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During the interval which has elapsed since the last report, the DIRECTORS of the CHANNING HOME have voted to change the termination of the fiscal year from March 31 to December 31. The following report is therefore submitted for the twenty-one months ending December 31, 1910.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

HARRIET RYAN (afterward MRS. ALBEE) was born in Boston March 5, 1829. In her youth she saw much of illness in her own family and assisted her mother in the care of helpless incurables. She was early compelled to earn her own living, and being of an exceptionally tender and sympathetic nature devoted herself and a large part of her earnings unselfishly to the care of chronic and helpless invalids. In the course of her daily rounds as a hairdresser she succeeded in obtaining sufficient encouragement in her benevolent work to enable her to secure the unoccupied vestry of Dr. Channing's church in Federal Street, where the Home was first opened in May, 1857. This soon proved inadequate for all the poor patients in need of her help, and in March, 1858, the Home was moved to 13 South Street, when it was incorporated as the Channing Home. In 1859 a fair was given in aid of the Home, for which poems were written by Nathaniel Langdon Frothingham, Oliver

Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell and Ralph Waldo Emerson. On May 1, 1870, it was necessary to move to more commodious quarters at 30 McLean Street. Until her death on May 2, 1873, Harriet Ryan Albee never failed in her devotion to the Home and actively directed its affairs. A charming sketch of her life was written in 1901 by James De Normandie, D.D. The Home was again moved on October 31, 1907, to its present location on the corner of Francis and Bellevue Streets (Longwood), Boston.

The institution has now completed more than a half century of existence and was the first of its kind to be established in this country. A comfortable home has already been given to more than twelve hundred indigent women of whom about four-fifths have been victims of consumption in its advanced stages. All patients have been treated free of charge.

PURPOSES OF THE HOME.

It was Harriet Ryan's purpose that the Home should do good not by rule but according to a present need. The care of tuberculous patients is a serious problem in Boston where there are at least four thousand cases of consumption in its contagious stage and for whom less than four hundred beds are provided by municipal and private charity. Many of these patients must be turned away from hospitals as ineligible and remain a menace to everyone with whom they come in contact.

In view of the pressing need in the community for the isolation and care of poor patients with pulmonary tuberculosis in its more advanced stages, it is the purpose of the Directors of the Home to devote its resources more exclusively than formerly to such cases. In view also



THE INTERIOR OF THE UPPER WARD

of the increasing provision by the city and the state of public institutions for the care of tuberculous patients without regard to their former social condition, it is felt that this Home can fill a special place by the admission of those whose former associations would make life in a public institution an added trial in their affliction.

The protective influence of the Home in the community is one of its most important functions. Tuberculosis is a preventable disease. It is communicable and most dangerous in the advanced stages of the pulmonary form. One of the most important means of checking its spread is therefore the segregation of patients with advanced pulmonary tuberculosis. In isolating so many cases with this form of the disease, the Channing Home has performed an invaluable work in preventing the spread of tuberculosis by protecting the patients' homes and the public from infection and by relieving the wage-earners of the family from the burden of a long and expensive illness. Preventive measures of this sort should be largely extended in this and other communities. The rapidly diminishing mortality from tuberculosis in the past twenty-five years is hopeful for the final stamping out of the disease. The rapidity with which this can be accomplished is largely dependent on the co-operation and assistance which an enlightened public gives to preventive measures. The Channing Home reports contain a melancholy record of lives needlessly sacrificed through ignorance.

Tuberculosis is not only preventable: in its earliest stages the disease is often capable of cure. Under favorable conditions an arrest of the disease may also in rare instances be secured in its more advanced stages. In its new building, with an abundance of fresh air and sunshine, the Home can now offer more hope of cure to

those who are capable of recovery. The quiet neighborhood and pleasing prospect across the Parkway are important factors in contributing to the comfort and cheer of the patients.

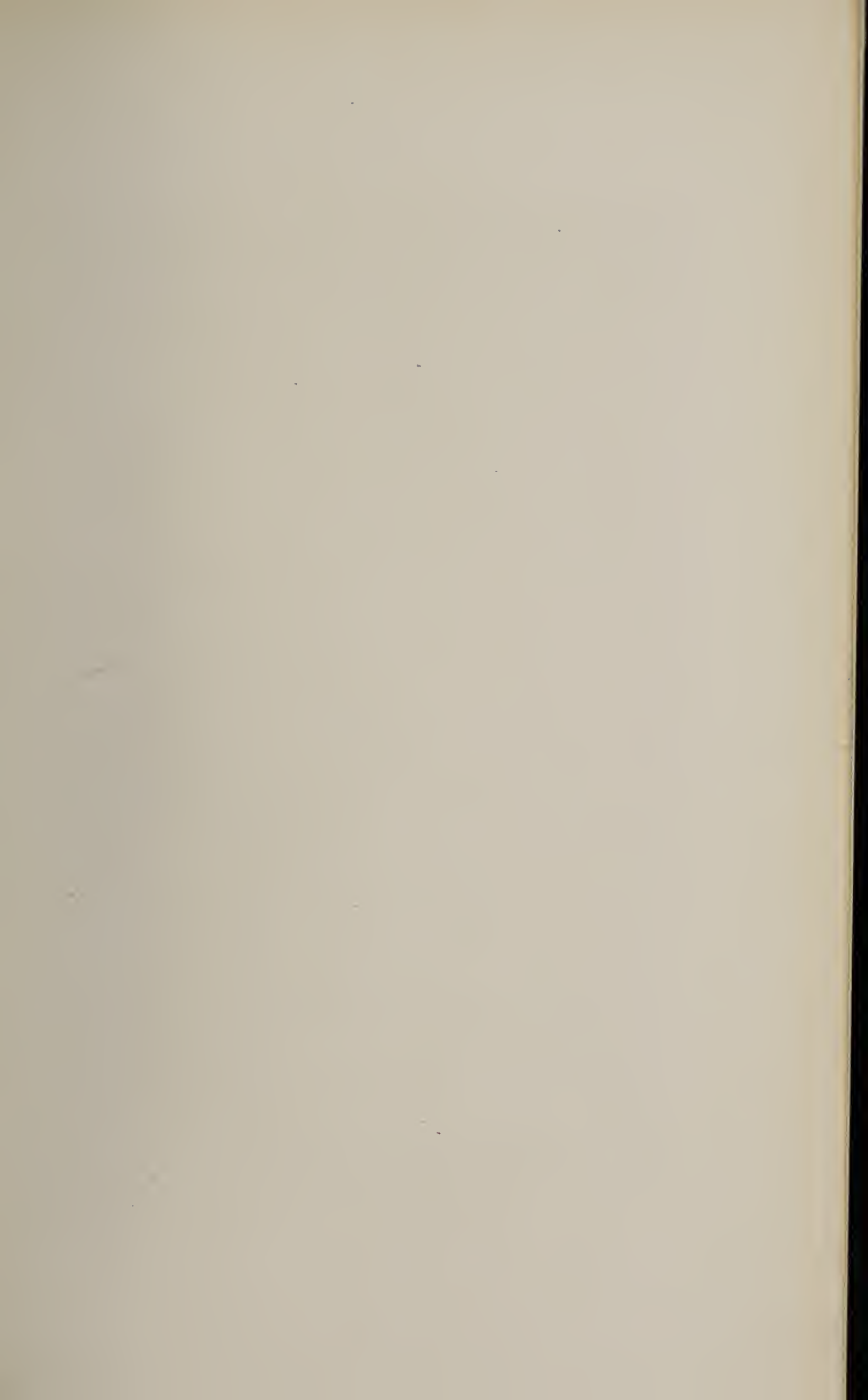
The Home also exerts an important educational influence on the community. By a course of strict training it can now instruct its patients in the sources of danger to others. The observance of proper precautions by the patients diminishes the chance of infection from those who leave the institution and is a useful example to the numerous relatives and friends who visit the Home. In a number of instances the necessity for medical investigation of members of the patients' families has been successfully urged.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

The arrangement of the new building has continued to prove satisfactory. The work of the institution can now be done with far greater efficiency and safety than was possible in the old building.

In the ward which bears his name, a bronze tablet, the gift of Mrs. Charles H. Gibson, has been placed in memory of Charles Pelham Curtis, whose deep interest, wise counsel and generous contributions were invaluable to the Home for nearly half a century. Through the bounty of Mrs. Curtis, whose substantial assistance has so often helped the Home in time of need, this ward has been furnished with modern hospital beds and metal tables with glass tops. A picture of Mr. Curtis has been placed below the memorial tablet.

A tablet, suitably inscribed, has also been placed in the Sarah Elizabeth Read ward, upon the walls of which two pictures of Miss Read have been hung. The covered veranda, generously contributed by Miss Read and





THE COVERED VERANDA

APPEAL FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For many years a large number of annual subscriptions contributed to the support of the Channing Home. As other sources of income became sufficient in the old building on McLean Street, these were later discontinued.

In its new quarters at Longwood, the Home is far better able to care for a larger number of patients, but the added cost of maintenance leaves an annual deficit of about \$1,000.00. An urgent appeal is therefore made to the friends of the Home for annual subscriptions of \$5.00 and upwards.

Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by Hon. James P. Parmenter.

BOSTON, MASS.,.....19

Amount of subscription to the Channing Home \$.....

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Checks may be made payable to the Hon. James P. Parmenter, Court House, Boston.

dedicated to the memory of John Haven, has proved one of the most important additions to the Home. It is constantly in use and enables patients who are able to do so to take continuous fresh air treatment.

Since the last report, the building has been painted, the considerable expense of which amounting to \$1,122.65 was paid out of the funds of the Home. The construction of the building, otherwise eminently satisfactory, was found during the present winter to be defective as regards the tin roof, which has already begun to give way in many places. With consistent fairness, however, the builders, Messrs. Whitcomb and Kavanaugh, have agreed to replace the roof at a cost to the Home, amounting to that proportionate part of the total expense which the number of years the roof has lasted bears to the length of time it should have lasted. Owing to this unforeseen outlay amounting to \$250.00, in addition to the expense of painting, the Home is placed under an unusually heavy financial burden.

Among other improvements may be mentioned the gift of flower boxes by Mrs. Henry P. King, a couch by Mr. G. H. Norcross and two electric fans, one by Miss E. W. Daggett, the other by Mrs. J. Eustis. The Home is also indebted to Mr. John S. Ames for his interest and advice in the care of the grounds, the preparation of flower beds and the donation of ivy.

The Directors wish to thank the Young Men's Christian Union for carriage rides during the warm season, Dr. John Dixwell, Dr. Gerald Blake and Mr. Arthur Blake and the Children of St. Mary's Sunday School (by courtesy of Fr. Sheehan) for concerts. They wish also to acknowledge the kind services rendered at all times by the physicians and their assistants as well as by the matron and the nurse.

The Directors wish also to express their obligations to Mrs. S. Parkman Blake, Mrs. Arthur Blake, Mrs. E. S. Benedict, Mrs. Charles P. Curtis, Mrs. Edward Lord Clark, Miss Mary Clark, Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge, Mrs. C. C. Chadwick, Mrs. C. Cunningham, Dr. John Dixwell, Miss M. F. Drown, Dr. Hugh Greeley, Mrs. A. Gaertner, Miss M. V. Iasigi, Mrs. Charles C. Jackson, Mrs. Henry P. King, Miss Kennan, Miss C. Mahn, Miss A. P. Loring, Mrs. George G. Lowell, Mrs. A. Lawrence Lowell, Miss Georgina Lowell, Mrs. E. Roscoe Mathews, Mrs. William McCarthy, Mrs. G. H. Noyes, Mr. Grenville H. Norcross, Mrs. Dudley Pickman, Miss Sarah E. Read, Miss Julia Robbins, Miss Katherine Rogers, Mrs. Fred Stone, Miss Laura Slocum, Miss A. Schofield, Miss Tuckermann, Mrs. C. R. Weld, Mrs. C. T. White, Rev. Daniel Waldron, Mr. Joseph White, Miss T. W. White, Mr. Delano Wight, Richardson and Wright and the Faith and Hope Association, who have sent furnishings and fruits, flowers and other delicacies to the Home.

The Directors gratefully acknowledge the gift of two rocking chairs, one from Mary Casey, the other from Saddle Haddad, patients who have since died, and ten dollars from the estate of Nora Collins, also a patient, to be applied to the needs of the children.

NEEDS OF THE HOME.

The Home is in urgent need of further financial assistance to complete and enlarge the important work it has undertaken. The annual expenses of the Home in its new building, including ordinary expenditures and contingent outlays for repairs and painting, exceed the income from invested funds and annuities by more than one thousand dollars. This deficit has hitherto been





THE UPPER AND LOWER VERANDAS

met out of an accumulated balance from previous years of about thirty-eight hundred dollars. In the fall of 1909, an earnest appeal was made for annual subscribers. In response to this appeal, \$885 was generously contributed during the year ending March 31, 1910; and \$66 in the succeeding nine months ending December 31, 1910. The names of those who have thus contributed to the Home will be found on pages 11 and 12. It is hoped that this list may be largely extended. Donations and bequests are also earnestly solicited.

The lower veranda is open to invasion by rain and snow. Exposure to inclement weather and proximity to the street prevent many of the inmates of this ward from obtaining the benefit of continuous outdoor treatment. It is desirable that this veranda, like the one above (as shown in the accompanying photograph) should be enclosed in order that it may be made available for fresh air treatment by night as well as by day and in all kinds of weather. Ten piazza chairs, two bed-rests, a few couches and a sewing-machine are also needed. A granolithic sidewalk about the Home would do much to improve the approach to the Home in bad weather. During the year it will probably be necessary to replace the canvas covered floor of the upper veranda by a hard wood floor.

MEDICAL REPORT.

On March 31, 1909, there were twenty-one patients in the Home. From that time until April 1, 1910, thirty-seven were admitted.

On March 31, 1910, there were twenty-two patients in the Home, and in the succeeding nine months to January 1, 1911, twenty patients were admitted.

Thus including the twenty-one patients remaining in

the Home on March 31, 1909, and the fifty-seven entering since that time, seventy-eight patients are on record for the twenty-one months which have elapsed since the last report. Of this number, one still in the Home suffers from arthritis deformans. Four patients were discharged untreated. One patient suffered from bronchiectasis and was discharged improved. The remaining seventy-two patients had pulmonary tuberculosis and may be classed according to the stage of their disease as follows :

Incipient	9 patients
Moderately advanced	6 „
Far advanced	57 „

An improvement in the condition has been obtained under treatment in seven of the incipient, in five of the moderately advanced and in six of the far advanced cases. In the remaining fifty-four cases there has been no improvement.

There are twenty-two tuberculous patients now in the Home and fifty-one have been discharged during the past twenty-one months. Of those discharged, the condition was improved in eleven, in fifteen it was unimproved and twenty-five patients died.

The friends of the Home are invited to visit the institution and see the plan on which it is conducted. Any gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, Hon. James P. Parmenter, Suffolk Court House, or to the Home.

SAMUEL A. GREEN,
President.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Chas. F. Adams, 2d	\$10.00
Miss S. H. Adams	5.00
Mr. John S. Ames	25.00
Mrs. Geo. E. Armstrong	5.00
Mrs. James H. Beal	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Blackmar	5.00
Mrs. Arthur W. Blake	5.00
Miss F. R. Brewer	5.00
Mrs. S. Brooks	25.00
Miss Emma F. Cary	10.00
Mrs. C. F. Choate, Jr.	10.00
Mr. Harold J. Coolidge	25.00
Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge	20.00
Mrs. Chas. P. Curtis	25.00
Mrs. James F. Curtis	10.00
Miss E. W. Daggett	20.00
Mr. Julian DeCordova	25.00
Miss R. L. Dexter	5.00
Mr. N. H. Emmons	10.00
Miss Mary Ethel Gibson	5.00
Mrs. H. S. Grew	10.00
Mr. F. W. Hunnewell	100.00
Miss E. M. Iasigi	5.00
Miss M. V. Iasigi	5.00
Mrs. G. M. Lane	10.00
Abbott Lawrence Fund	100.00
Mrs. W. C. Loring	5.00
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop	25.00
Miss Georgina Lowell	10.00
Mr. Henry Lyman	25.00
Mr. J. P. Parmenter	20.00
Mrs. C. S. Rackemann	10.00

Mrs. Neal Rantoul	\$10.00
Miss Sarah E. Read	25.00
Mrs. Robert S. Russell	10.00
Mrs. Q. A. Shaw	25.00
Mrs. F. L. Stone	5.00
Miss A. M. Storer	5.00
Miss M. G. Storer	5.00
Mr. Thomas Todd	5.00
Mr. Chas. G. Winslow	5.00

DONATIONS.

Mr. C. W. Amory	\$5.00
Mrs. Walter C. Baylies	20.00
Mrs. S. P. Blake	10.00
Miss S. F. Bremer	20.00
Mr. J. R. Coolidge, Jr.	10.00
Mr. J. T. Coolidge	25.00
Mr. J. W. Dunphy	25.00
Miss Mary V. Dwight	5.00
Miss M. V. Iasigi	5.00
Miss Georgina Lowell	25.00
Miss E. F. Mason	10.00
Mr. G. H. Norcross	25.00
Mrs. Otis Norcross	25.00
Mrs. George Wigglesworth	10.00

NEW BUILDING ACCOUNT.

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**March 31, 1909, to March 31, 1910.*

DR.

Balance from last Account	\$402.43
Rosamond W. Gibson, for tablet in C. P. Curtis Ward	40.00
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	\$442.43
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Schupbach & Zeller, painting	\$299.50
T. F. McGann & Sons Co., memorial tablets	83.60
Transferred to Principal Account	59.33
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	\$442.43
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JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

April 13, 1910.

Examined and approved,

HAROLD J. COOLIDGE, *Auditor.*

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**March 31, 1909, to March 31, 1910.*

DR.

Balance from last Account	\$3,808.11
Interest on Mortgages	625.00
Interest on Bonds	3,190.00
Dividends on Stocks	2,980.00
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	1,600.00
R. B. Brigham Estate, Annuity	1,000.00
Gifts and Subscriptions	885.00
Interest on Deposit in Old Colony Trust Company	117.52
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	\$14,205.63
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CR.

Ordinary expenses of Home	\$10,175.00
Sundries	120.29
Transferred to Principal Account	3,194.07
Balance to next Account	716.27
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	\$14,205.63
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JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

April 13, 1910.

Examined and approved,

HAROLD J. COOLIDGE, *Auditor.*

THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.**March 31, 1910, to December 31, 1910.*

DR.

Balance from last Account	\$716.27
Interest on Mortgages	532.78
Interest on Bonds	2,020.00
Dividends on Stocks	2,417.50
Trustees of E. V. Ashton Estate	1,600.00
Gifts and Subscriptions	66.00
Interest on Deposit in Old Colony Trust Company	36.44
Repaid by Principal Account	3,153.84
	<u>\$10,542.83</u>

CR.

Ordinary expenses of Home	\$8,378.00
Inside painting	823.15
Sundries	38.22
Balance to next Account	<u>1,303.46</u>
	<u>\$10,542.83</u>

JAMES P. PARMENTER, *Treasurer.*

January 11, 1911.

Examined and approved,

HAROLD J. COOLIDGE, *Auditor.*

