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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. SARAH HAYWARD, SUSAN B. HOLWAY, FRANCES S. KETTELLE, RUTH SEV-ERANCE, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the "LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION," to be established in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of establishing a Home and a school, to aid in the support and education of indigent youth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purpose aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided that the whole amount of real and personal property held and possessed by the said corporation shall not exceed in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

House of Representatives, April 15, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, Speaker.

IN SENATE, April 16, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

Approved.

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, April 18, 1850.

I hereby certify the forgoing to be a true copy of the original act.

WM. TUFTS, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Ladies' American Home-Education SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The "Ladies' American Home Education Society and Temperance Union," a corporation established in Boston, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and eleven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, shall be known as the "Nickerson Home for Children," on and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Approved March 11, 1880.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the "NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN," for the use and benefit of said the sum of Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof to the general object of the Home. And I do direct that a receipt, signed by the President and Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

CONSTITUTION.

This Home shall be called the NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN. ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, especially half orphans, when their homes are suddenly broken up by death, where they can enjoy all the comforts of a well regulated family, and be instructed, not only physically, but intellectually and religiously. For the privilege of such a home a small heard will be required which home, a small board will be required, which, although not enough for the child's support, will serve to give to parents the feeling that he or she is doing what they can for the support of their little ones. A limited number of children, which will be increased as our means shall permit, will be admitted to the Home free of charge. Parents or friends may visit the children at the Home, or may remove them from it whenever their circumstances will warrant their assuming their children's support.

Any person paying one dollar anuually shall be a member.

payment of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President and Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and sixteen Managers, one of whom shall officiate as Librarian. Five shall be chosen annually as Trustees, of whom the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a part. At any regular meeting convened, any number of the Officers and Managers present may be competent to proceed with the business in thirty minutes after the appointed hour, and five may constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President, in concurrence with the Committee, to call all special meetings, and to preside at meetings of the Board of Managers, each of which is to be opened with prayer. In the absence of the

President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Managers; and at each meeting for business she shall read the record of the last preceding meeting. She shall, on special occasions, notify the members of the Board, and shall assist in any other

duties the Board of Managers may assign.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the money received and expended, and shall present the bills due against the Home at each meeting of the Board, to be approved by them and signed by the President. She shall make a written report annually to the Managers. Such assistance shall be allowed to the Treasurer in collecting of funds, keeping of books, etc., as the Board of Managers shall deem expedient.

ART. 8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held the first Thursday in January, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when the officers shall be chosen once in five years; but the office of each lady will only be held by the faithful fulfilment of their official duties. An Annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, the report from the Board of Managers read, vacancies upon the Board filled, and such other business transacted as may come before them. Meetings of the Managers are holden at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Thursday of every month; Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Managers the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at

It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet weekly or oftener at the Home, to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family, and to take charge of the financial affairs generally pertaining to the Home; to transact business, so far as practicable, with individuals who may wish to place children under the patronage of the Home, together with other important daily visits made at the Home, which require to be recorded and promptly reported at the meetings of the Board of Managers for their action.

ART. 10. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of

the members present at the Annual Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS.

[Those marked with a * have deceased]

Mrs. Esties, Amesbury Mills. Mrs. A. Walker, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Mrs. A. Noyes, Georgetowh.
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Mrs. Deacon Skinner, Windsor, Vt.
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DONATIONS

TO THE HOME FOR 1897.

B. T. Babbitt & Co., I box baking powder.

Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, crockery

and glassware.

Abram French Co., crockery.

Alfred Pierce and friends, paid milk bill for June.

H. & S., 3 lbs. tea, Oriental tea and coffee

Clark's O. N. T., cotton, 3 doz. spools. Shapleigh Coffee Co., 10 lbs. cocoa, coffee.

Alfred Pierce & Co., 5 cases germ meal, 1 case of salt and 2 bags of

American Cereal Co., 2 cases cereals. Mrs. D. D. Leeds, Cambridge, 11 bun-

dles of clothing.
Murray & Wiley, bundle of clothing valued at \$10.00.

Friend in Boston, 5 bundles of cloth-

Mrs. Nathan Drake, Watertown, 1 cloak.

Mrs. Kaulback, Chelsea, I bundle of

clothing.
Mrs. Paffs, Cambridgeport, 1 bundle clothing.

R. Greenbaum, remnants of cloth. Friend, bundle of children's clothing. Mrs. Mabel Lane, Brookline, 1 barrel

of pears. Mrs. Ella Bumstead, Ashmont, package of clothing

Miss Olive Smith, Roxbury, cloak and aprons, I pair of boots.

Friend in Milford, box of boots. Friend, bundle of clothing.

Miss Spear, Neponset, sundry useful articles.

Friend, 2 pairs boots, and 3 pairs of rubbers.

Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Boston, 2 bundles of clothing.

Friend, I load of wood.

Sewing Circle, Hanover, Mass., \$1. Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham, 2 bundles of clothing.

Jaynes & Co., druggists, 2 boxes or-

anges.
Alfred Pierce, oranges.
Rev. D. W. Waldron, Easter cards.

Bundle of clothingt hrough Miss Boswell.

Mrs. Van Horn, Melrose, clothing. Mrs. Abbie C. Tripp, 1 crate of strawberries.

Parker Memorial Flower Mission, flowers in July and August.

Children entertained at Wakefield by its Christian Endeavor Society.

Rev. L. B. Bates, flowers.

Mrs. Annie Teaton, Youth's Companion.

William A. Low, pears.

Boston Branch of Needle Woman's Guild, 50 pieces of clothing. Oak Grove Creamery, 2 gallons ice

Mlle. L. U. Keyon, Gloucester, hats.

Mrs. Bagley, 2 skirts. Old Church Ladies' Benevolent Society, Hingham Centre, clothing.

Oak Grove Creamery, donations of cake.

Donations from Tremont st., bakery. Milk from Milk Commissioners of Boston.

Friend at Christmas, \$10.00. S. S. Pierce, bbl. flour. Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, 10 lbs. tea. Rice & Holway, bbl. apples.
John P. Squire & Co., one ham.
L. J. Sturtevant, 2 turkeys.

Cushman Co., 2 curtains and fixtures. C. D. Cobb & Aldrich Co., 1 bbl. flour, and 25 lbs. candy.

Charles Moody Co., box of raisins. Swain, Earle Co., box of starch. Alonzo Knight, dozen of canned goods. Dwinell, Wright Co., 10 lbs. coffee. H. M. Saunders, scissors. Fobes, Hayward Co., 6 boxes candy.

Curtis, Davis C. box welcome soap. Howard, Spurr Co., bbl. sweet potatoes.

D. Atwood Co. 1 gallon of oysters. Nathan Robbins Co., one turkey. W. E. A. Legg Co., one turkey. Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. fresh fish. Geo R. Flint, one shoulder. B. Johnson, 12 lbs. lamb. Mills & Deering, box butter. S. T. Fletcher, box butter. Haley, 15 lbs. roast of beef.

Geo. M. D. Legg, one turkey.
John Gormley, bouquets of flowers. Simpson, McIntire Co., 8 lb. box butter. F. H. Johnson, 25 lbs. salt fish. Winslow, Rand & Watson, 10 lbs. tea. Curtis Co. bbl. of apples.
Lowell Bros., bbl. of squash.
W. W. C. R. Noyes, bbl. apples. Niles Bros., 2 hams. Dempsey Bros. load of wood. Mrs. Theodore Nickerson, three boxes of candy. Prior Bros. 25 lbs. fresh cod. H. & R. Atwood, 2 gal. oysters. Hanson & Richer, box of figs. Geo. W. Kimball, 2 chickens. Jewett Co., 10 cans fruit, 2 beef. C. E. Osgood Co., 1 rocker. Hall & Cole, bbl. of pears. Knight & Co., cake, etc. Gaut Co., pies and cake. Beach st., M. Richardson, box candy. Wright & Moody, box of candy. Friend, Milford, box hats, 2 flowers. Crosby & Bros., box butter. Isaac Loke, vegetables. G. C. Aiken, 2 boxes candy. Miss Clark, cake.

North Packing Co., one ham. Friend, Gloucester, trimmed hats. Henry Lawrence, two turkeys. Friend, pictures, three times. Friend, writing paper, envelopes. Mrs. Pepper, Hanover st., candy. Rich & Matthews, 25 lbs. salt fish. Glines Co., 3 lbs. of coffee. Mrs. Whitney, bundle of clothes, box of garments, Baptist Church, Melrose, and friend. Mr. Cobb, of Cobb Bates, 10 lbs. nuts, 2 candy Nathan Fitch, 4 chickens. Friend, bbl. vegetables. James Morse, box of soap. E. T. Andrews, 25 lbs. salt fish. W. W. Benjamin, bbl. sweet potatoes. Edward Newton, 25 lbs. fresh fish. Cutler Co., medicine essence. Hartshorn Son, essence. Stail, box of candy. Eaton & Eustis, 3 boxes of grapes. Wm. Beecher, box of figs.
Snow, bbl. of apples. Cereals.
Barrows Co., bushel potatoes, veg. G. W. Van Horn, 2 baskets of pears.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The year 1898, leaving in its wake the joys and sorrows of its predecessor, is now before us.

But we pause as we enter upon the threshold of the new year, with its hidden possibilities; for to the patrons and officers of the Nickerson Home for Children, the past year has brought much sorrow in the death of one of the most valued workers of the Home—Mrs. Susan Bassett Holway.

The managers of the Society so suddenly deprived of her wise counsel, are striving "to do with their might what their hands find to do" for the little ones she so much loved.

The Matron, Mrs. Lola Holway, and her band of assistants, have bravely carried on the round of common cares. From dormitory to kitchen, the Home has been regularly inspected by a committee appointed for that special work.

The sanitary conditions are those which make for health and happiness, judging from the buxom faces of the children, and the absence of many epidemical diseases from their midst. Whooping cough will occasionally have its run in the Home; but in Dr. Galvin of the Emergency Hospital, we have a valuable assistant, who generally checks the worst features of the disease. The doctor makes it so pleasant for the children that they enjoy going to the Hospital for treatment, and our thanks are due for his faithful services to the children.

The children here received much attention from their numerous friends in the way of special gifts and entertainments.

Among the gifts we might mention fifty pieces of clothing from Boston Branch of Needle Woman's Work Guild; clothing from Ladies' Society First Parish Church, Hingham, and Easter cards from Rev. D. W. Waldron, with many Christmas gifts upon the Christmas trees at the different church socials.

The social and Christmas tree at the Bromfield-Street Church, were greatly enjoyed by the children, as well as the Ice Cream and candy which were also kindly furnished by the committee on entertainments.

Some of the children went to the Old Colony Mission to the Christmas tree, and some to the church corner of Kneeland and Tyler streets.

Mrs. Theodore Nickerson filled forty-eight stockings with Children's toys, and brought them in to the children. Rosy cheeked dolls with crimson dresses, leaned over the sides, and peeped out of black stocking legs at the wondering faces of little girls; while to the whistle of "Yankee Doodle" whips, guns and books came forth to gladden the hearts of some of the future Presidents of our Republic.

Christmas brings a "jolly good time" to the children at the Home.

Thanks are again due to the Milk Commissioners of Boston for their kindness in supplying milk to the children, also for the donations of ice cream and cake from Oak Grove Creamery, and Tremont Bakery.

About one hundred and fifty children have been cared for at the Home during the year.

Vacation days have brought these children many joyous hours. Mr. Waldron gave them tickets for a trip to Nantasket. Never were they so royally entertained as at the Ocean View House by Mr. Wade. Not only were they invited to dinner but to a later entertainment. Several of the managers accompanied some forty or more of the children on these excursions. The little ones were taken to Franklin Park, City Point and Maplewood by Mr. O. N. Chase. About thirty of the children were taken to Beachmont by Rev. Mr. Deming. They enjoyed the trip as only restless, city-housed children could.

At different times flowers were given to the children—some were from the Flower Mission and some from Parker Memorial, also from the Rev. L. B. Bates.

Our thanks are due to our kind donors for these thoughtful attentions to the inmates of our Home.

Among the summer excursions none was more delightful than the picnic in Wakefield. We were the guests of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational Church. In addition to the pleasant trip in the cars, there was a most delightful ride by the shore of Wakefield Pond, to the Pine Grove. There the young people devoted themselves to the entertainment of our little ones. Substantial food satisfied hunger, while the dainty cake and fruit in great abundance gladdened the children. Bouquets of garden and wild flowers were given to all present, and our friends accompanied us to the station, cheering us as we started for the city.

Substantial aid was again given us by the Young Ladies' Society of the Old South Church, who sent a check for twenty-five dollars.

The health of our children has been insured by the generous contributions of "Germ Meal" by Alfred Pierce & Co., while the American Cereal Co. has given us other cereals.

The proceeds of a Parlor Sale with its attractive afternoon tea, its tables of useful and fancy articles, its candy and cake tables, netted us quite a sum towards a special object.

For these various gifts and entertainments, which have done much towards brightening the lives of the little ones at the Home, by bringing them into closer communion with the Father of all mercies, we would gratefully return thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

GARAFELIA M. DAWSON,

Secretary.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

The loss which our Society has but just sustained in the removal by death of our venerable and beloved treasurer, Mrs. Susan Bassett Holway, is one which we shall never fail to realize every time we meet for the transaction of business relating to the welfare of the Home. Her presence at our monthly meetings was to us always the assurance of wise and loving counsel, of an absorbing interest in all our plans for the better carrying out of the purposes for which the Home was established. Her character as a whole, in its wonderful personality was also a powerful incentive to our exertions in procuring the sympathy of the public in behalf of the constantly recurring needs of the little ones.

In view of this great bereavement it was thought to be eminently fitting that the Board appoint a special committee of two to act in conference with the Secretary, in order to prepare a suitable preamble and resolutions, that might be adopted at our annual meeting, sent to the family and entered upon the records of the Society:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our venerable and beloved Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Bassett Holway, who died at her residence in Chelsea, September 30th, 1897, and,

Whereas, We feel most deeply the great loss the Society we represent has sustained in this bereavement, which deprives us of her loved presence, her wise counsels, her heartfelt and earnest prayers, and,

Whereas, No one of all our members has been so long identified with the Home, or has manifested a more persistent interest in its affairs, and contributed by her influence and labor more effectively to its advancement. Therefore,

Resolved: That we recognize in this sad loss the need of a deeper trust in God for guidance in the further continuance of this work in which she had so large a share.

Resolved: That we cherish the memory of all that she has been to us individually, as a loving counsellor and a wise friend, and of all that she has been to this Society; her devoted consecration to its work, her earnest belief in its mission, her genial grace and impartial decisions as presiding officer at our meetings, her kindly ministrations to the "little ones," and her influence with those whom she sought to interest in the objects of the Society.

Resolved: That in her work as one of the managers of the Society, and as a valuable member of the Prudential Committee, we endeavor, as a Society, to carry out the same broad principles of justice and prudence which were exemplified in her life, and which were the mainspring of her action, and the secret of her success in her chosen field of labor.

Resolved: That we sympathize most deeply with the friends and family of the deceased in the loss which takes from them a loving friend, a wise counsellor and a tender parent.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, be inscribed on the records of the Society, and be published in the annals of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

GARAFELIA M. DAWSON,

Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Mrs. MARY M. HOLWAY, Treasurer.

WM. D. BRIDGE, CLARA H. BESTWICK,

The above account has been examined and found correct.

PAST AND PRESENT

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Andrews, Wm. T.

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Aleott, W. W.

Amory, Thomas C.

Alden, E. J.

Abbe, Mrs. Dr.

Amory, Mrs.

Allen, Mrs. Harriet J.

Appleton, Samuel A.

Avery, John, Lowell Ayer, Mrs. J. C., Lowell Austin, Edward Atkins, E.

Adams, Seth Amory, W.

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Robbins, R. E., Waltham
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Rollins, E. L. & F. S.
Rice, N. W.
Richardson, Mrs. T. P., Lynn
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Robinson, David I., Gloucester
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Reed, Clarence G.
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Rich, Joshua, Richmond, Ind.
Robinson, G. O., Cambridge

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Smith, E. M., Boston
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Stearns, Mrs. C. H., Brookline
Sleeper, S. S.
Smith, Mr. F., Boston
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Slade, Geo. F.
Sargent, E. P.
Sears, Mrs. P. H.
Story, F. H.
Story, F. H.
Sherwin, W. F., Prof.
Sortell, Daniel R. E., Cambridge
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Southers, J. H.
Sanderson, Mr. J. F., Boston
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Ky.
Souther, Mr. J. B., Boston Highlands
Salisbury, D. W.
Samuel, Prof. H., Kansas City
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Sears, Miss E. E.
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Shattuck, Miss M. S.
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Thomas, J. B.
Thayer, N.
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Turner, A. T., Jr.
Torrey, M. A.
Turner, E. C.
Thayer, Mrs. J. H.
Taylor, Charles H.
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Thomas, Oscar G., Taunton
Thayer, Bayard
Thomas, Joseph B.
Tilton, S. & Co.
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Townsend, F. A.
Tower, W. A.

Usher, Samuel

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Woodbury, Rufus H., Beverly
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Whiton, M. F. & Co.
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Wood, Rufus
Wade, L. C.
Williams, M. Williams, M.
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P.
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Whitmore, C. O.
Wilder, H. A.
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Woodbury, Charles
Wales, J. H.
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Wier Stove Co., Taunton
Waterston, Mrs. R. C.
Whitney, Miss M.
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Webber, Mrs. A. D.
Wilkins, S. F.
Whitney, H. M.
Winthrop, Hon. R. C.
Whitney, R. H.
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Walworth, A. C.

WHO HAVE GIVEN LIST OF THOSE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AT A TIME TO THE HOME.

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- * Brooks, Hon. Peter C. * Brooks, Mrs. Peter C. * Tudor, Mrs. Fenno Sargent, Mr. Turner Healy, Mr. John
- Foster, Mr. John * Sleeper, Hon. Jacob Lawrence, Mr. Abbott
- * Lawrence, Amos A. Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland
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LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF MARION'S PLANS.

By Mrs. S. E. Dawes.

GROUP of girls were gathered in one of the corridors of the High School building, when Marion Gray burst upon them in her impetuous way.

"Girls," she exclaimed, "I have just been to call upon Florence Wilson, and she looks as though she would soon fade away like a

beautiful dream."

"Why, I thought she had fully recovered from her illness. I heard only yesterday that she was coming back to school next week," said one of the girls.

"So she says, but I don't believe she ever could climb our hill, and if she did reach it, she looks as if a good gust of wind might blow

her away," replied Marion.

"I am sorry she should have had this illness now, when she was

so ambitious to finish the school term," said Laura Evans.
"Yes, it is a great disappointment for her. The doctor says she ought to go straight away into the country, as that will be the quickest way for her to gain her strength. But she says they cannot possibly afford it this year, and that the whole family will probably have to stay at home."

"What a pity, Marion; I wish that something might be done,"

"Something must be done, and we girls ought to bestir ourses. We must plan an outing for her of some kind," said Marion,

with shining eyes.
"Well, if there is a girl in the world who can plan nice things for people it is Marion Gray, so I move that she be asked to set her

wits to work immediately."

"Nonsense, Mary, because I think out ways or doing things sometimes, it doesn't follow that I am as wise as Solomon. However, I'll put my thinking cap on about this matter, and report in dué time," said Marion as she hurried away.

Her thinking cap must have fallen over her eyes at times, during her brisk walk home, for twice she had to beg pardon of people with whom she came into collision, and once she came near being struck

by an electric car.

When she reached home, she found her mother looking over their

"I see by the calendar," said she, "that it is time we were preparing for our summer outing."

"Where are we going?" Have you decided?" asked Marion.

"Oh, I suppose to the beach, we think we will change every year, but somehow we drift to the same place again."
Well, mother, do let us have a change this summer. I have a

plan."

"My dear child, I believe you are always having plans of some sort in that fertile brain of yours. What is it now?"

"I propose that we cut loose from the seashore, and the noise of hotel life, and all of us go to board on some quiet farm among the

"Why Marion!" exclaimed Mrs. Gray with a look of wonder, "what can have put that into your head? You have always said that you detested the country, it was so dull and lonesome."

"I have changed my mind, mother, for if I can carry out my plan I shall be anything but lonesome. The fact is, I cannot bear to see the dearest girl friend I ever had, pine away, and die perhaps, for want of a little fresh air. I not only want to go to a quiet farm somewhere myself, but I want to take Florence Wilson with me."

"That speaks well for your kind heart, my dear. When did you

see Florence?"

"This morning, and when she told me the doctor had ordered her into the country, I innocently asked her when she was going to start. She told me with her eyes full of tears, that her father had met with such heavy losses that they must all stay at home. Now, mother, it isn't to be thought of for a moment. Do say that you approve my plan."

"I certainly think it a kind one and I am not sure but it is the wisest one for us all. Your father has overworked, and is thoroughly tired out, and I need a rest. I'll talk with him this evening and I

haven't much doubt about the result."

Mr. Gray was only too glad to accede to the plan proposed, and in a few days Marion had the pleasure of seeing her father and mother start off on a long drive in search of a summer home.

"John, you have something on your mind, you look troubled," said a brisk little woman to her husband, who was tilling his home-

stead farm, among the Vermont hills.

"Well, Mary, I am a little anxious. That man who called this morning is the nephew of Mr. Henley to whom I owed that two hundred dollars. Now that his uncle is dead, this nephew is executor of the estate, and wants the balance upon the mortgage by the first of October."

"Q dear," gasped Mary, "I don't wonder you are anxious, but then," she added with a brave smile, "it will come right somehow,

we wont worry too much, so cheer up, John."

The next day Mary was bustling about, getting the dinner ready, when there came a gentle rap at the side door, and a pleasant faced gentleman, politely lifting his hat, asked her if she would favor him with a pitcher of water and a glass, as his wife and himself had been riding quite a distance and were thirsty.

Certainly," replied Mrs. Lewis, and just as she was about to get the water, Mr. Lewis, who happened to hear the request, proposed that the gentleman and his wife should come into the house and rest

"You had better drive your horse right into my barn," he said, "and while he is having a little luncheon, which I shall be glad to give him, you are welcome to take some refreshment with us. My wife has our noon meal nearly ready."

"Well, thank you, heartily, this is truly hospitable, and my wife

and I cordially accept your offer."

"How could John have been so thoughtless? This is ironing day and I have a picked-up dinner." This is what Mrs. Lewis thought, but she betrayed nothing of the kind when she welcomed her unexpected guests to the table so simply and cheerfully.

They did ample justice to the picked-up dinner.
"We were tired and hungry, and I never ate a dinner in my life that I relished more," said the gentleman.

"This cup of tea has made a new women of me," said the lady, how can we ever thank you?"

"No need of thanks, we were glad to share with you the meal so

nearly ready."

"Having been entertained at your table, it is no more than right, that we give you a little account of ourselves. My name is Gray, I am a lawyer of Boston, and my wife and I, who always spend the summer away from the city, thought this year we would like board upon a farm, and so I took a carriage and am driving through some of these Vermont towns, in search of such a home. Perhaps now you could direct us to a boarding place."

I don't know of any family now that would be likely to take

boarders," said Mr. Lewis.

"You have a large roomy house here, couldn't you acommodate

us yourselves?" asked Mrs. Gray with an eager look in her eyes.
"Our home is large enough," said Mr. Lewis, "but I am afraid
we couldn't serve you as well as you would like. We never have taken boarders, we are young people as yet, with only one little boy, and as you see we live plainly.

"The fare to-day was fit for a king. See here, sir, let us talk busi-I want two large airy rooms, opening out of each other if possible, and board. Good plain country fare for myself and wife and two young girls. Now if you can give me this, and the use of a horse and carriage once in a while, I will give you thirty-five dollars a week. What do you say?"

"I think my wife will have to decide," said Mr. Lewis, who

almost gasped for breath.

"If they like our rooms, and will put up with our fare, I think we had better take them," replied the little women with shining eyes.

The chambers were immediately visited, and proved all that could be desired, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray left with the understanding that they were to come and occupy them on July first.

"We've done it now," said John as they came back to the house

after bidding their guests good-bye.

"Yes, and if this day's dinner will satisfy them, I haven't a bit of fear but what we can suit them. How glad I am those small fruits we set out will all bear this year."

"Sure enough, and I'm glad I started those tomatoes and lettuce under glass, they will help amazingly. But, Mary, the house work,

how will you be able to do it?"

"There's Susan Murray, you know how many times she has been glad to work for nothing here, only to get away from that dreadful old aunt, who seems to begrudge her every mouthful which she eats. Now we can hire her and pay her good wages, too. Oh, John! don't you see how we can make out that money, too, in the fall?"

"Yes, Mary, I thought of that the first thing. We have great

reason to be thankful, that this opportunity has come to us."

Marion was delighted when she heard that board at the farm house had been really engaged. The very next day after her mother reached home, she called with her upon Mrs. Wilson to propose their plan.

Marion asked Florence to go out for a little walk soon after

their arrival, and her mother urged her to go.

"She is so languid and listless since her sickness, I am troubled about her," said Mrs. Wilson.

"She needs a change evidently, and this being the case, I hope I can persuade you to grant me a very great favor," said Mrs. Gray.
"A favor, what can it be, pray?"

"It is this, we have decided to take board in a farm house this summer, and have secured a quiet, delightful place among the Vermont hills. Marion has set her heart upon having Florence go with us, now cannot you spare her to us for a few weeks?"

"Oh, I wish I could, it would be the very thing for her I am sure,

but she has nothing ready."

"That need not hinder her going in the least. We are going to take our simplest clothing, and if you wouldn't mind Florence helping Marion, wear out some of her last summer's gowns, the problem so far as dress is concerned would be solved for both of us."

Oh thank you a thousand times, Mrs. Gray, I gladly accept your offer, and will have Florence ready in season. Instead of granting

you a favor, you are bestowing one upon me."

"Not at all. It has been a pet scheme of Marion's, indeed she

has thought of nothing else for weeks."

The delight of Florence brought the first color that had been seen upon her cheeks for weeks, and when she received an affectionate send off from her school friends who left in her hand a delicious luncheon for her long journey, it was hard to say which was the hap-pier, she or the dear friend who had planned all this pleasure.

It was indeed a wonderful summer, and when, one day, Mr. Gray went home, ostensibly upon business, but really on purpose to bring Mrs. Wilson back with him, the delight of Florence knew no bounds. Her mother stayed with the party until their return, and all had a happy home coming.

Girls, the plan was a success," cried Marion to the schoolmates who had bade them good-by at the starting, now come to greet

their return.

"Indeed it was," said Laura. "What a transformation. It is

really wonderful."

"It would take a small sized hurricane now to blow her away," said Marion "I am really proud of her."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To CLEAN WHITE PAINT. — Dissolve a piece of ammonia the size of a walnut in half a pail of water, and rub the paint gently with a sponge; dry with soft cloths.

To CLEAN GILDING. — Dust the gilt lightly with a soft brush, then wash quickly with warm water in which an onion has been boiled; dry with soft cloths. Only gilding of good quality will bear this treatment.

DEACON EARL'S TEMPTATION.

NE day in the late summer, Deacon Earl was walking slowly across the green fields with bended head, his hands loosely clasped behind him. A soft twitter of birds was in the air, mingled with the hum of bees and insects. A light breeze from the west ladened with the breath of new mown hay, swept over the hills bending the grass in wave-like motion. A gleam of the distant river, glassy and still, sun-kissed, could be seen through the trees. A pleasing languor was over all nature for the fierce Dog-star was reigning

very gently.
"'Pears to me," soliloquized the deacon, "that it is going to be good hay weather for a spell. I guess I'll put in them medders next week." Just then his foot struck something in the tall grass. Stooping, after a little search he discovered an old leather wallet, heavy and

bulging.

The deacon's heart throbbed as he carefully took out the bank notes that it contained. He counted them carefully and put them back again, and in so doing came on the name, "John Wallingford," written on the inner side of the wallet.

The owner then was the deacon's next door neighbor, a generous, thriftless man, who earned large sums and spent them lavishly

and not always wisely.

The deacon looked stealthily around to see if he was observed, but nothing was in sight save a saucy crow, who eyed him for a moment then flew away with a mocking "caw! caw!" Deacon Earl thrust the money into his pocket and strode home

across the fields.

"I'll step right over after dinner and take it to him," he concluded as he walked along. "I don't suppose he has any idea where he lost it."

Now the deacon's besetting sin was the love of money, and he soon began to wish he had the use of what he had in his pocket. Why, it would almost buy that piece of land he had wanted so long. "If most people had found it, they would have kept it,"

"He won't make good use of it if he gets it, I will."

When he reached home supper was ready and he sat down but ate little and replied so shortly to his wife's remarks, that she looked at him over her glasses, remarking quietly: "Kind of out of sorts, ain't you, deacon?"

The deacon muttered something about being let alone, and his

wife, like a wise woman, let him alone.

Sunset came, and long, solemn shadows crept across the valleys, but the deacon still tarried. The stars came out one by one, and the "pond frog's orchestra" began, but the wallet still lay in his pocket. Finally he retired, but not to sleep. He tossed on his bed till his good wife, lying placidly by his side, cried out: "Deacon, be you sick," or what is the matter?"

Now the deacon had never had a secret from "Ma," so this one weighed heavily. He determined to make a clean breast of it, but how He determined to be artful. "No, Ma," he replied was he to begin? "I'm thinking."

"Well" said Mrs. Earl, "Can't you do your thinking to-mor-

"Well," I was thinking I'd buy the sofy you wanted so much."

"Why Pa!" cried his wife in pleased surprise.
"What kind do you want?" he asked.
"Why," replied Ma, timidly, "If it don't cost too much, I'd like one like Mrs. Wallingford's."

"Oh, I guess I can afford it," replied the deacon cheerfully.
Ma began to think that such unwonted liberality was suspicious, so she said: "Where'd you get so much money, deacon?"

The deacon cleared his throat and replied, "I found a wallet."

"Perhaps you'll find the owner."

"Oh, I know who it belongs to," he replied, speaking rapidly; "Tis John Wallingford's, but he'll only waste it if he has it, so I'm goin' to keep it."

"Elnathan! do you mean it?" his wife asked solemnly.

"Yes," he replied resolutely.

"And you tried to bribe me to consent," she said slowly.

The deacon winced.

"Deacon! I never was ashamed of you before, but I am now. A church member stealin' wallets."

"I hain't stole no wallet!" blustered the deacon.
"I call it stealin'," said Ma, calmly; and I guess you would, if anybody else had done it."

"I don't care! Anybody else would keep it."

"The world's people might, but you profess to take Christ for your guide. How'll you carry around the bread and wine with that wallet in your pocket?"

The deacon turned over with a jerk.

"Come," said his wife coaxingly, "Promise me you'll take it back in the morning."

There was no response.

"Will you deacon?" she asked again.
"No!" he thundered.

She made no reply but arose and began dressing.

"What are you doing?" he queried.
"I am going up stairs till morning, then I'll think what to do.
One thing sure, I can't live with a thief!"

"Now Betsy!" he whined, "don't be so set! Come back to bed

and we'll talk it over."

There was profound silence, and the deacon knew Ma would keep her word.

The moon shone in and lighted up the pillow that showed the print of her head upon it. For forty years her head had rested there by night. What if death had taken her away and only the cold moon-light would rest on that pillow for the remainder of his life? How

loud the ticking of the clock sounded, and how lonely he was.

Then suddenly he remembered how, when he first became a Christian, he prayed God to send a test that he might prove his love.

"It has come!" he moaned. "I am weighed in the balance and found wanting."

found wanting."

Down on his knees fell the deacon and poured forth a penitent, heart-broken prayer, while the moonbeams kissed his silvery hair.

And a great peace stole over him.

In the morning he said to his wife, as she was preparing breakfast, "John Wallingford has his wallet, ma. He says he thinks I'd have lost more than he if I'd kept it." "And ma," he added huskily, "I guess I love God better than I do money."

'The Lord be praised!" ejaculated ma, as she turned a fritter.

—Dora Annis Chase.

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GOING HOME.

Out of the chill and the shadow
Into the thrill and the shine;
Out of the death and the famine
Into the fulness divine.
Up from the strife and the battle
(Oft with the shameful defeat),
Up to the palm and the laurel,
O, but the rest will be sweet!

Leaving the cloud and the tempest,
Reaching the balm and the cheer,
Finding the end of our sorrow,
Finding the end of our fear.
Seeing the face of the Master,
Yearned for in "distance and dream,"
O, for that rapture of gladness!
O, for that vision supreme!

Meeting the dear ones departed,
Knowing them, clasping their hands,
All the beloved and true-hearted,
There in the fairest of lands!
Sin evermore left behind us,
Pain nevermore to distress;
Changing the moan for the music,
Living the Saviour to bless.

Why should we care for the dying,
That is but springing to light?
Why should we shrink from the struggle,
Pale at the swift-closing strife?
Since it is only behind us,
Scarcely a step and a breath,
All that dear home of the living,
Guarded by what we call death!

There we shall learn the sweet meanings
Hidden to-day from our eyes,
There we shall waken like children,
Joyous at gift and surprise.
Come then, dear Lord, in the gloaming,
Or when the dawning is gray!
Take us to dwell in thy presence—
Only thyself lead the way.

Out of the chill and the shadow
Into the thrill and the shine;
Out of the death and the famine
Into the fulness divine.
Out of the sigh and the silence
Into the deep-swelling song!
Out of the exile and bondage
Into the home-gathered throng.

-Margaret E. Sangster.

A FORGER'S CONVERSION.

Mr. S. H. Hadley, the well-known evangelist and rescue worker,

relates the following remarkable case of conversion:

"There was a man came into our meeting one afternoon with 1,000 forged railway tickets in his pockets, and he had the plate with him with which he did the work. He was on his way to the Roose-

velt street ferry, intending to meet an accomplice over in Brooklyn, but he happened to stop in at our place.

"As he sat there listening to the testimony of ignorant, redeemed men, the spirit of God took hold of his soul. He went out, but he didn't go over to Brooklyn. He came again in the evening, and the Lord troubled him mightily. He went out and got on the ferry boat, and when the boat reached the middle of the river, he dumped the railway tickets, plate and everything overboard into the river. Then he came back to the meeting and knelt down for prayers. Jesus met him there and forgave his sins and gave him the witness of the Spirit that he was born again. He made a confession right there before us He was a Swede, a fine-looking man; he had never drank in his all. life.

"But the next question was, how he should get a living. So he knelt down and asked the Lord to send him a job. He got a job digging holes for the railroad piers. They had to be dug ten or eleven feet deep, and it was hard, dirty work; his hands got dreadfully blistered. He took his wife to the top floor of a tenement house,—they had never lived in such a place before; but praise the Lord! he was saved, and every \$1.50 a day that he earned was clean money. Finally one of his former acquaintances heard where he was, found him at work and said to him, 'Why John, are you crazy?' 'No,' said John, 'I never was so sane in my life.' 'Well, what's the matter?' 'I have found Jesus,' said John, 'and given my heart to God.' 'But, John, look here! We never had such a good thing on our hands as we have now. There's \$10,000 in it if you will come and join us.' 'No sir, no more of that for me.' 'Well, John, you're in hard luck; let me help you,' and he pulled out a roll of money and offered it to John. 'No sir,' said John, 'I wont take it.' 'Well, come along with me to my hotel.'

"John went with him to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, but he wouldn't agree to go into any counterfeiting scheme. After he got home he put his hand into his pocket and found there \$300 in bills which the man had put into his pocket without his knowledge. He thought about it for a moment. The devil said, 'Oh, come, now; keep it; he gave it to you. Just think how many holes that will fill up!' But the struggle was short. He just said, 'Lord Jesus, if you ever stood by me, stand by me now,' and he went back to the hotel and gave

back the money.

"The man was greatly surprised and said, with tears in his eyes, 'John, if I could have what you have got I would give up everything

I own in the world.'

"This man has helped to save hundreds of others." He has maintained his integrity and is trusted by some of the wealthiest and most respected business men in New York City."

A LESSON WELL LEARNED.

A poor man on the way home from his day's work, was walking along just ahead of me, with a sack of flour on his shoulder. tle boy was trudging by his side with a beetle swung to his shoulder.

It was a heavy thing to carry, and I heard the little boy say,

very wearily:

"O, father, how glad I am that we left the wedges till to-morrow night. This beetle is just all I can carry."

"Do the best you can, my son," said the father. "I know you are tired, and the beetle is heavy, but be patient."

For some time after these words of encouragement the little fellow was very patient, but the farther he went the heavier the beetle seemed to grow.

At last he stopped, and lowering it to the ground, said:

At last he stopped, and, lowering it to the ground, said:

"Father, I cannot carry it any farther."
"You need not carry it any farther, my boy," was the father's y. "You have done well. Some little boys would have complained in a very short time, but you have done nothing of the kind. You have been patient, and you have nobly strengthened your own power of endurance by what you have done. Now, my darling, I will carry the beetle the rest of the way for you."

How easy and how pleasant the remainder of that walk was to

the little boy whose father was carrying the burden for him.

I saw the two, father and child, as they entered the little yard in which their low, vine-covered cottage stood.

Two lessons were learned during the evening walk.

The little boy learned that when he really needed help, his father would help him. He would not shirk. He carried the heavy beetle as far as a little boy ought to carry it; and then he learned the grand lesson of his life; that his father could be depended upon to help him.

I also learned a lesson. I learned that if I bear life's burdens patiently, my heavenly Father, all unseen, will, when the proper time comes, take them and bear them for me.—The Messenger.

Cornstarch will remove grease most effectively from cloth. Rub a little fresh, dry cornstarch into the soiled place, and it will at once begin the process of absorbing the grease. Brush the first used off carefully from the garment, and proceed in the same way with more, until the disfigurement has entirely disappeared.—San Francisco Call.

When the keys of a piano are dirty they should be cleaned with a little gin and whiting mixed to a wet paste; rub a little on each key, then polish with a soft dry cloth, or an old silk handkerchief is best; care must be taken not to let the paste get between the keys. -The American Woman.



