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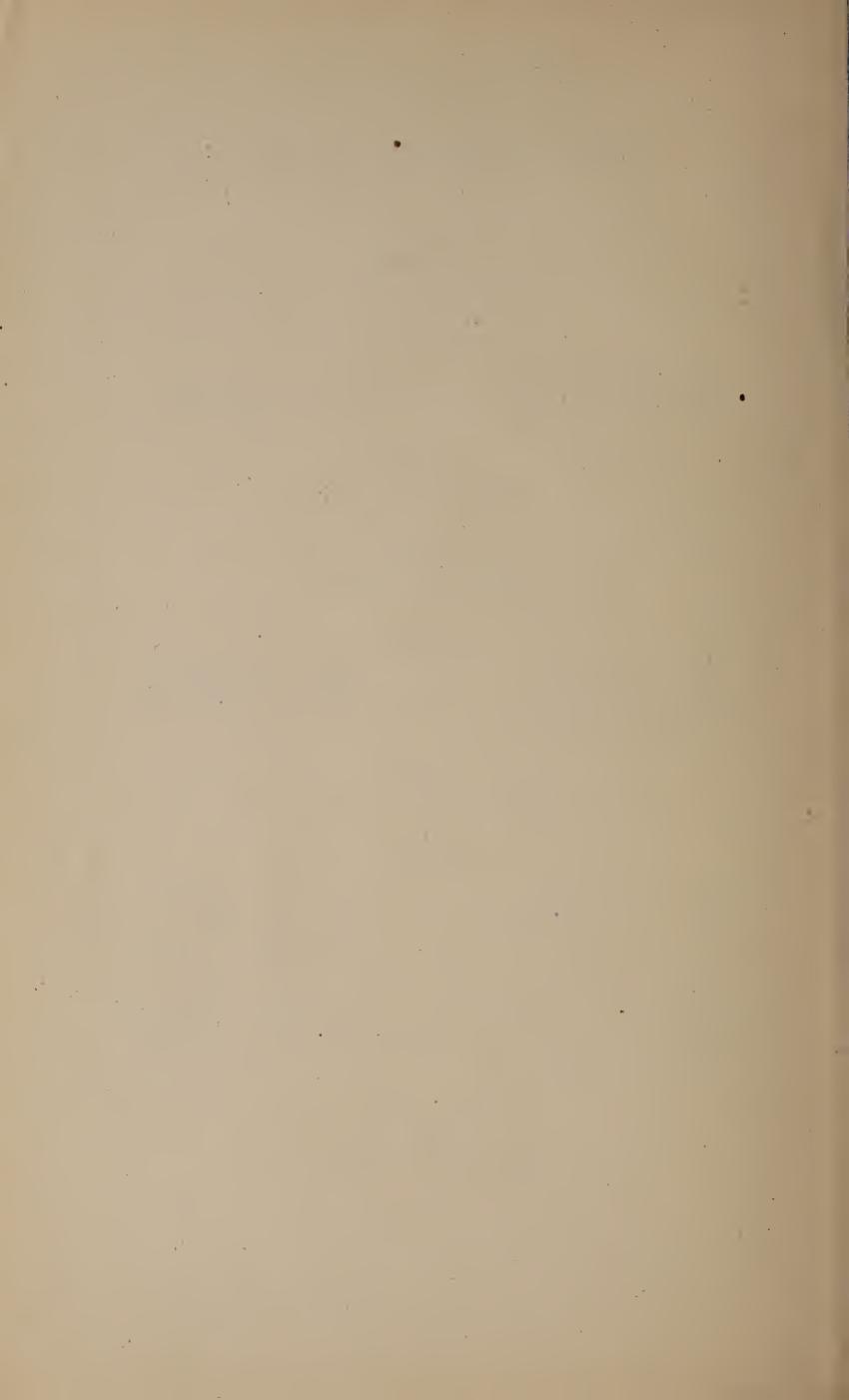
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 SEVERANCE, 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 alk the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

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

House of Representatives, April 15, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, Speaker.

IN SENATE, April 16, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL"P. WILDER, President.

Approved. April 16, 1850.

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," the sum of for the use and benefit of said 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.

ART. 1. This Home shall be called the NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN.
ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, especially half orphans, when their homes are suddenly broken up by death, where they can enjoy all the comforts of a well regulated family, and be instructed, not only physically, but intellectually and religiously. For the privilege of such a home, a small 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 annually 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-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and sixteen Managers, one of whom shall officiate as Librarian. Five shall be chosen annually as Trustees, of whom the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a part. At any regular meeting convened, any number of the Officers and Managers present may be competent to proceed with the business in thirty minutes after the appointed hour, and five may constitute a quorum.

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

President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

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

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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.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet weekly or oftener at the Home, to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family, and to take charge of the financial affairs generally pertaining to the Home; to transact business, so far as practicable, with individuals who may wish to place children under the patronage of the Home, together with other important daily visits made at the Home, which require to be recorded and promptly reported at the meetings of the Board of Managers for their action.

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

the members present at the Annual Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS.

[Those marked with a * have deceased.]

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DONATIONS

To the Home for 1900.

Cobb, Aldrich & Co., bbl. of flour. Alonzo Knight, doz. cans preserves. Winslow, Rand & Watson, 10 lbs. of Geo. Legg, 1 turkey. S. S. Pierce, bbl. of flour. Eugene Niles, 1 ham. Geo. L. Jewett, canned goods. Charles Lawrence, nuts, raisins, etc. W. W. Noyes, bbl. of apples. Henry Lawrence, 2 turkeys. James Morse, box of soap. T. E. Holway Co., bbl. of apples. W. E. Legg, 1 turkey. Lowell Bros. & Bailey, bbl. of squash. Isaac Locke, fruit and vegetables (often). Glines Co., coffee. Swaine, Earle & Co., 40 lbs. starch. Harts & Hewsen, essences. Nathan Fitch, chickens. John P. Squire, 1 ham. Howard W. Spurr Co., bbl. sweet potatoes Gaut Co., cake. McLellan & Brigham, bush. peanuts. Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. fish. D. Atwood Co., 2 galls. oysters. Nathan Robbins Co., 1 turkey. Cutler Co., medicine, essences. Shattuck & Jones, 25 lbs. salt cod. S. T. Fletcher, 15 lbs. roast beef. H. & R. Atwood, 2 galls. oysters. Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, 10 lbs. tea. C. E. Osgood, 1 rug. Friend, donations. King & Co., paper, etc. L. H. Johnson & Co., salt fish. Dwinell-Wright Co., 10 lbs. coffee. Hanson Ricker, box figs. Eaton & Eustis, 6 baskets of grapes. Cobb Page, box of cake and cookies. Knight & Mitchell, cake. Mr. Stone, Waltham, hats, etc. Waldron Co., bbl. vegetables. G. W. Van Horn, bbl. fruit. S. B. King, box vegetables.

Haley & Lynde, 15 lbs. beef. Mrs. Gardner, Milford, box of hats. Dempsey Co., corn beef. Curtis Co., bbl. sweet potatoes. Simpson, McIntire & Co., box butter. Friend, bbl. vegetables. Cash, \$1.00. Mrs. C. E., clothing. L. M. Dyer, 10 lbs. lamb. Friend, wrapping paper, cord. D. M. Oliver, 1 shoulder. Rich & Matthews, 25 lbs. fresh fish. King Co., box turnips, etc. Friend, pickles, preserves. Mrs. A. Hodgkins, 6 jars jellies. Mrs. Howard, cake, etc. Mrs. Nickerson, jams, etc. Mills & Deering, box butter. Johnson & Co., 10 lt s. mutton. J. V. Fletcher & Sons, 15 lbs. beef. Puffer & Bros., fruit. Avery Waldron, box vegetables. Alfred Pierce & Co., 3 cases Germ Meal. Thomas Wood & Co., State street, Am. Cereal Co., 1 case Pettijohn. Shapleigh Coffee Co., 10 lbs. coffee. 1 bbl. fruit, Brookline. Fould's Milling Co., 3 bags Germ H. & S., 3 lbs. tea. Oriental Tea Co., tea and coffee. Mrs. D. D. Leeds, clothing, Franklin street, Cambridgeport. Mrs. Paffs, Franklin street, Cambridgeport. Mrs. H. F. Leeds, clothing. Rev. E. Davies, clothing and apples. F. D. Tarlton, clothing. Mrs. O. N. Chase, quilts. Ladies' Benevolent Society, Hingham, clothing. Mrs. A. J. Curtis, Dorchester, boys' clothing. Miss Carrie L. Boswell, clothing.

Mrs. Mason, Newton, candy.

Alfred Pierce, Boston, Germ Meal.

Mlle. L. U. Keyon.

William Armstrong, Boston, cart.

Boston Post, 10 bush. apples. Mrs N. B. Hunt, flowers.

Mr. Ferguson, Boston, cake.

Mrs. E. B. Wilder, Dorchester, cloth-

Mr. J. C. McGeachey, hats and flow-

Easter Mission, Easter cards.

Provident Association, 2 suits boys' clothing, 2 pairs boots.

Mrs."Ella Bumstead, Ashmont, Dorchester, children's clothing.

Browning, King & Co., 1 boy's suit. Brown, Durrell & Co., handkerchiefs. Mrs. G. B. Howard, clothing and boots, W. C. T. U. Flower Mission, 14 Beacon street, Boston, flowers and fruit.

Mrs. Curtis, Harrison Square, Dorchester, bundle boys' clothing.

E. Gesser, Dorchester, box stockings, caps for boys.

Friend in Abington, children's rubbers. Miss Spear, Neponset, books for children.

Master Ned Wilder, toys. Misses Wilder, toys and books. The Bromfield St. Church, clothing. Miss Annie A. Daniels, Milford, flannel skirts.

Mrs. Alfred Pierce, valuable clothing. Mr. G. B. Howard, wood, bananas, shoes and meat.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

When Ruskin in his "Queen of the Air," said, "You will understand Homer better by seeing his reflection in Dante, and you may trace new forms and softer colors in a hillside redoubled by a lake," he gave to us as Managers of the Nickerson Home, higher and broader conceptions of duty for the new Century and the year 1901.

We hope that with the advance of time, and the passing of the old into the new year, our patrons and friends also will redouble their efforts in behalf of our Society, which has stood the test of more than a half century of labor. During this time, the Home has cared for more than five thousand orphaned or homeless children, placing many of these sorrowful ones within the pale of Christian homes, or sending them forth to fill their niche, as workers in the great human family.

The year that has just passed has differed from its predecessor in that one of the loved and efficient officers of the home, Mrs. M. A. Lansil, was removed by death in the early spring.

As a society we deeply mourn her loss and pray that the mantle of her quiet, unconscious influence may rest upon those who are left to carry on the work.

The financial out look at the beginning of the year 1900 was anything but encouraging, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in business circles. But before the close of the year, the Ways and Means Committee at the Home, were jubilant over the success of the efforts put forth by new friends of the Society in the line of Parlor Sales. The Annual Sale of the Society, which was held early in November, at the Brunswick Hotel, netted \$544.00. This Sale together with the proceeds of the Parlor Sale (\$15.00) at the home of Mrs. Leeds, Franklin St., Cambridgeport, added materially to the weight of the financial sheet, as can be seen by a glance at its totals. Just here we would gratefully acknowledge the efficient aid given to our Society by Mrs. Alfred Barnes of the Brunswick

Hotel, also tender our thanks to Mrs. Theodore Nickerson, who served us so acceptably, and faithfully, as manager of the Fair Committee.

The Visitors appointed to inspect the Home each month, have reported favorably as far as its Sanitary condition is concerned, but have suggested a few changes for increasing the comfort of the children during their leisure hours.

The Matron, Mrs. Lola Holway is redoubling her efforts to build up the Home, from within, if we can judge by the number of happy children (87 in all) who have been cared for by her during the past year. Here we might add that the gifts of valuable clothing which Mrs. A. Pierce, and Mrs. G. B. Howard, of Somerville have sent to the Home has lifted quite a burden from our Matron, who is often puzzled to keep the children well dressed. Another reason why our children have been so healthy and consequently happy may be owing to the good food which has often been sent in to them by Grocers, Produce Dealers and others.

Messrs. Alfred Pierce & Co., here kept us supplied with Germ meal, while nearly every month the team of Mr. Isaac Locke from the Fanueil Hall Market may have be seen standing at the front door of the Home laden with fresh fruit and vegetables. Others have given fowl and the substantials that go to make up a good diet for the little ones.

The Young Ladies of the Old South Church have again remembered us.

The Christmas tree at the Bromfield St. Church was as great a delight as ever to the expectant boy or girl who happened to sit 'neath its shadow or received any of the surplus fruit that fell from its heavily laden boughs.

And of well filled stockings there was no lack at Christmas tide, for the ever watchful Santa Claus, through Mrs. Theodore Nickerson and her daughter, was busily at work distributing dolls, toys and candies, from toe to heel, and from instep to hand, with amazing alacrity, reminding one of a veritable Prestidigitateur raised especially for children's amusement.

The invitations to outings for the children during the summer, were never slighted. June 17th Mr. Armstrong Supt. of Bromfield St. Church, chartered a car at his own expense and took the children to Dorchester Park. Rev. Dr. Galbraith, through a friend, also gave the children an outing in Norumbega Park.

Christian Church added to the children's enjoyment by an outing to Caledonia Park and the Brighton Allston Fresh Air Mission invited the children to Allston, furnishing them with a fine lunch.

Then on Aug. 14th, there was the picnic to Reading, given by the kindness of Rev. E. Davis and wife. The children also went to Beachmont Aug. 25th and dined with Rev. M. R. Deming.

In addition to these pleasure excursions, they had a trip and lunch at Long Island. The children were again nicely entertained at Wakefield under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Soc. of that town.

Wishing a Happy New Year to all of our patrons and friends who have so abundantly blessed us during the past, and to all those who are trying to walk in His Steps, who has said,

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Respectfully submitted,
GARAFELIA M. DAWSON.

Secretary.

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| \$115.30 150.96 | 63.75 | . 2,697.24 | 13 | \$4,083.48 |
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| To water tax, fuel and light, . Repairs on Home, | Printing Annals, | Current Expenses, Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1901, | | |
| By cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1900, \$45.50 Subscriptions and Donations Miss C. L. Boswell, 947.25 | | C. M. Hill, — Agent, | Fair, 544. Fair, | \$4,083.48 |
| By cash on han Subscriptions a | 3 3 | 39 | Receipts from Home Fair, " Cambridge F Received at Home, Drawn from Reserve Fund, | |

Mrs. MARY M. HOLWAY, Treasurer.

The above account has been examined and found correct.

CHARLES H. BESTWICK, Auditor.

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Alden, E. G. Alden, E. G.
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Amory, Thomas C.
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Bagnal, Thomas
Bailey, Mrs. C. C., Newbury port. Bates, Mr., So. Weymouth Bates, Mr., So. Weyme Barker, Mr., Hanover Brooks, J. W. Bailey, W. Bradley, Mrs. B. Brigham, P. B. Burrage, J. C. Barrett, Charles Boit, E. D. Brooks, R. F. Brooks, B. F. Brown, Nathaniel Bates, M. Brewster, O. Brooks, F. Bailey, J. K. Brewster, Mrs. J., Cambridge Bradley, Mrs. J. Burnham, J. A. Bates, B. E. Bailey, Robert, Newburyport Brimmer, Hon. Martin Chandler, G.

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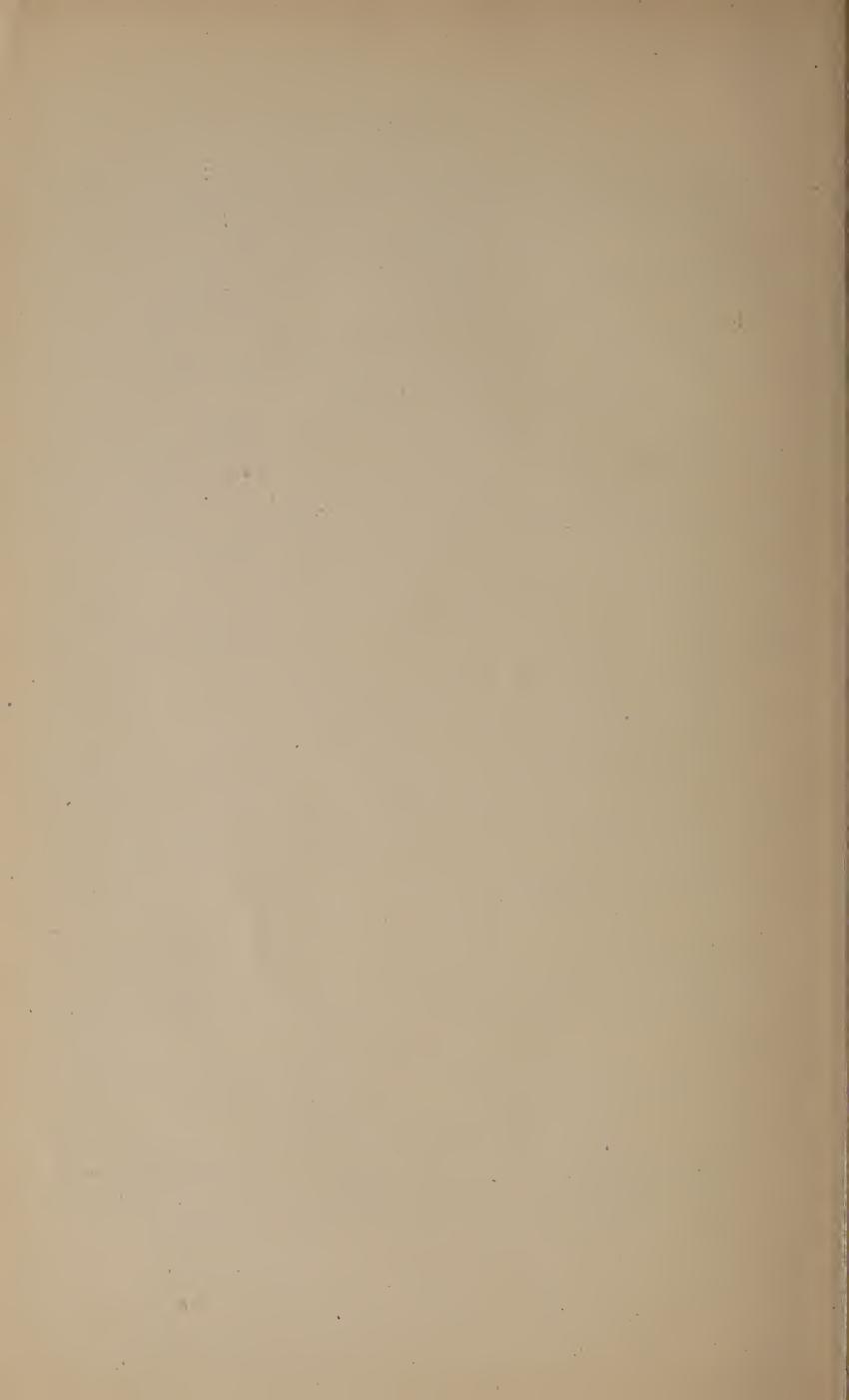
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Items of Interest Regarding the Home.

It is the aim of the Managers of the Nickerson Home to make it as really a family home as possible. When they visit the play room, on the afternoon of their monthly meeting, they are pleased to see the children run to meet them, expecting to receive the caresses and petting which is always given them.

One of our ladies is an adept in making a rabbit out of her pocket handkerchief, and causing it to give a very realistic jump from her hand. This gives no end of pleasure to the little ones.

They come to us for shelter from all classes. Some from families who have known prosperous days, and others from the poorest of homes. All are cared for in their turn by Nurse Margaret, who gives them wise and judicious care and takes them all into her motherly heart. Sometimes a forlorn little one is brought to us who needs exceptional care. Such an one became an inmate of our Home three years ago. He was apparently at that time little more than an idiot. There was scarcely any intelligence in the eye, and he could neither walk nor help himself in any way. The Doctor thought that neglect and want of nourishment from his tiny babyhood had caused his present condition.

But Margaret pitied and loved him even more, it would seem on account of his infirmity. By her unceasing care, slowly but now he looks at us with bright, intelligent eyes, and runs about and plays with the rest of the children, and is one of the first to reach out to us a hand of greeting when we enter the play room.

When any of our children go away to other homes, we are glad to learn of their welfare, both from the persons who have taken them to care for and from the children themselves. We print a few of these letters which were sent to our Matron.

When Harry first went to his country home, it became a question what he should call his friends. They thought, perhaps, as his stay in the country was an experiment, that it might be well to call them "Uncle" and "Auntie." Little Harry replied, in a grieved voice, "Well, then, if you are my uncle and auntie, I sha'n't have any papa and mama." It seems by the following letter from the little fellow that the matter has been happily decided for him:—

GARLAND, ME., Dec. 3, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Holway:

Walter and I read your letter. How is Thomas Leggett. We have six cows. Walter and I are trying to be good boys. Papa has been sick in bed, and is a little better. It snows to-day, and I am glad and I hope it will not stop.

There is a nice crust. We get up early in the morning, and slide before breakfast. I have been helping Mama iron. I am in the Second Reader. I have a speller.

Eddie White gave me some skates. I thank you for those books you sent me. I know the song, "Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star," and I am going to learn to sing it.

Your loving friend, HARRY.

It was very fortunate these two little brothers found a home in the same family. The following letter from Walter shows what kind friends they have found, and how much they enjoy their school, and how helpful they are trying to make themselves in their country home:—

GARLAND, ME., Dec. 5, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Holway:

I live in the country. I like to live in the country. We have a lot of apples. Harry and I read your letter. We had a snow-storm. We wash and wipe dishes and get wood in. We have two kittens, and every morning we give them milk. We have six cows. We have five cents every Saturday for washing dishes.

I thank you for your books you sent us. We are learning to sing. We had two week's vacation, and we began to go again to-day. We have a new teacher. Her name is Miss Carver. I had a sleigh-ride Thanksgiving Day. We had all the pie we wanted Thanksgiving Day. I have a sled, and slide down the hill.

From your loving

WALTER.

Brewer, Maine,
Thursday, Nov. 27, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Holway:

I thought I would write you and tell you what I got for Christmas. I had thirty one presents. The first was a doll and clothes. When I got her she had a little white dress, pink cape and a pink hood. I got a little round table and a set of dishes. The table was red and the dishes had pretty green flowers on them. I got five games, one was table croquet, another jack straws, another lotto, and another ten pins, and the last was a set of magnetic toys. I also got five chairs, three were white, I had them for parlor chairs. There was a high chair and a little blue rocking chair. I had four pieces of hair ribbon, three handkerchiefs and three white ties. One was all lace, the other two were plain with lace edges.

I got a pair of red slippers, two cards and a new pair of skates and rubber boots, and a little wash tub and board wringer and bench, and a pair of mittens. I got three dresses for my doll and two pink capes, a little fur hat, a pink hood and underclothes. Yesterday I had a little girl come down and play with me, we played house first, and then we played games and I read stories.

That reminds me that I got a book, that makes thirty-two presents. I think my friends are very good to me, don't you? I had some money, and I bought some presents for my friends, and also for some little children whose father is sick. I looked over the presents I got last year and picked out a game and some doll

Clothes and a few other things and gave them to two poor girls. Today I went out skating on my new skates. I cannot skate very well, because I have not tried to much. After I got tired skating I went sliding. Then I came home to dinner. I have two weeks vacation and I expect to have some fun. I had a very happy Christmas, and hope you did, and I hope you will have a happy new year.

I had a small Christmas tree for the dogs and cat. They didn't tell me whether they liked it or not, but I guess they did by the way they ate the candy and peanuts. I trimmed it with candy, peanuts, nuts, and I put a few of my presents on it.

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you, and I hope you will write me again when you have time. Will close with love to you and all the children.

Your little friend,

BARBARA.

P. S. — Mama Thayer sends her regards, and we hope you will have a happy new year.

My dear Mrs. Holway:

I will write you a letter now at Christmas time. I remember when we had a Christmas tree at the "Home," and papa came and brought me a large set of dishes.

My stocking I can see full of toys with a pretty doll at the top.

I used to like the Home very much, and remember going to

the M. E. Church on Bromfield street. I also remember when we had the fair. I can remember so many happy times we used to have playing, and I thought the fair was just lovely.

I am in the seventh grade in the Grammar school. I go to church and Sunday school. I will close this letter with love to all. Ask Lola and Edith if they remember me.

Wishing you and all the children, also all the friends of the Nickerson Home a Happy New Year, I am,

Your friend,

MABEL WHITEHEAD,
49 Sheafe St., Maplewood, Mass.

Ногуоке, Jan. 3, 1901.

Dear Mrs. Holway: — I thought I would write and tell you that I was sorry I could not call and see you before we came here. I am now living with my brother. I like it ever so much. We were six hours coming here. I am going to school. Mama is not very well but goes out nursing when she can get a place. I suppose you all had a nice Christmas dinner and the children had their stockings filled. I liked the candy we uesd to have, and I enjoyed going to the Christmas tree at the Bromfield Street Church. I remember coming home with our arms full of presents, and a bag of candy and a nice big orange.

How are all the children, and the nurse? I will come and see you the next time we come to Boston.

Give my love to Mary, Margaret, Louise, Florence, Josie, Grace, Eva and Blanche.

Remember your little girl.

JENNIE BARNETTE,

Holyoke, Mass.

P. S. — Write me when you can.

East Corinth, Maine, Jan. 7, 1901.

Dear Mrs. Holway, Boys and Girls:

Another year has past by and I will try and write again to my old home. I should like to see you all very much. Since August, 1898, when I left the Home, I have grown a great deal, for I only weighed sixty-three pounds when I came here and now I weigh eighty pounds, and I am one inch taller than I was last June. I am still going to School and I have hardly missed a day since I came here to Mr. Chandler.

We have one of the best teachers. My studies are Fifth Reader, writing, large arithmetic, large grammar, large geography, spelling, and large history. And, I hope, by next Fall, I can commence my course at our academy. We gave an entertainment and got money enough to buy a nice flag, the largest in town. For Christmas I got a combination self-pronouncing Bible, in flexible covers, patent index, two books, four pounds of candy, a looking-glass, and two dollars in money.

Now wishing you a Happy New Year, I will close with love to you all.

EDDIE O. WHITE.

Dear Mrs. Holway:

I am in the first room in the grammar school. I have a nice home with my mama and auntie and uncle Will.

I liked to live in the Home ever so much, and I like the teacher I had at the Tyler street school. I was always so pleased when my mama and aunty used to come and see me, and bring me nice things.

I am coming in with Mabel some day to see you all. How is Margaret?

I can remember getting ready for school every morning, and for church Sunday morning.

What nice times we had going to Nantasket Beach and having dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wade.

We have lots of chickens out here, and I wish you would come out next summer with the children.

I suppose the children had their stockings filled by Mrs. Nickerson, and the girls all had a doll, and the boys, horses, whips, books and games.

Many happy days were spent in the Home by your loving little girl

ELLA MAY TAYLOR.

MAPLEWOOD, Jan. 7, 1901.

