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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers of the Temporary Home for Women and Children present their fourth annual report with an increasing confidence in their work, claiming that their charity is "far-reaching and *true*." While the immediate wants of these needy ones are first attended to, the best efforts of the ladies are given to show them it is happier to lead better lives than degraded ones;—to bring personal influence to bear on each, to persuade them to industry, thrift, honesty, faithfulness to their children, and all that tends to a higher morality; in short, "to give right direction to lives that from inheritance, misfortune or wrong doing would otherwise tend to poverty and sin." One of our greatest aids in these efforts is the influence of a *home*,—a blessing hitherto unknown to most of our inmates; many of them return during a change of places as to *their own* home, and we find them susceptible to the reformatory control of the matron and her assistant.

Discouragements were to be expected, but rays of cheer come when a poor mother begs that her child may be received into the Home, because she fears her own influence would harm it; and a deserted wife and mother rejoices that she can board her little one in this good home, and wishes all mothers felt as comfortable as she does while daily toiling for baby's bread.

A child was found in an Alms House in a distant part of our

State with its childish instincts almost crushed out of it by the solitary life it led with an aged and degraded woman. When brought to the Home, she did not know how to play or associate with children, but has now developed into a very interesting little girl, and been adopted into a good home.

Small have been the means at the command of the managers; but when the loan of a little furniture and a few other necessities enables the reformed father and hopeful mother to again make a home for their little ones; or, taking the baby of five months from a motherless group which the brave elder sister can then care for, induces the father to forsake the tempting glass and send the money for baby's board; or, the young girl who being enticed into and detained in a house where she ought not to be, escapes, and seeks the aid of the City Marshal who gladly sends her to this refuge where she finds the needed protection; all these, and others which could be reported, prove the need of this Institution.

One branch of this work is receiving women and children of all ages who are taken to the Police Station for intemperance or other misdemeanors, instead of placing them in cells where they would meet only evil companions.

The sanitary condition of the Home has been remarkably good—but few cases of severe sickness have occurred, and they soon yielded to the wise judgment and untiring skill of our physician, aided by the motherly care of the Matron and her assistants. One birth and two deaths have taken place during the last year; one of the latter being the result of a violation of a rule of the house. Homes have been provided for five children.

Special mention is due to our Matron for her devoted and unselfish labors in her trying position; and we sincerely regret that her failing health rendered a change necessary. The Man-

agers consider themselves especially fortunate that the present Matron would consent to fill the vacancy.

Fifty-two inmates have been cared for during the year—either homes in families have been secured, or *temporary* shelter afforded, or assistance given to those desirous of re-uniting their families.

Our friends far and near will understand by this report, that all classes of the needy from all parts of our State are aided to the extent of our means; keeping out of debt being the only limit to our efforts: and at the risk of repetition we emphasize our desire not only to benefit those who come into the Home, but by fostering *their* self-respect, hope that when they again return to the world of temptation they will have a strengthening influence over other weak sisters. As far as is possible, the Managers keep a friendly oversight of those who leave the Home. This tends to make them feel they have not passed beyond their sympathy.

By contributions which have been received from farmers of fruits and vegetables, and from Societies both in and out of our city of clothing and materials useful to the inmates as well as the Home, the Managers are hopeful that as the workings of the Institution become better known, they will secure a wider circle of approving friends. To all these friends and all others who have in any way contributed aid by donations or work in and around the Home, the Managers are very grateful. Also to the press of this city they offer thanks for the favors received from them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Fox, *Secretary.*

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M. D. GOULD, TREASURER, *in account with the* TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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| To Receipts during the year. | | By payment during the year. | |
| Balance on hand May 13, 1885 | \$618 15 | Provisions and groceries | \$887 65 |
| Annual subscriptions | 879 00 | Fuel and lights | 244 86 |
| Donations | 101 40 | Salaries and wages | 382 65 |
| Life memberships | 75 00 | Building new drain | 320 90 |
| State appropriation | 500 00 | Medical attendance and supplies | 83 83 |
| Charity Ball | 401 00 | Carriage hire and trucking | 124 36 |
| Turkish coffee-party | 80 00 | Clothing | 77 27 |
| Board of children | 159 50 | Water tax | 20 00 |
| Board of women | 6 00 | Furniture and repairs | 78 79 |
| Rent of Merrill house | 15 61 | Printing, postage, &c. | 36 15 |
| Interest | 3 67 | All other expenses | 58 08 |
| All other sources | 16 30 | Balance to new account | 543 09 |
| | <u>\$2,855 63</u> | | <u>\$2,855 63</u> |

PORTLAND, May 12, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA D. GOULD, *Treasurer.*

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