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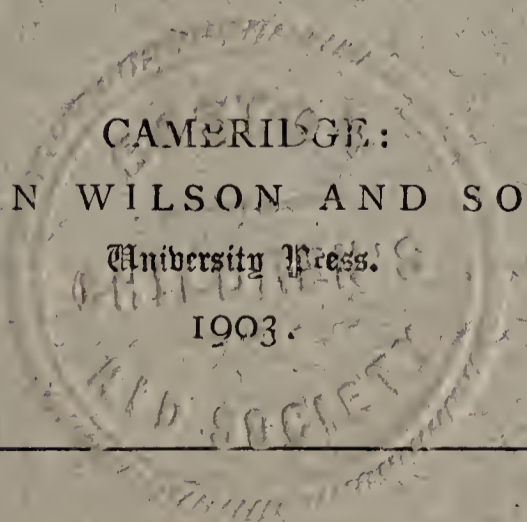
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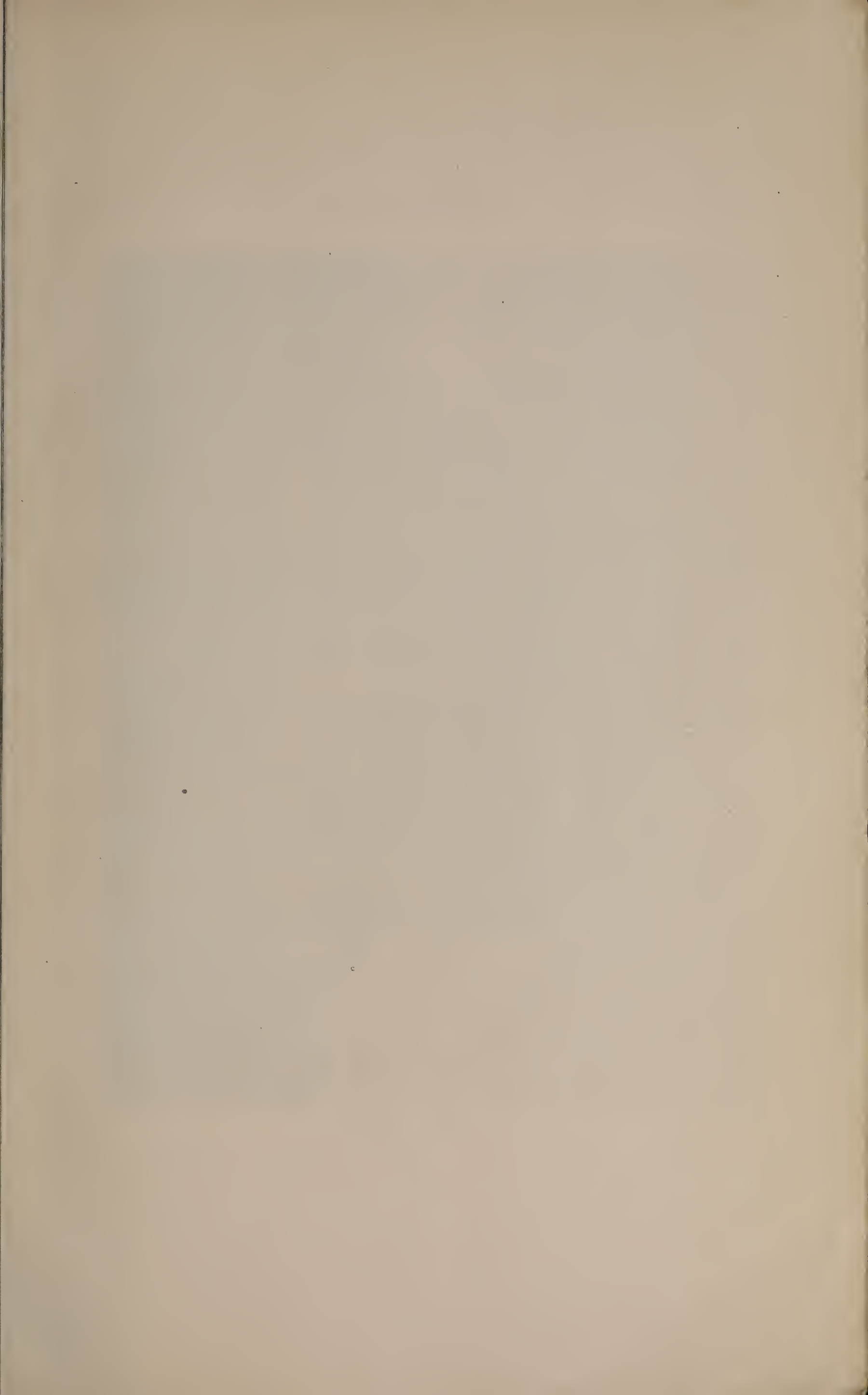
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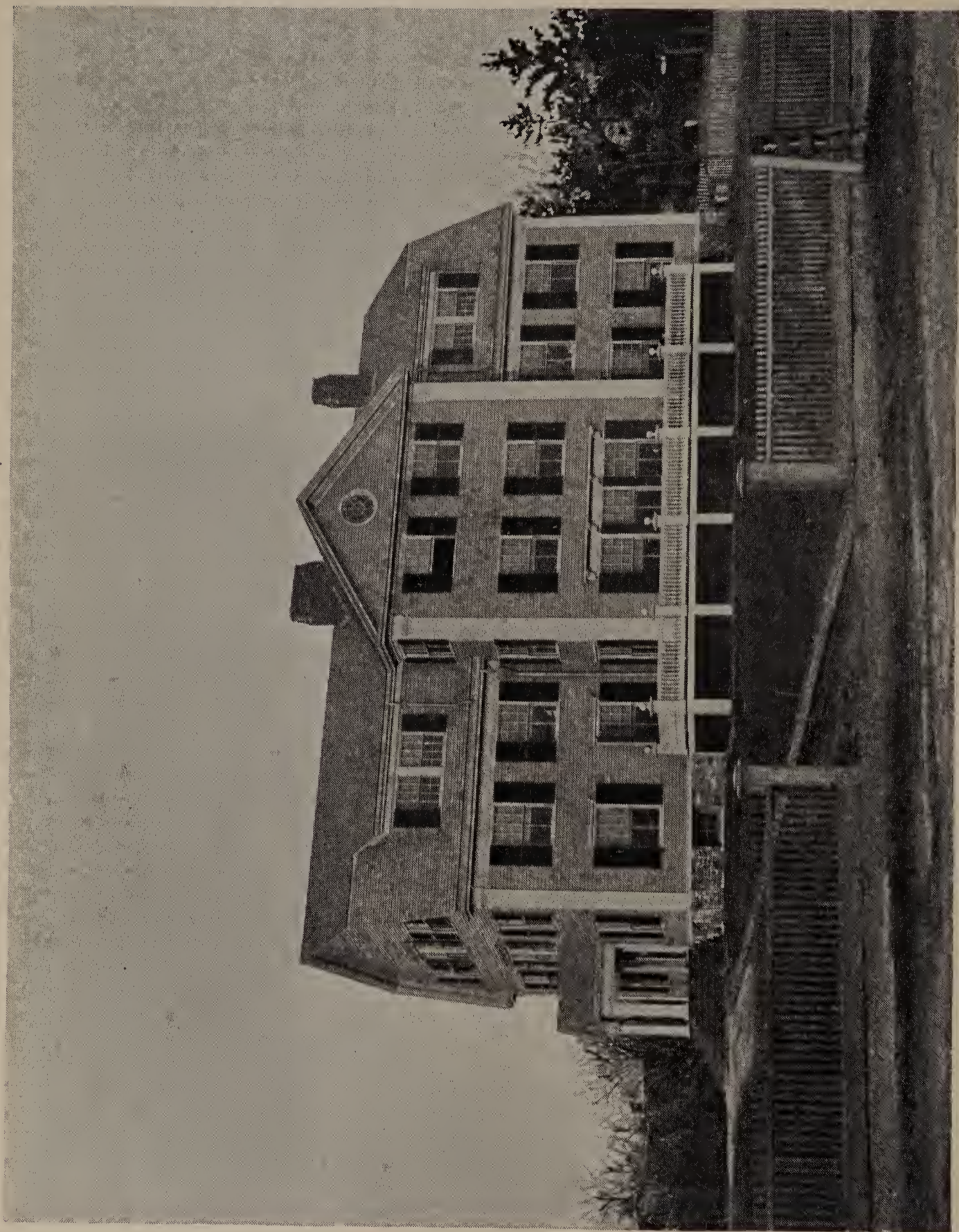














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And the monthly visitors.

### *Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1903-1904.*

Dec. 1. MRS. DAVIS.	Dec. 15. MISS MCCALLAR.
Jan. 1. MRS. WRIGHT.	Jan. 15. MRS. BELL.
Feb. 1. MRS. DURANT.	Feb. 15. MRS. EARLE.
March 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	March 15. MRS. BENNETT.
April 1. MRS. SHAW.	April 15. MISS CHAMBERLIN.
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Aug. 1. MRS. BROOKS.	Aug. 15. MISS CHAMBERLIN.
Sept. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Sept. 15. MRS. EARLE.
Oct. 1. MRS. SHAW.	Oct. 15. MRS. BENNETT.
Nov. 1. MRS. SHEFFIELD.	Nov. 15. MRS. BROOKS.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.





TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE AVON HOME.

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AT the end of the twenty-ninth year we have to present a record not very unlike that of many previous years. This will always be the case, for the number of unfortunate children tends to increase and the need for work like ours will continue to exist ; the only change will come from improvement in our methods, so that better results will follow and the children who leave our care will be more satisfactorily prepared for life.

There has been no serious illness in the Home during the year ; sixteen children have been admitted and the same number discharged. Many applications for admission have been received : a few of these proved unsuitable for the Home, some of the children lived outside of Cambridge, and thirteen were refused for lack of room. A new assistant matron came in June, and a more competent nurse insures better care for the very young children.

Miss Maria Murdock resigned in October after more than twenty-one years of faithful and valuable service as trustee ; she was the clerk for fourteen years, and for a longer period a member of the Committee on Adoption and Discharge. The Home and the children who have been there owe Miss Murdock a lasting debt of gratitude

for what she has done for them, and we, her associates, will miss her constant presence and helpful suggestions. Mrs. Sumner A. Brooks has been elected a trustee, and Mrs. George Sheffield has returned after seven years' absence from the Board.

We have learned during the year of the following legacies : four thousand dollars from Mrs. Mary L. Greenleaf, five hundred dollars from Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow, twenty-five hundred dollars from Mrs. Mary G. Fisk, ten thousand dollars from Miss Jeannie W. Paine to be called "The Lucy E. Paine Fund," in memory of our first President, and a residuary legacy from Mrs. Joshua B. Smith.

The May sale yielded nearly nine hundred and fifty dollars to the treasury, and, more valuable than the money, brought many friends to the Home, in this way enlarging the circle of those interested in our work for children.

During the summer the children have taken excursions to the Marine Park, Norumbega, Lexington, Revere Beach, Franklin Park, and Nantasket ; the cost of these has been met partly by friends and partly from the income of the Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund, which was given with the "hope that the money would be devoted to means of increasing the health and happiness of the children."

At the Christmas season all the older children were taken to an afternoon performance at the Children's Theatre in Boston, through the generous kindness of a friend. The children were also invited to a Christmas Tree at Miss Roberts' kindergarten, which they enjoyed very much. We have to acknowledge gifts for the children at Thanksgiving and Christmas, including fireworks for the Fourth of July, of which the details will be found elsewhere in the Report.

After the death of Miss Mildred Everett some of the



furniture from her house on Garden Street was given for the Children's Study; this proves a great addition to the comfort of the room.

The farm in Concord, "Elmwood," given by Mr. Huntington, the founder of the Home, has been held by the trustees for twelve years in the hope that it could be utilized as a place for the older boys as they outgrew the accommodations of the house in Cambridge, or still better as a trade school for them. This has been the earnest wish of one of our trustees, who, from long service, has been particularly impressed by the urgent need for such a school for our graduates, and who hoped that the necessary funds could be obtained from some of our benefactors. The difficulties in the way of organizing and managing a home or school so far from Cambridge and the large expense of so doing led the trustees reluctantly to decide to treat the property as part of the Permanent Fund, and therefore it seemed best, when an opportunity occurred, to sell it, taking back a mortgage for part of the purchase money.

Almost all the children who left the Home this year returned to their parents or other relatives, the emergency which called for our help having passed. Two children have been boarded in families in the country under our general supervision. This is an expansion of our work in the direction approved by the best authorities, and we purpose to extend it as our resources permit. At present the somewhat larger income has warranted the trustees in undertaking to pay the board and other expenses of three children.

Another interesting plan has been begun this year. The Avon Club of young people has for ten years held an annual fair for the benefit of the Avon Home. It was thought that if the gift of the Club were used in a more

personal way the interest of the members would be greater, and hence, when a little boy was about to be boarded at the cost of the Home, this Club agreed for this year to meet all his expenses for board, clothing, and care, and will probably continue to do this.

Our friends and supporters must not think that there is no longer need for their help in money and other gifts because the Permanent Fund is growing from legacies and donations. A wooden building twelve years old requires almost constant repairs ; this year a great deal of the plumbing had to be replaced at an expense of nine hundred dollars ; next year the outside of the house must be repainted and the covering of the roof renewed. The wear and tear of clothing for forty children causes a great demand for renewals, and all gifts of articles of clothing, either new or partly worn, are most acceptable. The chairman of the Committee on Clothing will be glad to suggest the particular articles most needed at any given time.

While very grateful for all that has been done for the Avon Home in the past, the trustees hope and earnestly beg for increased support in the future, so that there may be no occasion to refuse from want of means to care for a single one of the "children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge."

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President.*



FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars,  
to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund . . . . .	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler . . . . .	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg . . . . .	9,333.91
Holly Tree . . . . .	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund . . . . .	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards . . . . .	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge . . . . .	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman . . . . .	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund . . . . .	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund . . . . .	500.00
Donation from a Friend . . . . .	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d . . . . .	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund . . . . .	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood . . . . .	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed . . . . .	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson . . . . .	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh . . . . .	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow . . . . .	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis . . . . .	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett . . . . .	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes . . . . .	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt . . . . .	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen . . . . .	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore . . . . .	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds . . . . .	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford . . . . .	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom . . . . .	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis . . . . .	250.00
Phillip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund . . . . .	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund . . . . .	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell . . . . .	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer . . . . .	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard" . . . . .	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding . . . . .	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell . . . . .	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth . . . . .	5,000.00
Sale of Concord Farm, the gift of James Huntington . . . . .	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane . . . . .	1,000.00
On account of Legacy of Mary Longfellow Greenleaf . . . . .	800.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow . . . . .	500.00
	<u>\$121,152.05</u>

Emergency Fund . . . . .	\$500.00
H. M. S. Fund . . . . .	37.13
Piano Fund . . . . .	16.19

The Funds are accounted for as follows:—

Notes secured by mortgages . . . . .	\$13,200.00
Bonds . . . . .	93,876.80
Railway shares . . . . .	10,730.75
Savings Bank deposit . . . . .	2,845.09
Bond Premiums . . . . .	102.50
Awaiting investment . . . . .	950.23





## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

*For the year ending November 2, 1903.*

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Benjamin Vaughan . . . . .	30.00		

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C. T. Carruth . . . . .	25.00	W. T. Piper . . . . .	25.00
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C. C. Clarke, Shanghai . . . . .	25.00	R. L. Snow . . . . .	5.00
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T. B. Gannett . . . . .	50.00	H. D. Yerxa . . . . .	15.00

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Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.



MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
NOVEMBER 2, 1903.

Four quarts of milk, daily, from the Oak Grove Creamery Co.; "Dumb Animals," for the year, from the Publishers; and "Youth's Companion," for the year, from Miss Holland.

1902. **November.** Mrs. Benson, two pictures; "O. B. Club," one pair flannel drawers; Mrs. B. Vaughan, a barrel of apples; Mrs. Robert T. Jackson, five dressed dolls, doll's bed, carriage, chair, trunk, dishes, a boat, toy animals, toy engines, a game, three pictures, four books, scrap-book, and blocks; Mrs. C. L. Young, a baby carriage, two pairs of dumb-bells, one pair of Indian clubs, one blackboard, a writing-desk, two books; Prof. W. M. Davis, eight copies of St. Nicholas; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, girl's coat, serge dress, wrapper, sweater, stocking-cap; "Bee Hive" Sewing Circle, six flannel night-dresses, ten pairs of flannel drawers, five blouses for boys, one gingham apron; Miss Mabel Ensworth, a scrap-book; First Church Congregational, twenty-four bibs, one pair of cotton drawers; Mrs. William Read, a basket of pears; The "Bee Hive" Sewing Circle, three flannel night-dresses, two pairs of flannel drawers; Boston Branch of the "Needlework Guild," six flannel skirts, two Tam-o'-Shanters, six cotton shirt-waists, two flannel wrappers, two pairs of woollen gloves, three handkerchiefs, six pairs of under-drawers; First Parish (Unitarian), two barrels of apples, oranges, bananas, figs, grapes, nuts, cranberries, and vegetables; "A Friend," a woollen dress, two muffs, a hood, a pair of mittens; Miss A. E. Tower, a large basket of apples; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, three infant's night-dresses, a pair of shoes, a pair of gaiters, a stocking-cap, and a boy's over-coat; Mrs. R. B. Storer, a turkey; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, a turkey; The Flower Mission, two barrels of potatoes, one barrel of apples, a box of apples; Mrs. N. Folsom, three dozen oranges, four bunches of grapes; Mrs. W. B. Durant, a turkey; Conant & Stockwell, two turkeys; St. John's Memorial Chapel, a turkey, oranges, celery, and potatoes; Miss Murdock, a turkey; Mrs. J. B. Kempton, a large cake; Mrs. G. C. Clark, magazines.

**December.** Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, an infant's wrapper, two hoods; Mr. W. L. Hooper, one barrel of apples; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, a pair of trousers, a flannelette blouse, a shirt, a jacket, two pairs of drawers, a toy boat, a toy pistol, and two other toys; "The Club," three flannel blouses, two aprons, one night-dress; "Little Helpers" Circle of King's Daughters, covering of two screens, two games; Miss Murdock, forty nickels for the children's stockings; Mrs. Folsom, presents for the children; Ralph and Nancy Piper, two soldier suits, two games, and two boxes of blocks; Miss A. S. Geddes, two packages and one large box of pop-corn, and two boxes of candy; Professor and Mrs. William M. Davis, a half case of oranges; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two turkeys and candy; First Parish (Unitarian), two cans of milk; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, a box of figs; Mrs. John Read, a box of apples; Miss Gertrude Sheffield, a cake for each child; Mrs. E. D. Mellen, thirty bags of candy, thirty packages of pop-corn; Miss Helen W. Munroe, four dolls, a toy or game for each child; Miss Harriett C. Wyeth, a box of sweet apples; Miss A. E. Tower, three dozen oranges; Mrs. Robert D. Ward, a box of apples; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, a large Christmas cake; Master William B. Durant, a box of barley animals; Miss Rand, two pairs of bed-slippers; Volunteer Mission Band of North Avenue Baptist Church, ice-cream, cake, and nuts;



Miss Roberts' Kindergarten, a gift for each child; Conant & Stockwell, grapes and oranges; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, one pair of slippers; St. John's Sunday School, a bag of candy; By courtesy of Mr. F. C. Lyman twenty-five children went to a *matinée* at the Children's Theatre; Mrs. B. Vaughan, a turkey.

**1903. January.** Primary Division North Avenue Baptist Sunday School, fifteen fancy boxes of candy; Prof. William M. Davis, copies of "St. Nicholas"; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, a girl's woollen dress; Mrs. J. Fox, three pairs of woollen drawers; First Church (Congregational) Sunday School, two large boxes of candy; Mrs. John Read, a half-barrel of apples; Mrs. Walter Woodman, a girl's woollen dress, a girl's coat, a flannel night-dress, a pair of bedroom slippers, three pairs of drawers, a hood, a felt hat; Miss Mary Woodman, one flannel petticoat; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, two woollen dresses, one muslin apron, two pairs of night-drawers, seven pairs of drawers, one pair of gloves, three pairs of stockings, one pair of woollen gloves; Mrs. Cram, three flannel petticoats, five bibs, one cotton waist; "No Name" Club, six flannel blouses; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, three dolls, a doll's cradle, a game, pencils, copies of "The Youth's Companion"; "Sewing Club, Limited," seven night-dresses, one apron.

**February.** "The Club," three flannel blouses, two flannelette night-dresses, two pairs of drawers; Elinor Wilson and Dorothy Pierce, sixty-eight valentines; Philanthropy Section, Cantabrigia Club, four pairs of night-drawers, one woollen hood; "A Friend," a boy's overcoat; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, magazines; "A Friend," eight valentines; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, thirty-six pictures and valentines; Mrs. A. F. Sortwell, forty valentines; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, one rain-coat, four cotton blouses, two pairs of woollen trousers, two pairs of cotton trousers, a woollen blouse, two hats; Mrs. S. H. Swan, two woollen union suits, eight pairs of cotton drawers, two hoods, eight handkerchiefs, a doll; "The Club," three cotton night-gowns, one infant's hood; "Sewing Club, Limited," four flannel night-dresses, two flannel skirts; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, a sweater, a pair of roller skates, two games.

**March.** Mrs. A. P. Marrett, a crib mattress; "The Club," one flannel blouse, two pairs of cotton drawers; Miss L. Parker, for "Little Helpers" room, twelve towels, one picture; Mrs. Stanley B. McNear, infant's clothing, — two wrappers, two jackets, three petticoats, seven slips, two blankets, four bands, two shirts, two pairs of stockings; Church of the New Jerusalem, three loaves of brown bread, baked beans; Miss C. Farley, a cotton dress; "F. E. N. A. W." four Mother Hubbard aprons, one flannelette skirt; "The Bee," four cotton waists, two white skirts, two pairs of cotton drawers; "The Club," one woollen blouse, three pairs of cotton drawers, making of two waists; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, ginger-snaps; "No Name" Club, four flannel blouses, three flannelette blouses, one flannelette skirt; Miss C. Farley, pieces of dress material.

**April.** "Basket Club," seven flannelette petticoats, one pair of drawers; Miss McIntosh, three cotton dresses, two cotton blouses, six flannelette skirts, three pairs of cotton drawers; "Basket Club," ten cotton dresses, three gingham aprons, three cotton night-dresses; Miss Peabody, five cotton dresses; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, two cotton dresses, two blouses, three aprons, four pairs of drawers, two flannelette skirts; New Church Ladies' Aid Society, twenty-four waists; "Sewing Club, Limited," four flannel petticoats, two flannelette petticoats, one night-dress, one apron; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, a cotton dress, a pair of boots, a pair of overshoes, a pair of rubbers, two pairs of stockings, a skirt, two waists; Mrs. R. T. Jackson, four cotton dresses, piqué coat, six pairs of drawers, a rubber coat, a doll's carriage, trunk, bed, bureau, carpet-sweeper, and tub, and four games; Mrs. N. Folsom, box of

candy; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, five cotton dresses, one girl's coat, one skirt, six pairs of drawers, one pair of shoes, one pair of slippers.

**May.** "A Friend," pair of shoes; Mrs. G. L. Cabot, a rain-coat, a girl's coat, a linen skirt; Miss Aldrich, white silk bonnet for child; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, six books, a game; Ladies of First Church (Congregational), two muslin infant's dresses, two flannel petticoats; Mrs. W. B. Durant, afghan, pieces of dress material; "The Club," two aprons, one pair of drawers, making of two waists; "A Friend," two muslin dresses, one flannelette dress, five flannelette wrappers, five aprons, two petticoats, two pairs of drawers; Mrs. T. Walsh, three white dresses, one guimpe, eight cotton dresses, one piqué coat; Mrs. W. H. Pickering, a girl's tricycle; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, three aprons, four cotton night-dresses, three pairs of drawers, four flannelette petticoats, a boy's blouse; "The Club," two sailor suits for girls, two blouses for boys; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, four pairs of trousers, two shirts; "Sewing Club, Limited," ten aprons, four night-dresses, five petticoats; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, seven shirts, two pairs of stockings; "O. B. Club," four pairs of drawers, two petticoats; Sewing Branch of Alliance, Third Congregational Society (Unitarian), making of twelve waists and five night-dresses; "The Guild," six flannel petticoats, a night-dress; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, sixteen aprons, six flannelette night-dresses, five flannelette petticoats.

**June.** "The Bee," twenty flannel blouses, twenty-two gingham aprons, fifteen pairs of flannel drawers; Mrs. N. C. Nash, large box of pictures for scrap-books; "The Club," one child's dress, five pairs of drawers; Miss Blatchford, bead picture; Mrs. A. A. Carey, set of reins, toys, pictures; Mrs. N. Folsom, birthday cake; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, a girl's woollen dress, six pairs of stockings, one pair of shoes; Mrs. R. B. Storer, large basket of strawberries; Mrs. E. C. Moore, lemonade; Mrs. Walter Woodman, six cotton dresses, two skirts, two neckties, two hats, two pairs of shoes, a pair of rubbers; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, two aprons, a flannelette skirt, a night-dress; "No Name" Club, nine flannel blouses, a petticoat; Mrs. E. B. Hall, a doll's carriage, a doll's go-cart; Mrs. F. D. Allen, six shirts, three waists, a pair of drawers, a pair of trousers; Mrs. R. C. Smith, copies of "The Youth's Companion"; Miss M. H. Deane, cards and pictures; "Sewing Club, Limited," five night-gowns, two petticoats, eleven aprons, a roll of pieces; Mrs. H. Cotton, an infant's white dress, nine pairs of stockings, a wrapper, two sacks, seven creepers, five flannel night-dresses, seven pairs of white socks, three hoods, two piqué hats, a flannel petticoat, a winter coat, three pairs of leggings, four shirts, two cotton waists, one afghan, two pairs of mittens, one pair of shoes; Mrs. F. L. Smith, ten flannelette skirts; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, an apron; "Sewing Club, Limited," an apron; "Sewing Club," a bib, a pair of drawers.

**July.** Mrs. W. B. Durant, a weather-vane; Mrs. Herbert A. Saunders, a child's piqué dress; Mrs. Walter Woodman, a girl's coat, two pairs of shoes; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, a boy's coat, two pairs of shoes, two pairs of stockings, a hat, magazines; Master W. B. Durant, fireworks; "A Friend," a silk waist, a straw hat; Miss F. Staples, a pair of scissors, pictures, a pair of mittens; Mrs. A. F. Sortwell, four pictures; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, a flannelette skirt; "A Friend," three cotton dresses, a woollen dress, two coats; Mrs. M. Stewart, two small rattan chairs.

**August.** Mrs. T. L. Smith, twenty-four books, four games; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, a barrel of apples; Mrs. Chauncy Smith, a basket of crab-apple; Mrs. G. W. Bagbie, five infant's dresses, three aprons, two flannel night-dresses, five pairs of white stockings, a skirt, a pair of mittens, two pairs of shoes, a jacket; "Sewing Club, Limited," two flannel night-dresses.



**September.** Miss L. McCallar, a basket of apples; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, three barrels of apples; Miss Alice M. Jones, three cotton dresses, six coats, two girl's coats, a woollen waist, ten hats, a pair of shoes, collars and neckties; Mr. M. Wyman, a basket of pears; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, two woollen hoods; Miss L. McCallar, apples; Mrs. L. Slade, a basket of pears; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, a girl's coat, a straw hat, three dresses, four waists, three pairs of drawers, two skirts, a pair of shoes, a pair of slippers, a pair of garters, two pairs of gloves, ribbons, pieces of dress goods, one dozen pencils, half-dozen albums of views, copies of "The Ladies' Home Journal" and "The Youth's Companion"; The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Shepard Memorial Church, four baby's dresses and a flannel skirt; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, two aprons; The Misses Chapman, a piece of statuary, a picture, four books, a package of pictures and booklets.

**October.** Mrs. Israel M. Spelman, thirteen hoods; Mrs. T. H. Studley, a boy's coat; "A Friend," a package of "Little Folks" magazines; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, seven magazines, a book, writing-paper, pieces of velvet, ribbons, flowers, a child's purse, toys; Mrs. J. Watson Taylor, two packages of magazines; "A Friend," two infant's wrappers, seven bands, four pairs of stockings, two waists, three shirts, two petticoats, five hats, two pairs of shoes, a pair of slippers, two piqué suits, five colored suits; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, magazines; Miss M. A. Ellis, three dozen handkerchiefs; Miss Maude Batchelder, a nice flower stand; Mrs. W. B. Durant, two plants; Mrs. George S. Merrill, a bushel of pears; Mrs. Robert DeC. Ward, a basket of pears; Mrs. Nixdorf, four pairs of shoes; Mrs. William Read, a basket of pears; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Club, an apron, a flannelette skirt; The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Shepard Memorial Church, a flannel skirt; Mrs. J. C. Palfrey, a basket of pears; Mrs. S. A. Brooks, twenty-four packages of pop-corn; Miss Harriette C. Wyeth, a bushel of apples; Mrs. Robert DeC. Ward, a box of pears and apples.



## BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

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### ARTICLE I.

*Name.* — The name of this Corporation shall be “THE AVON HOME.” Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

### ARTICLE II.

*Membership.* — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

### ARTICLE III.

*Officers.* — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

#### ARTICLE IV.

*Meetings.* — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.

*Seal.* — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

#### ARTICLE VI.

*Amendments.* — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

## RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

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I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.



III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows:—

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.



6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XI. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.









