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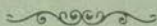
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ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction and even of gratitude that we present the third annual report of the work of this society.

m. e.
A year ago found us with our new building insured indeed and well begun but with only part of the necessary funds secured. But thanks to the faithful efforts of the managers and the generosity of some of our friends outside, the needed amount was raised, so that we entered our new home early in November free from debt.

The building has proved to be admirably adapted to our needs and is not only an essential factor in the physical well-being of the inmates but contributes largely we believe to the success of the more important part of our work—the reforming and elevating of those for whom we labor.

We are desirous now of improving the external appearance of the Home. A neat fence is being built and trees have already been set out.

Some flower gardens are to be laid out not merely to add to the attractiveness of the place but also to furnish some healthful, pleasant recreation to the women of the Home. Partly with the same object in view a hen house has been built and stocked.

The new matrons began their work with the opening of the new building and have shown themselves thoroughly fitted for their position. Not only have they succeeded in maintaining excellent order and discipline by their energy and system, but by their kindly, hearty interest in the inmates, they have now their affection and so have secured their hearty co-operation in the work of the Home. This was especially noticeable during a trying season of illness when all showed a willing readiness to assume their share of the extra burdens.

With our enlarged accommodations the size of the family has increased somewhat, so that to-day we have at the Home twenty inmates and the average number during the winter has been thirteen. Three children have been born in the Home during the year.

Christmas was observed in much the same manner as last year. Through the kindness of friends a genuine Christmas dinner was provided and every member of the household was remembered with some simple and useful present.

Some very interesting and pitiful cases have been cared for during the year.

Two little boys of two and five years old were deserted by their parents and found in their wretched home with neither food nor fire. Aside from our institution, the only door open to them was that of the Alms house.

But in our Home they learned for the first time the meaning of the word. The elder, after being with us two or three months, was placed in a good home in the country and the little one is still with us.

An exceptional case was presented to us not long since. A mother with her family of four little children, living in Deering, had been deserted by her worthless husband. Sick and utterly disheartened, the poor woman was unable to do anything for the support of her family and after repeated warnings, the landlord had decided to resort to the extreme measure of removing the door and windows of their miserable dwelling. Their only refuge was the alms house from whence they would shortly have been transferred to a similar institution in the town where the mother had formerly resided. We decided to give them shelter for one night at least and so save the innocent children from the stigma of having been inmates of two alms houses. As a result, the mother has gladly consented to give us the control of three of the children, while she with renewed strength and courage cheerfully undertakes to provide for herself and the remaining child.

Two other cases will serve as illustrations of two classes which we hope to reach.

One is that of a young girl under sentence of imprisonment for theft. It was her first offense and it was felt by those familiar with the circumstances that she was the tool of others stronger in character but more hardened in sin than herself. Her home was in a distant part of the state and but for our institution there would have been no way to save her from the evil association of a term in jail. Her sentence was suspended that she might come to us, and she was placed entirely under our control. She proved tractable and loyal, and though the term of her sentence has long since expired, she still considers the Home *her* home.

The other case is that of a poor girl, homeless and a vagrant, a victim to intemperance.

For many years she had vibrated between the house of correction and the jail; had run away from a home in which she had been placed by friends interested for her; but at last went to the police matron with the request that she might be sent to the Home. At first her struggles with the dreadful appetite were almost overpowering and she was often sulky and untractable. But there has been a marked and steady improvement, till to-day the contrast between her present condition and that in which she came to us is truly wonderful. We believe she is a saved woman, and will in time be able to care for herself and become a respectable member of society.

We are often asked, does the apparent reformation last? We could cite many instances of those who came under the influence of the Home early in its work and who are still doing well; but one will suffice.

Soon after the establishment of the Home, two children were found in the city, neglected and ill-treated by their parents, who did not live at peace with each other. The children were taken to the Home and after a time the mother also. By patient, persistent effort, the divided family was at last re-united and are to-day living comfortably and respectably, still under the oversight of the Home.

These are only examples of the work the Home is doing and the needy ones to whom it is extending a helping hand.

Some of our friends may be glad to know something of the Sabbath influence of the Home. A Sabbath afternoon service is conducted regularly by some of the managers or other ladies interested who kindly share in the work, and the inmates attend church in the morning with the matron.

Attendance is not enforced in either case, but is of course strongly encouraged, and is apparently looked upon by the inmates as a great privilege.

During the winter an application was made to the legislature for a small appropriation for our work. We felt justified in doing this since the Home is in *no sense* local; but desires to and actually *does* extend its aid to the farthest portion of our state. We have reason to congratulate ourselves that amid such a press of applications our request was granted, and that we are to receive five hundred dollars for each of the two ensuing years.

We cannot close this report without some allusion to the great loss the society has sustained in the death of its president, Mrs. Bradbury. Some fuller and more adequate expression of our feelings will be made elsewhere, but we desire to say here, that her faithful, judicious labor in behalf of the Home from its very beginning will not soon be forgotten.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Dr.		Cr.
To receipts during the year.		
Balance on hand May 12, 1884.....	\$2,526 67	
Subscriptions and donations.....	907 76	
Life memberships.....	50 00	
Board of women.....	41 86	
Board of children.....	133 25	
Rent of Merrill house.....	96 52	
Entertainments.....	494 50	
Interest on money in bank.....	45 06	
Donations to building and furnishing fund..	2,572 50	
All other sources.....	25 10	
	<u>\$6,893 22</u>	
By payments during the year.		
Rent.....		\$ 76 15
Water-rates.....		15 00
Provisions and groceries.....		523 01
Salaries and wages.....		534 40
Fuel.....		119 90
Medical supplies and carriage.....		114 32
Clothing.....		45 11
Printing, postage, etc.....		37 09
Furniture.....		315 41
Building new Home.....		4,398 62
Insurance on new building.....		41 50
All other expenses.....		54 56
Balance to new account.....		618 15
		<u>\$6,893 22</u>

PORTLAND, May 13, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. GOULD, Treasurer.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

STATISTICS, 1884-1885.

On May 13, 1885, there were at the Home

Women	- - - - -	9
Children	- - - - -	11
Number of women admitted during the year	- - - - -	25
Number of children admitted during the year	- - - - -	20
Total number new inmates	- - - - -	45
Number of inmates at last annual meeting	- - - - -	13
Total number of inmates during the year	- - - - -	61
Largest number of inmates at one time	- - - - -	20
Smallest number	- - - - -	7

Of the women—

Sent to places	- - - - -	17
Left without leave	- - - - -	0

Of the children—

Sent with mother	- - - - -	9
Sent to other institutions	- - - - -	1
Boarded at the Home	- - - - -	10
Adopted from the Home	- - - - -	5
Died	- - - - -	1

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" G. L. Gilpatric,	1 00	" W. P. Haines,	1 00

WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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Miss Annie Johnson,	1 00	Mrs. Samuel Newcomb,	1 00
Mrs. J. E. L. Kimball,	1 00	“ J. T. G. Nichols,	1 00
“ Joseph Leland,	1 00	“ Frank Owen,	1 00
“ Samuel Lugues,	1 00	“ W. F. Pike,	1 00
“ F. E. Maxcy,	1 00	“ Henry Scammon,	1 00
Miss Florence Mason,	1 00	“ Dr. Sawyer,	1 00
Mrs. E. Nott,	1 00		

GORHAM.

Mrs. J. C. Card,	1 00	Mrs. Frederick Robie,	10 00
Mr. Frank Emery,	1 00	“ Joseph Ridlon,	1 00
Mrs. Edward Harding,	1 00	“ Mary Tyler,	2 00
Miss Mary Hinkley,	2 00	“ G. D. Weeks,	1 00
“ Susan Hinkley,	1 00	Capt. Nathan Winslow,	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Holden,	1 00	Miss Sarah Warren,	50
“ Thaddens P. Irish,	1 00	“ Daisy Waterman,	1 00
“ Lewis McLellan,	1 00		

CASTINE.

Mrs. Chas Cate,	3 00	Mrs. Wm. Witherle,	2 00
“ George Witherle,	1 00		

OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. J. W. Hatheway, Norrid'k,	1 00	Mrs. V. R. Stickney, Brownfield,	1 00
“ J. Gooding, Brookline, Mass.	1 00	“ Chas. Dummer, Hallowell,	10 00
“ J. Greenleaf, Cambridge,	20 00	Miss Mary Dana, Saccarappa,	2 00

DONORS.

Mrs. John W. Dyer.....	\$ 2 00
Miss Lydia Kilgore.....	5 00
Mr. Wm. M. Marks, discount on printing.....	10 00
Miss F. W. Swan.....	5 00
Mrs. James Wengren.....	1 00
Mr. H. W. Shaylor.....	3 00
Miss A. F. Quimby, Stroudwater.....	5 00
Mr. M. Stevens, Stroudwater.....	3 25
Mrs. Eugene Hale, Ellsworth.....	100 00
Miss F. S. Hale, “.....	3 00
Mr. Geo. A. Parcher, “.....	1 00
Mrs. Dr. Fulton, “.....	1 00
Mrs. Jane Hitz, Washington, D. C.....	9 00
Miss Emily Soule, Freeport.....	1 00
“ Lucy Waite, “.....	1 00
“ Louise Talbot, “.....	1 00
“ S. A. Hyde, Bath.....	1 00
“ Caroline Fitch, Hollis.....	5 00
Calais Cong. S. S., for the children.....	10 00

DONATIONS.

Associated Charities, boys' trousers, aprons.

Mrs. Adams, hats for girls.

Auburn ladies, 17 sheets, 13 pairs pillow-cases, 4 comforters and \$1.00 in money.

Mrs. Chas. Andrews, eggs, cake.

C. F. Andrews, rubber coat.

Bangor ladies, 33 towels, 1 white spread, 6 comforters, 1 pair blankets, 26 pillow-cases, 18 sheets, roll of carpeting, 2 fancy plates.

Bee Minor, 1½ doz. towels for nursery, bags for soiled clothes, children's clothing, flannel nightdresses.

Mrs. J. P. Baxter, lining and wadding for two quilts, new wrapper, underclothing.

Mrs. Philip Brown, table cover, muslin for girls' rooms, curtains for kitchen, turkey and celery, children's dresses, hats, bonnets and trimmings, cut flowers.

Mrs. Blabon, butter-plates and pudding-dish.

Mrs. Wm. W. Brown, clothes line, clothes basket, cork-screw, ½ doz. mugs, toys, children's and infants' clothing, dresses, underclothing, boots and rubbers, mittens, gloves, hood, collars, aprons, set of table mats, material for upholstering chairs, vegetables, etc.

Mrs. C. A. Brown, wrappers and jacket.

Mrs. Barnes, crib-spread, cotton and linen pieces and papers.

Clothing Committee, children's clothing and 4 hats.

Mrs. Clifford, wrappers.

Mrs. Clark, hat.

Mrs. Carter trimmed six hats for the women.

Mrs. C. H. Chase, infants' clothing.

Chestnut St. church, apples, cakes, pies, bread, butter and doughnuts.

Children's Friend Society, Boston, infants' socks.

Carter Bros., ½ doz. teaspoons.

Mrs. F. B. Clark, handkerchiefs, toys, apples, oranges, sugar, chocolate and eggs.

Mrs. Dr. Clark, 2 barrels apples.

Children's Christmas Club, cakes, doughnuts, pies, &c.

Mrs. Minnie Davis, doughnuts.

Cassy Devine, teapot.

Miss C. Dow, dresses.

Miss Nellie Davis, pies, cake, flowers and children's dresses.

Mrs. Dr. Dana, underclothing and children's clothing.

Mrs. J. H. Davis, celery.

Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Stanwood, flannel nightdress.

Emmett Club, infants' clothing and aprons.

Fortnightly Club, underclothing.

Miss Fox, children's clothing, Christmas cards, old sheets, fancy rag-bag for nursery.

Mina Flewelling, butter-dish.

Female Provident Society, 2 dozen towels.

A Friend, infants' clothing.

Mrs. C. W. Goddard, children's clothing, pies, cranberries, underclothing, old sheets, &c.

Mrs. Dr. Gerrish, jelly, papers, sheets, picture and frame, neckties, curtains for attic.

Mrs. T. F. Homstead, canned peaches, and pie.

Mrs. Clarence Hale, infants' clothing.

T. C. Hersey, squashes.

Miss Hersey, fans.

G. S. Hunt, large firkin of sugar.

Thos. Hancock, Gray, barrel apples.

Mrs. Thos. Hancock, Gray, children's clothing.

Mrs. Olive Hanson, beans.

Mrs. Rebecca Hale, Cumberland Mills, stockings.

High St. church, 1½ dozen towels.

Mrs. M. Holden, clothing and pieces of cloth.

Mrs. Jewell made twelve neckties for the women.

Flora Johnson, ½ doz. glass preserve dishes and iron dish-cloth.

Chas. Jose, 1 dozen teaplates.

Reuben Kent, crackers.

Kendall & Whitney, step-ladder, brooms and brush.

Mrs. W. T. King, infants' clothing and articles for sickness.

Miss A. M. Longfellow, Cambridge, carpet for manager's room.

Mrs. A. W. Longfellow, yard-stick, 2 doz. napkins, old tablecloth and sheets.

Mr. Lovett, motto for dining-room.

S. H. Libby laid sidewalk from house to street.

Mrs. L. R. Loring, children's clothing.

Miss Julia Merrill, Gray, Christmas cards, money from her S. S. class for Scripture roll.

Mrs. Margaret Merrill, turkey, cranberries, 1½ barrels of apples, and pears.

Mrs. McDowell, comforter and picture.

Mr. Marrett, oil-cloth and straw matting.

Mrs. Levi Morrill, children's clothing.

Miss Lizzie McGregor, 1 doz. ivory napkin rings, cutting four dresses and making two.

Mrs. Marks, two years "Harpers' Magazine."

New Church, children's clothing.

Mrs. Dr. Neal, jelly.

Miss Jennie Newbegin, Gray, one dozen new hats, one bonnet.

Hannah O'Hearn, 75 cents toward framing mottoes.

Owen & Moore, hoods.

M. G. Palmer, two pairs rubbers.

Mrs. Chas. Pettengill, quilt, pillow-cases.

Dr. Palmer, flannel for sickness.

Miss Quimby, cabbages, apples, pictures, puzzles and papers.

Mrs. Thos. Quimby, squashes, eggs, sugar, chickens, pies, underclothing, books and cotton cloth.

Mrs. Ryder, underclothing, cotton and flannel bandages, making one dress and six aprons.

Miss F. W. Swan, apples.

Mrs. W. Stevens, children's and infants' clothing, picture wire, oranges. Capt. Saml. Sweetsir, No. Yarmouth, eggs and vegetables.

Stevens, Smart & Dunham, coffee-pot.

Horatio Staples, 30 yards print.

A. D. Studley, 10 yards cotton cloth.

Mr. G. G. Saunders, took the whole family out for a ride of three hours.

J. P. Swan, turkey.

Mrs. Wm. Swett, several gifts of cake.

Miss Helen Swett, table brush and tray, cotton pieces.

Mr. M. Stevens, fish, hens and chickens, food for the same, large bag corn meal.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, eggs, fresh and salt pork, boxes of salt, underflannels, inkstand, frames for mottoes.

Mrs. W. H. Stickney, Brownfield, sheets, pillow-cases, comforter, barrel vegetables.

Second Parish Church, sheets, pillow-cases and quilt.

Mr. Shaylor, motto for dining room.

J. W. Stevenson, Gorham, 3 barrels potatoes.

Miss Ella Thurston, cotton-flannel, red flannel, 1 doz. tumblers, pie, cake, oranges.

Mrs. Talbot, from friends in Freeport, set of Jonas books, 3 barrels vegetables.

Mrs. Edward Thurston, mince pie.

R. W. Turner, colored table cloth.

Annie Wilson, ½ doz. napkins, print for aprons.

W. C. T. U., Rockport, 2 comforters 4 sheets.

W. C. T. U., Ft. Fairfield, 8 sheets, 3 pairs pillow-cases, 3 comforters.

Mrs. Dr. Whitmore, Dexter, box of clothing.

J. A. Waterman, Gorham, 2 boxes of apples.

Young Ladies' Circle, First Parish Church, 3 pairs pillow-cases, 4 sheets, toilet set.

DONATIONS TO BUILDING FUND.

The following donations have been received in addition to those acknowledged in the last annual report, which was published late in the season and included nearly all that has been given this year.

Mrs. Hannah Bailey, Winthrop, \$20 00	Capt. J. S. Winslow, Portland, 15 00
Mr. T. C. Woodbury, Portland, 15 00	

FOR FURNISHING.

Kennebunk, Young Ladies, \$60 00	Free St. Baptist Ch., Portland, 15 00
First Parish and Park St. Churches, Portland, 52 00	First Baptist Young Ladies' Circle, Portland, 15 00
Literary Society, Congress square Church, Portland, 25 00	Second Parish Young Peoples' Aid, Portland, 15 00
Chestnut St. Church, Portland, 21 00	State St. Church, Portland, 15 00
Woodford's Cor. Cong'l Church, 21 00	Williston Church, " 10 00
High St. Church, Portland, 20 00	Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Portland, 10 00
New Jerusalem Church, " 15 00	Miss Lottie Barnard, Bucksport, 5 00

TREE FUND.

Miss M. T. Hersey, Portland, 15 00	Miss M. D. Gould, Portland, 5 00
Cash, " 10 00	Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, " 3 50
Bangor ladies, 5 00	Miss H. L. Fox, " 2 14

The following have contributed by a reduction on bills.

Berlin Mills Co., (lumber), 4 78	E. G. Johnson, (labor), 5 00
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The following firms have allowed us a discount on all purchases made of them:—

Lang & Sargent,	O. M. & D. W. Nash,
C. J. Pennell & Co.,	Wm. Milliken & Co.,
Chas. O'Brien,	M. W. Best,
Wm. Wilson & Co.,	Geo. C. Shaw & Co.,
J. M. Dyer & Co.,	Locke Bros.,
John Cooper,	S. W. Thaxter & Co.,
Burbank, Douglass & Co.,	E. S. Norton.

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.

