry Taylor, Portland,  | 5 00    |
| " Andrew Spring, "            | 2 00    |

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## DONATIONS TO THE HOME.

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FROM MAY, 1887, TO MAY, 1888.

1 doz. towels, W. C. T. U. Rockland;  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel of crackers, Goudy & Kent; 18 yds. of calico, 2 yds. of cloth, several yds. of cambric, clothing, W. C. T. U. Cornish; second hand clothing, Mrs. W. W. Brown; second hand clothing, Mrs. H. C. Johnston; 1 package of children's food, Mrs. Dr. Hersom; 1 bottle of Emulsion, Mr. G. C. Frye; 2 yds. of cambric, boxes of thread, Miss Sawyer.

## JUNE.

Infants' clothing, Miss A. Davies; various articles of clothing and material, Mrs. X. John Little; 1 bag, Mrs. E. McDonald; plates, and platters, Mrs. Bashford; 6 lbs. of butter, box of salt, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens; clothing, Mrs. Gerrish; boots, Mrs. Hersom; medicine, Mr. A. S. Hinds; medicine, Mr. G. C. Frye.

## JULY.

Cherries and sugar, dresses, Mrs. Bashford; quantity of sewing materials, Mrs. E. T. Burrows; 6 bottles of Emulsion, Mr. G. C. Frye; several pounds of prepared meat, Morrill & Ross; 1 doz. lemons, Mrs. E. Martin; 2 dresses, Miss Dow.

## AUGUST.

Children's clothing, Mrs. Johnston; buttons of various kinds, dresses, Miss Dow; vegetables, Mrs. P. H. Brown;  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel of crackers, Goudy & Kent; needles and thread, Mrs. Sweetsir; child's chair, Mrs. Gould; 20 tickets for Diamond Island, Fresh Air Funds; 40 tickets, Horse Railroad Co.; green beans, Miss Dow; stand and mantel covering, Mrs. Ludden; vegetables and fruit, Mrs. W. W. Brown; vegetables, Miss Kimball; vegetables, Mrs. Hammond; second hand clothing, Mrs. Nickerson.

## SEPTEMBER.

1 doz. soup plates, Mr. A. L. Burbank; dress and under clothing, fruit, material for dresses, Miss Dow; children's clothing, Mrs. F. Johnston; vegetables, Miss Kimball; 1-2 barrel of broken crackers, Goudy & Kent; articles for parlor, Mrs. Fenn; fruit, High St. Church Ladies; rubber blankets, child's clothing, Mrs. Dr. Hersom.

## OCTOBER.

18 tumblers, A. L. Jones & Co.; 1 ham, Mr. Mercier; clothing and other articles, Mrs. H. P. Lord; children's clothing, Mrs. Whitecomb; child's clothing, Mrs. Nickerson (Bar Harbor); pears, Mrs. Merrill; coats and children's clothing, Mrs. X. John Little; under vests, Mrs. Merry; clothing, Mrs. L. E. Jones; chair and toys, Mrs. Mitchell; papers and fruit, Miss Dow.

## NOVEMBER.

Apples, vegetables and meat, Mrs. P. H. Brown; apron, Margaret Gould; bed linen, Mrs. Benton, Lancaster, N. H.; clothing, Mrs. L. Varney; fruit, Mrs. M. Merrill; towels, Eastman & Co.; fruit, collars, Mrs. Longfellow; stationery for Home, books, Miss Fox; winter coat, Mrs. C. Oxnard; barrel of apples, dresses, barrels, Mrs. P. H. Brown; neckties and turkeys, Mrs. P. H. Brown; bottle of preserves, Miss Parker; beets, Miss Sawyer; mince meat and apples, Mrs. Johnston; pies, Mrs. Goddard; smelts, Mrs. Stevens.

DECEMBER.—*Christmas Dinner.*

Squash, etc. Mrs. Kimball; Christmas goodies, Mrs. C. A. Brown; hats, Mrs. Carter; pies, Mrs. W. S. King; turkey, cranberries, Mrs. M. Merrill; wreaths, oranges, Mrs. X. John Little; dolls and toys, Miss M. Oxnard; fruit, cake, chickens, Children's Club; 6 prs. of children socks, Mrs. J. M. Hyde; bottle of Malt, Bovinine, clothing, Mrs. C. W. Fowler; 2 bottles of Emulsion, money, and toys, for Christmas tree, clothing, and other useful articles, managers and friends of the Home.

## JANUARY, 1888.

15 lbs. corned beef, Morrill & Ross.

## MARCH.

12 bottles Emulsion, Mr. G. C. Frye; 4 gingham aprons, 3 blankets, 1 shirt, napkins, 2 gingham aprons, 5 bibs, 2 prs. shoes, 6 babies' dresses, 2 prs. stockings, 2 night-dresses, Emmet Club, Kings' Daughters; 2 spreads, many articles for the babies, Miss Dow; food for hens, Mrs. A. Sawyer; enamel cloth, Mrs. Martin; dresses, aprons, blankets, bands, Mrs. F. C. Johnston.

## APRIL.

Bands for baby, A Friend.

The following articles have been received through the Clothing Committee.

Miss J. W. D. Carter, trimmed hats and bonnets.

Miss Jennie French, Mrs. Dryden, hat and bonnet, Miss Dryden, two woolen dresses.

Mrs. C. Pettingill, woolen dress.

Miss C. W. Duroy, print dresses, water proof.

Miss Robinson, jacket.

Mrs. Osman Adams, under wear.

Miss Patten, two skirts.

Miss Beckett, dress.

Mrs. A. Trott, dress.

And from various other friends, under wear, two jersey waists, an outside jacket, and four print dresses.



