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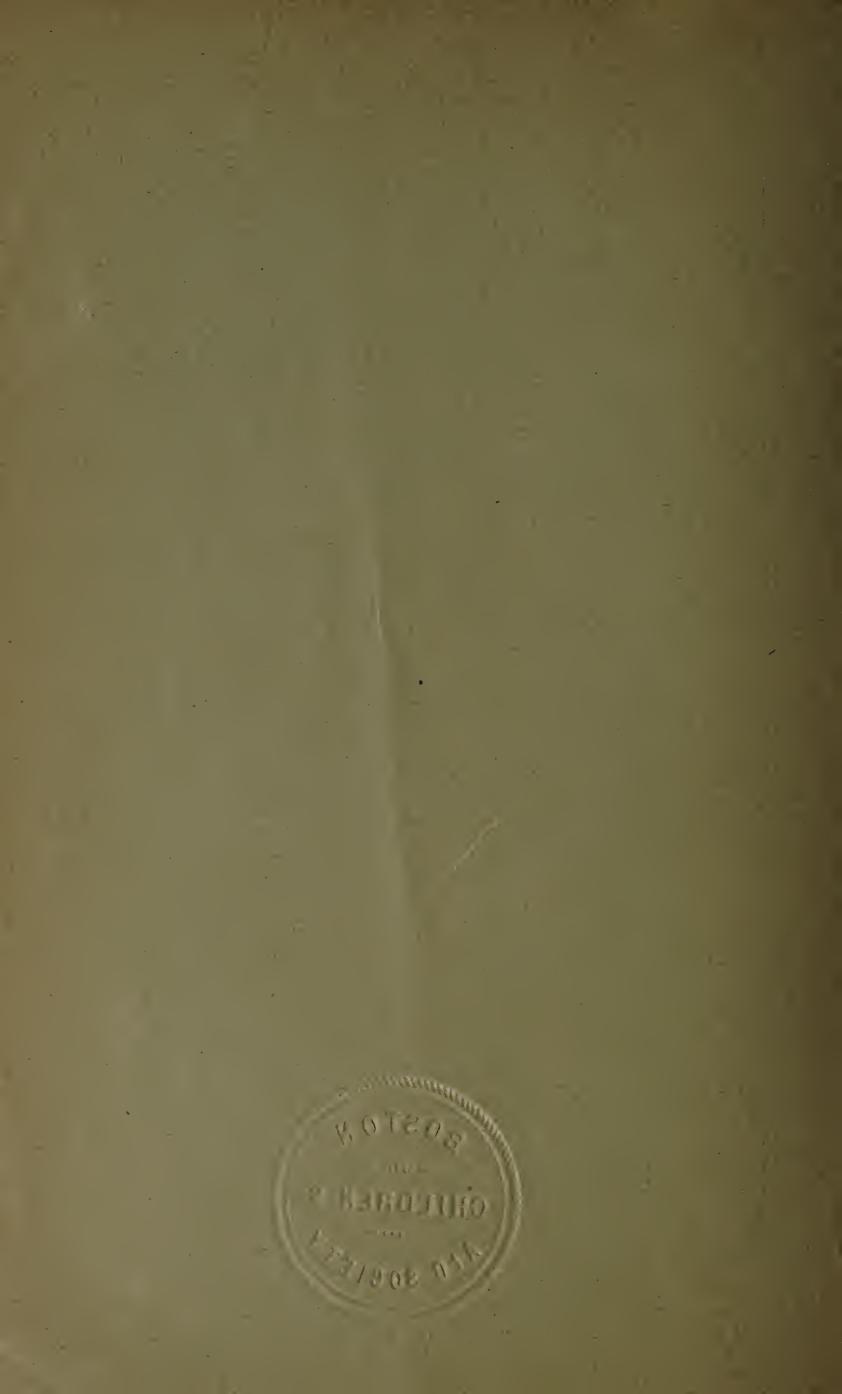
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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.

April 16, 1850.

Approved.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

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. I. ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, espe-cially 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 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.

ART. 3. Any person paying one dollar anuually shall be a member. The 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-Presi-dents, 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 the Home.

It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet **ART.** 9. 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]

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DONATIONS

TO THE HOME FOR 1898.

Crosby & Bros., box butter. Isaac Locke, bbl. of potatoes. C. C. Aiken, 2 boxes of candy. North Packing Co., 1 ham. Henry Laurence, 2 turkeys. F. Frazier, 2 chickens. Friend, pears, etc. Rich & Matthews, 25 lbs. of fish. Glines Co., coffee. James Morse, box of soap. E. T. Andrews, 25 lbs. of fish. Edward Newton, 25 lbs. of salt fish. Cutler Co., medicines. Hartshorn & Son, essence. S. H. Wilkins & Co., 20 lbs. of beef. Eaton & Eustis, 5 baskets of grapes. Waverly Magazine one year. Taylor, Lord Co., bbl. turnips. Smith Bros., box of butter. Whitemore Bros., I doz. gilt edge dressing. Friend, Taunton, feathers, flowers. Friend, Milford, box of hats. Gloucester Furnishing Co., boys hats. Swan, Newton & Co., 1 turkey. Friend, bbl. sweet potatoes. S. B. King, bbl. squash. Cushman Co., 2 curtains and fixtures. S. T. Fletcher, box of butter. Star Co., tea. Snow Co., bbl. of sweet potatoes and apples. Tarbell Co., West Newton, boys hats. Wright, Moody Co., box of candy. Brett Co., New Bedford, box soap. Lowell Bros., bbl. turnips. W. W. Benjamin, bbl. vegetables. Friend G., hats and clothing. Friend, fruit and flowers. J. B. Young, bbl. squash. Keefe, box onions. McCullach, bag potatoes. Hemway, doz. boxes of grapes. Geo. D. Brown, 12 lbs. lamb. S. S. Pierce, bbl. of flour.

C. D. Cobb & Aldrich, bbl. flour.

Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, 10 lbs. tea, 2 boxes of candy. Rice & Holway, bbl. apples, etc. L. J. Sturtevant, two turkeys.

John P. Squire, one ham.

Charles Moody & Co., box raisins.

Swain, Earle Co., box of starch.

Alonzo Knight, doz. of canned preserves.

- Dwinell, Wright Co., 10 lbs. coffee.

Fobes, Hayward Co., 3 boxes candy. Curtis, Davis Co., welcome soap. Howard, Spurr Co., bbl. sweet potatoes.

D. Atwood Co., 2 gallons of oysters.

Friend, oranges and grapes.

Nathan Robbins Co., I turkey.

Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. salt flsh.

Geo. R. Flint, corned beef.

B. Johnson, 25 lbs. lamb.

Mills & Deering, box butter. J. V. Fletcher Co., 15 lbs. roast.

Geo. M. D. Legg, 1 turkey. Haley Co., 10 lbs. beef, vegetables. Simpson, McIntire Co., 10-lb. box of butter.

F. H. Johnson, 25 lbs. salt fish. Winslow, Rand & Watson, 10 lbs. tea.

E. Manning, vegetables.

Curtis Co., box of oranges.

W. W. C. R. Noyes, bbl. of apples.

Niles Bros., 2 hams.

Mrs. Theodore Nickerson, 3 boxes of candy.

Prior Bros., 25 lbs. fish.

H. & R. Atwood, 2 gals. oysters. Hanson & Ricker, box figs.

Jewett Co., canned fruit.

C. E. Osgood, 1 rocker.

Hall & Cole, bbl. of apples.

Knight Co., cake.

C. M. Ryder, 1 shoulder.

O. N. T. Cotton, 3 doz. spools.

- Mrs. Fletcher, pillow cases.
- Shapleigh Coffee Co., 10 lbs. cocoa and coffee.

H. & S. 3 lbs. tea.

Mrs. Samuel Usher, 1 child's fine coat.

- Ladies' Benevolent Society, North Ave. Congl. Church, Cambridge,
- I doz. sheets and pillow cases. Misses A. J. and M. L. Chase, clothing and boots.
- Benevolent Society, Hingham Centre, clothing.
- Mrs. G. B. Howard, clothing.
- Mrs. Wm. F. Nichols, clothing.
- Rev. E. Davies, clothing and apples.
- Mlle. L. U. Keyon, hats and bonnet.
- Rev. D. W. Waldron, Easter cards.
- Parker Memorial, flowers.

City Hospital, cribs.

G. B. Howard, beef.

Mr. O. N. Chase, meat.

Frank L. Robbins, bread.

- Daisy Tripp, turkey. Master Ned Wilder, Christmas toys and candy.
- Misses Wilder, Christmas toys.
- Mrs. D. D. Leeds, Cambridgeport, 4 bundles.
- Mrs. F. A. Leeds, Newton, 2 bundles.
- Mrs. Paffs, Cambridge, 1 bundle.
- Mrs. Nathan Drake, Watertown, clothing.
- Thomas Cunningham, \$1.00 worth of candy. Mrs. E. S. Brackett, 1 quilt.
- Master Alfred McDonald, Malden, clothing and books for the children.

- Alfred Pierce & Co., 4 cases germ meal and 2 cases salt, also nuts and candy.
- Mrs. Alfred Pierce, box of valuable clothing.
- Oriental Tea Company, tea and coffee.
- B. T. Babbitts & Co., 1 box baking powder.
- American Cereal Co., 1 case oats.
- Miss Forbes, clothing.
- Miss Jackson, clothing.
- Standard Wire Mattress Co., 1 iron bedstead.
- Miss H. M. Walker's Sunday School class, Reading, scrap book.
- Provident Association, 4 boys' suits and 4 pair of boots, 2 pair of stockings.
- Milk Inspectors, milk.
- Bromfield Street Church, Thanksgiving donations.
- Bromfield Street Church, clothing; 50 pieces from the Needle Work Guild.
- Thomas Wood, State St., tea.
- Winslow, Rand & Co., tea.
- Miss Mary Rosely, clothing. Miss M. E. McQuade, trimmed hats.
- Mrs. Ella F. Bumstead, clothing.
- Miss Spear, Neponset, toys.
- Friend in Boston, 1 lb of coffee.
- St. Andrew Sewing Circle, Hanover, \$1.00.
- Bread and Cake from Tremont Street bakery.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

We little knew, when we sent out our Report for 1898, what a year would bring forth.

And, now, as we open the Annals of the New Year, 1899, we see but through a glass darkly; for the War mist is not yet rolled away. It has settled upon thousands of homes, leaving as many hearths desolate, throwing as many innocent children upon the mercy of the wide world!

What is to be done with these little ones, whom a cruel war has made shelterless and friendless, is a question that can be answered only in part by the Managers and Patrons of the Nickerson Home for Children.

As a Society, our wits, energy and funds have had an elastic quality that has helped us to meet unexpected calls for aid in a wonderful way.

How efficiently the plans of the Society and the wishes of the general public have been carried out through the supervisors of the different departments of labor, can best be seen by a peep into the work-a-day world at 14 Tyler Street, — into that home over which our Matron, Mrs. Lola Holway, is the presiding genius.

As you enter the hall, the hum of merry voices locates the children's play-room immediately.

You wonder how anyone can think at all amid this Babel of tongues. You wonder how different nationalities and different personalities learn to harmonize so readily.

But within is the secret of it all; for here the law of kindness prevails. Good judgment on the part of the chief executive makes a wise selection of laws to govern individual action, — makes a nice distinction between mine and thine.

The ever recurring wants of a large family are met by our Matron and her assistants with promptness and patience. Dexterous hands and a Dorcas spirit bring forth new out of the old, so that everywhere the idea of thrift and economy obtains. The sanitary condition of the home has always been of the greatest importance; yet, notwithstanding every precaution in the line of drainage and plumbing, several of our children succumbed to typhoid fever, and were sent to the Children's Hospital on Huntington Avenue. There they received the best of care, and came back to the Home with good health and glowing reports about the kindness of their attendants.

The children have been remembered by their numerous friends in many substantial ways the past year. They were surprised at Thanksgiving time with rosy-cheeked apples, fowl and vegetables.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Alfred Pierce and wife, — to the former for his usual donation of germ meal, and to the latter for her box of valuable clothing.

We would also mention the Young Ladies' Society of the Old South Church, which so generously remembered us.

A sale was held in our parlors the 9th and 10th of November, and in spite of the severe storm of the second day, it netted us a good sum for a special object.

The tables never looked so pretty. They were uniformly trimmed, and bright flowers adorned them. We feel grateful for the contributions to the tables, and to the patrons who attended the sale.

Among other gifts there was a scrap book from Miss H. M. Walker's Sunday School class, Reading; articles of clothing and foot gear from the Provident Association, and provisions from Mr. O. H. Chase and Mr. G. B. Howard.

The milk inspectors have been on duty the past year, and kindly furnished the children with milk nearly every day.

Children like sweets. So cake was forthcoming when Mr. Frank L. Robbins of the Boston Hotel and Mr. Knight of Knight's Bakery became aware of that fact.

The Christmas Tree at Bromfield Street Church fairly groaned under its weighty foliage,—steam engines puffed and rocking horses almost snorted as they were handed into the keeping of their young masters.

The boys, at the home, will long remember how good old Santa was to them that night, when they walk to Sabbath School dressed in some of the clothes which he pulled down from that well loaded Christmas tree.

And the little girls, also, at the home, who had just courage enough to interview Santa, Christmas Day, shyly asking "Who that kind lady was who filled their stockings with toys and curly, golden haired dolls that could go to sleep and could cry?" will never forget the name of Nickerson.

Master Ned Wilder and the Misses Wilder also sent toys to the children to brighten their Xmas holidays.

The outings of the children have not varied much from those of the past year. There was the two weeks' trip to Beachmont, picnics to Franklin and Dorchester Parks, with tickets and substantial dinners given by Rev. D. W. Waldron of Boston; outings to Nantasket, with tickets and dinner kindly provided by Mr. D. O. Wade, who is always glad to welcome the children to his hospitable home.

The visit to Wakefield, which is due to the thoughtfulness of the Christian Endeavor Society of that town, is always an enjoyable one to the children, owing to the lively games and the generous lunches which the young people furnish.

For these outings, gifts and entertainments, also for the kindness of Dr. Galvin of the Emergency Hospital, who has given his services free the past year, we would gratefully return thanks to our friends, who have so truly walked "in His steps" who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these little ones, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

GARAFELIA M. DAWSON,

Secretary.

Dr. TREAS	TREASURER'S REPORT. Ct.
By cash on hand, January 1st, 1898, \$21.75 Subscriptions and Donations Mrs. M. M. Holway, 607.11 " " " " C. L. Boswell, . 1,162.09 " " " E. Bumstead, . 149.00 " " " " C. M. Hill, . 178 25 " " " Agent,	 \$21.75 To water, tax, fuel and light,
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MISS SIMMS.

By ERNEST GILMORE.

ISS SIMMS sat rocking back and forth in her old arm-chair, singing in her quavering but gentle voice a lullaby. The baby had fallen asleep. Miss Simms looked at him lovingly.

and compassionatly, pressing him close to her aching heart. "Poor little Martin," she said, "poor little dear !"

Her lips quivered and her tired eyes filled with tears.

"I'm glad I didn't let them take you to the asylum; but I don't just know what I'm going to do without you, now I've got you. -don't—just know. "

Some tears rolled down her cheeks, falling on Martin's sunny head. The tears, however, did not disturb him, but they aroused the woman, who arose softly and carried her burden to the lounge. She did not want the tears to awaken the little one.

"Poor little Martin!" she repeated, softly, as she gently covered him with her old gray shawl.

Overhead lived two other families not much more desirable. Their children were outside, too, on the curb-stone.

Presently, there was a quarrel on the curb-stone (nothing new), followed by a fight, which promised to end violently. Miss Simms went to the door and opened it. She did not scold the riotous brood. That was not her way; she did not even reproach them, but said, gently, "Now, don't, I beg of you; it isn't right. Haven't you some-thing better to do?" "No," was the surly answer of Betty Brown, the eldest of the drunkard's children: "I ain't got anythin' better to do. Do't drunk

drunkard's children; "I ain't got anythin' better to do. Pa's drunk agin."

"Come here, Betty," called Miss Simms. The girl came—her finger in her mouth.

"What you want?" she demanded, with considerable suspicion in her tone.

"Sit down here on the step, I've got something for you."

Miss Simms went inside, returning in a moment with a little old past-board box, in which there a number of pretty picture cards. She put the box into Betty's outstretched hands.

"Give them each one—every child—the rest are yours." "Hev I got ter give cards to them mean boys that called me names?" Betty asked, fretfully.

"I'll distribute them if you would rather I would."

Betty did not like this suggestion, so she said, quickly. "I'll do it, Miss Simms."

The latter stood in her doorway, watching the distributing of the cards to the eager group, where peace now reigned. Her gaze then wandered across the way to a miserable one-storied shanty, where a colored family lived in extreme filth. The little "coons" as the white children of this neighborhood called those of this family, were playing in the mud and slush of the street. There was nothing pleasant for Miss Simms' eyes looking downward. She glanced upward to the blue sky, towards the "immortal hills," "heaven's border-land."

For a moment she had forgotten her troubles, that she was without means of support, that her last cent was gone, that the rent was nearly due, and that horror — the poor-house — that had haunted her night and day.

Presently Miss Simms' thoughts returned to earth. She went inside and closed the door. Some one knocked, and she opened it again. A young man stood there, looking into her face with a smile. He was a stalwart fellow, tall, with dark intelligent eyes and a face exceedingly attractive, with its expression of honesty and kind-liness.

Miss Simms looked at him wonderingly. "Aren't you going to invite me in?" he asked.

"Oh, I beg your pardon." she said, apologetically inviting him She offered him a chair, but he walked over to the lounge and in. looked down upon the sleeping child.

"This, I suppose, is little Martin?"

"Yes," she said, in a surprised tone, that a stranger should know about Martin.

"How old is he?"

"Going on three."

"They tell me you have taken him to bring up because his dying mother asked you to?" he said questioningly. "I'd have taken him anyway, poor boy!" she answered, tenderly.

"Why — anyway?"

"Because he needed me."

"Could'nt he have gone to an asylum?"

"I didnt want him to; he wouldn't have been mothered there."

His lips quivered involuntarily.

"And you mother him?" he asked, rather huskily. "Yes."

"Some years ago," he went on, "quite a good many, there was a poor, forlong little orphan boy, who was ragged and sorrowful, hungry and cold, heart-sore and homeless. He hadn't a friend in the world. He had been kicked and cuffed about until he wished he were dead. One day, foot-sore, weary, and famished, he stopped at a pretty house, where to his surprise and joy he found welcome. It was the dearest and best woman in all the world who took that small, wretched stranger in. His name was Tom. Have you any recollection of mothering him?"

He was facing the pale little sad-faced woman. His eyes were ving. He took her hands in his own and, folding them close. "Why Tom!" she exclaimed in rapture, "Why, Tom?" She could say no more. He put an arm around her and led her glowing.

to her rocking-chair, sitting down beside her. His strong young hands closed over one of hers.

"Tom," she said presently "my little Tom! (He was six feet What a beautiful man you've grown to be! " tall.)

She spoke lovingly, with a quiver in her voice.

He bent over and touched his lips to her forehead.

"I haven't been so happy in long, long years," she said.

The sorrow and loneliness of years seemed to have vanished. "Where have you been all these years, dear boy?" she asked, as if talking to the little lad of days gone by.

"Away out in the far west-part of the time in California. I've made a pile of money."

"I'm glad," she said, heartily.

Something arose in his throat; her sympathy touched him deeply.

"And where are you living now, Tom?" she asked, eagerly. "I'm in Denver," he said. "I intend to keep house when I go back—getting married, you know. Here is my sweetheart's picture."

He took a little case from his pocket, which he opened, disclosing two photographs, one of himself and the other of a young lady whose charming face instantly won Miss Simms' heart.

"I don't wonder you love her, " she said; "I'd love her too. God bless you Tom - and her!

She reached out one of her hands and smoothed his curly brown hair just as she had done in those old days.

"I wish you both all the happiness this life can give, and the eternal happiness of the life to come," she continued.

Tom's head was bowed, and, strong man that he was, tears filled his eyes.

"The pictures are for you," he said, "but I have another to show you which you can't have, smiling again." He took from his breast-pocket a tiny old-fashioned picture, which he laid on her lap.

It was a picture of herself as she had looked twenty years ago. "Then you've kept this poor little picture all these years," she said, her heart stirred to its depth at the thought.

"Yes," he murmured, "it's always with me wherever I go, and will be until the end. But I want you, as well as the picture. I've come all the way from Denver for you," he said, looking at her lovingly.

"Tom," she said, tremulously. "God bless you, Tom-you and Mollie-for remembering me. God bless you forever! "

She put her hands over her eyes. Tom, watching her closely, saw the tears roll down her cheeks.

"You will go back with me, dear Miss Simms?"

She dropped her hands and wiped the tears away.

"I'll never forget your asking me to go," she said, slowly, "nor that you want me, but I'm getting old, dear boy, and I couldn't go

away out West and leave everything." "What is there to leave?" was his thought, as he glanced around the shabby environments inside and outside.

But she went on: "Days when I feel well enough I walk out— Martin and I—and we go to the graveyard on the hill. Mother and father and Sallie are sleeping there, and it seems like home up there. It wouldn't do to pull up such an old root as I am, Tom dear, but God will bless you forever for wanting me. That thought will cheer me to the last."

Tom got up suddenly and walked to the window. Just then little Martin awoke, and, sliding from the lounge, ran to the shelter of Miss Simms' motherly arms.

It was nearly twelve o'clock. In her great joy over meeting Tom, Miss Simms had taken no note of time. In the old days she had always set before him beautiful meals of appetizing food. But now, what should she do? To be sure there was a small pail of milk.

in the pantry, but that was for little Martin. There was a small loaf of bread and a little tea, but what were these to offer her guest?

Tom came back from the window and sat down. His eyes were suspiciously red.

"Dear heart," he said "how did it happen you came here - in this vile street-to live? What became of your pretty home ?"

Her face flushed.

"I came here," she answered, "because the rent is cheap. The wheel turned round; things went from bad to worse, and, after the house was once mortgaged, it kept right on slipping until I lost hold of it."

Tom bit his lips.

"Have you seen it lately?"

"No; I havn't been that way for a good while. It makes me homesick when I go that way."

"And all the furniture, the quaint old mahogany desk and the carved chairs, and the pretty old-fashioned dishes — what became of them?"

Miss Simms arose, with Martin in her arms, and opened a little closet in the wall.

"Here are the dishes," she said; "I kept them because they wouldn't have brought me much of anything. The folks did not know their value. The rest of the things went with the house."

Tom understood it all—the losses, the sorrow and the poverty. "You will let me stay with you until Monday (it was Wednesday), will you not?" he asked.

"'Yes," she answered, but her face grew deathly pale.

She wanted him truly, but there must be food obtained in some way if he should stay. Suddenly a bright thought came into her mind. She took down a pretty, old-fashioned covered dish, and, wrapping it in a paper, started toward the back door.

"Where are you going?" asked Tom. "I—I—will be right back," she said."

"See here," he said, taking the dish from her and putting it back in the little cupboard, "I want this dish."

"You, Tom?" tremulously.

"Yes—for Mollie. Can't you send it to Mollie for a wedding gift?" "Yes, yes, dear boy, I'd be glad to."

"Thank you," he said, taking her hands again and leading her to rocking-chair, "Mollie will write you a letter of thanks. She has a craze for old china."

The kind old face lighted up again.

"Mollie shall have them all—every dish," she said.

"That sounds like you—just like you and nobody else in the world," he answered, "but I'll only accept the one dish for Mollie— the rest you must keep. And now I want you to promise me to sit still right here until I come back."

"Where are you going?"

"On an errand for you and me and little Martin."

He was not gone long but he seemed to have accomplished a great deal in a little while. Following closely upon his footsteps came a colored man, who handed him a tray of food and withdrew.

Bread and butter, hot rolls, a roasted chicken, baked potatoes, celery, cranberries, pickles, an apple pie and cheese, and a pot of steaming cocoa - these were the viands. Miss Simms looked on in amazement.

"Tom," said she, "Tom, there never was anybody else like you in the world."

Tom laughed, but his voice trembled a little as he said :

"We might as well understand now that while I'm here I don't want you to do any cooking — not a bit. I want to visit with you, so the meals will be sent in.'

The days seemed to have wings. Tom was out a great deal of the time, and one day he went to the city, returning at night. Monday came all too soon. Tom was out nearly all day. In the gloaming he made a proposal to Miss Simms.

"Let us take a walk," he said. "You and I and little Martin. The mud and slush are gone, so the walking is good."

They went out, the pale-faced little woman with her arm within the stalwart young man's, little Martin beside them.

"Suppose we go and see the dear old home," he suggested. I have permission to look inside."

"Oh," said she, "I'd love to go inside once more." "I saw Rachel Stone to-day," he observed; "she is just my age is she not? "

"Yes, you used to play together, you know. Poor Rachel! She's had a hard time since her folks died. I'd have helped her if I could. She's strong and willing, but since the factory closed she's been out of work."

"It would be nice if she could live with you, wouldn't it?" he asked

"Yes," she said, her lips quivering. Her heart was full. Tom was going away that night, after which would come-what?

But they were approaching the dear old home. It was early in April. The snow had all melted, and the grass already began to look green. They opened the gate and went in. Miss Simms seemed to renew her youth as she looked about the old familiar scene. A moment later she was kneeling down beside a mound, her face beaming, her

eyes aglow. "Look, dear boy, at the green things growing," she said, rejoic-ingly. "See, the tulips and the daffodils have sprouted, and there," "are the sweet violets coming up already."

pointing a little farther on, " are the sweet violets coming up already." She had for a moment forgotten the struggles and weariness of life's journey. The air was so soft and balmy that it comforted. A sleepy bird was twittering in the branches of a silver-stemmed tree. Presently the trio went inside.

" I'll light up," Tom said, "then you can see how things look." "Oh, no; you'd better not, dear boy; the folks wouldn't like it," she expostulated.

But he did; and after that Miss Simms seemed to forget even Tom for a little while. She went about in an ecstacy of joy, touching with almost reverent hand the quaint old writing desk, the carved chairs and tables, the curious little spindle-legged stands and cabinets. It seemed like heaven to be there once more. There was new paper on the walls, fresh paint on the woodwork, pretty new rugs on the floor. Presently a door opened, and there stood Rachel Stone, her face

radiant.

"Why, Rachie !" exclaimed Miss Simms, " you here?"

" I'm working here."

"When are the folks coming ?"

"To-night," she said, her eyes dancing.

The old lips quivered ; the old eyes sought Tom's.

"We must be going, dear boy," she said gently. "I don't want to be here when they come." Then she turned to Rachel, saying : "Rachie, dear, I'm glad that you're here in the dear old place, very glad. I hope this will be a a real home to you."

The youth that had seemed to come to her as she bent over the springing plants outside had gone, and Tom, looking at her, closely, thought she looked older than ever. She felt old, too. "Come, Tom dear," she said, groping, toward him.

He reached out his strong arms and folded her within them. "Listen to me, dear heart," he said, lovingly ; " it is nearly train-time and I must be going. But first I want to tell you that this dear old home and everything in it is yours once more.

She looked up like one dazed, and gasped : "Mine ? this house mine ?"

"Yes, it is yours."

She would have fallen, but he upheld her. Leading her to a softly cushioned arm-chair, he knelt beside her and bent his head.

"Say 'God bless you, Tom,' once more," he begged; and her quivering lips murmured, fervently, "God bless you, Tom, dear !" while her trembling hands gently smoothed his hair. Then he arose, touched his lips to her forehead, and said, "Good-by !"

-Christian Herald.

I lay at my ease in my little boat,

Fast moored to the shore of the pond.

And looked up through the trees that swayed in the breeze At God's own sky beyond.

And I thought of the want and the sin in the world, And the pain and the grief they bring,

And I marvelled at God for spreading abroad Such sorrow and suffering.

Evening came creeping over the earth, And the sky grew dim and gray

And faded from sight; and I grumbled at Night For stealing my sky away.

Then out of the dark just the speck of a face Peeped forth from its window-bars ;

And I laughed to see it smile at me :

I had not thought of the stars !

There are millions of loving thoughts and deeds All ripe for awakening,

That never would start from the world's cold heart But for sorrow and suffering.

Yes, the blackening night is sombre and cold,

And the day was warm and fine ; And yet if the day never faded away The stars would never shine.

-Robert Beverly Hale.

LIKE A CRADLE.

Like a cradle rocking, rocking, Silent, peaceful, to and fro,

Like a mother's sweet looks dropping In the little face below,

Hangs the green earth, swinging, turning,

Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow; Falls the light of God's face bending Down and watching us below.

And as feeble babes that suffer, Toss and cry and will not rest,

Are the ones the tender mother Holds the closest, loves the best,

So, when we are weak and wretched, By our sins weighed down, distressed, Then it is that God's great patience

Holds us closest, loves us best.

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-Saxe-Holm.

THE BLUE LUPINE.

O. E. GILBERT.

H, dear,'' said Dame Nature one day, '• that strange creature, man, is always doing something that he calls useful. He has Inan, is always doing something that he calls useful. He has cut here through one of my pretty little hills to lay an ugly looking railroad track. In place of the beautiful slope of the hill there is nothing now but this sandy bank. What shall I do with it? Come, children," she said, "I need you."
"How can you help me to bring back some beauty to this bare looking place?"

"Well, mother," said the sturdy Poplar, "I don't care a bit where I live, so I'll cling just as fast as I can to this steep bank. My strong roots will keep the sand from washing away, and make the bank firm."

"I'm not very pretty," said the Sweet Fern, softly waving his soft smelling leaves, "but I'll grow and spread all I can. Perhaps my dark green coat will add a little beauty here."

One by one the plain, green things offered their help. "We'll do our very best, mother, and try to spread our green leaves all over this sandy place."

"I am quite sure you will," replied the good Dame, "but I want something more. I wonder if some of my flower children wouldn't make a little brightness and color." "Dear me," said the Rose, "my place is in the garden, where

there is rich, moist earth. I couldn't grow, or even live here, so I cannot help you."

The Lily drooped her pure white head, saying, "I am so sorry,

but I, too, need a garden home." "I'll go," said a faint little voice, that seemed made up of many tones. "I'll go and do the best I can."

All the other flowers looked to see who had spoken.

"Why, it's only little Blue Lupine," they said ; "the idea of her offering to help."

The little flower trembled in every tiny bell, but she found courage to say: "I am not very beautiful, I know, but I'll just grow and be as cheery as I can."

And so the sandy bank became a most beautiful place, for it was all covered with fresh green leaves, and among them sweetly smiled the blue-eyed Lupine.

A traveler, looking out of the car window one day, saw all this beauty, and it seemed to teach this lesson; always to do our best and try to grow good and sweet even in a hard place. This was the way the little Lupine helped, and she never knew all the good she had done.

A WONDERFUL BOOK.

HE influence of the Bible not only on the moral and religious life of the world, but also on the gifted minds, who in poetry and song have discoursed upon its themes, is worthy of note.

The late Dr. Waterbury of Boston, in a lecture on the inspiration of the Bible, used these words :-

"Genius, by its own immortal instinct, seems to hover around the sacred page."

The truth of this statement is abundantly proved by the masterpieces in literature and music that men of genius have given to the world.

The story of the Creation is grandly told in Hadyn's Oratorio, where the chorus, "The heavens are telling the glory of God," seems almost to have caught the music of that other chorus, when "the morning stars sang together."

The sad story of man's fall forms the theme of Milton's immortal poem, and will ever thrill the reader as he tells of the conflict between the powers of light and darkness in "Paradise Lost." We are told that Mendelssohn while reading the Bible one day, was so struck with the passage in Kings that told of God's appearance "in the still, small voice," that he was inspired to write the Oratorio of Elijah, which he completed just before his death.

And that other story of the redemption of a lost world through the coming of the Saviour, is told in the sublime strains of Handel's Messiah. He had read the burning words of the old prophets and the glowing pages of the Book of Revelations until he seemed to stand in the very presence of the Almighty and hear the Alleluias of heaven. Catching, as it were, the strains of that divine harmony, it is no wonder that the "Hallelujah Chorus," whose grandeur is unapproachable, should seem to compel every listener to rise and reverently stand during its performance.

Writers of prose have been greatly indebted to the Bible for the formation of a pure style. It is said that from the English translation of the Bible, which was read every day, year after year, in the early home of John Ruskin, he obtained that terse and simple style which give such a wonderful charm to his writings.

Aside from the precious promises it contains, and the blessed gospel it teaches, viewed merely as a literary work and a means of intellectual culture, the Bible is a wonderful book.

-S. E. D.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

VALUE OF SALT. — Used in washing the head it will prevent the hair from falling out.

A teaspoonful of salt in a lamp with kerosene oil gives a brighter light.

Added to a bucket of water, it makes a remarkably effective fire extinguisher.

As a dentrifice salt and water will not only cleanse, but whiten the teeth and harden the gums.

When broiling steak a pinch or two of salt thrown in the fire will quench the flames arising from the dripping fat.

A weak solution is good for sore throat, to be used as a gargle, and this is still better if a few grains of red pepper are added. Ink stains may be removed by the use of moistened salt. When

Ink stains may be removed by the use of moistened salt. When it becomes discolored remove it and use a fresh supply until no color remains.

A little salt in raw or boiled starch will prevent the irons from sticking and make the starch whiter. If the irons are rough, lay some salt on a piece of brown paper, lay a piece of muslin over it, and rub the irons on it until they are bright and smooth.

The following method of keeping butter cool is given by an exchange: Get a common flower-pot and large saucer, fill the saucer half full of water and set the dish of butter upon it. Then cover butter and saucer with flower-pot by turning the flower-pot. Close the hole in the bottom of the flower-pot with a cork, then dash water over the flower-pot every time it becomes dry. If set in an airy space, a small dish of butter for the table can be kept cool and firm without ice.

In buying table linen, the finer, smaller the pattern, the longer it will last. When table cloths are half worn, or past use as such, the best parts may be cut into table napkins, and if neatly hemmed, few will notice that they are not of a regular pattern; or these pieces may be used to lay under boiled fish for serving; or they will be found very convenient for wrapping cake before putting away in a tin box, for covering bread, and a score of other uses in the kitchen; for it is never well to leave food, after it is cold, uncovered and exposed to air, dust and flies.

When baby has outgrown his stockings, they can easily be turned into mittens for his elder brother. Cut the bottom of the stocking off where it joins the heel, then cut straight across the instep. It will then look like a knitted stocking with the heel finished before the stitches are taken up for the foot. Turn wrong side out, and sew the edge of the heel to the instep, and the mitten is ready for the thumb, which is cut from the foot of the stocking. Make the thumb, cut a straight slit in the side of the mitten and sew it in, and your mitten is done in less time than it takes to describe it.

