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Temporary Home for Women and Children of Maine

> For the year ending May 12th, 1902 \* \*

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#### TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

## Portland, Maine TEMPORARY HOME

#### For Women and Children

#### OF MAINE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 12, 1902.

"Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more."

"A little child shall lead them."

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## CELIA M. PATTEN.

"More things are wrought by prayer than we ere dream of, For so the whole round earth is bound by golden chains About the feet of God."

Since our last report was printed, the Temporary Home has suffered loss in the death of Miss Patten, one of the original Board of Managers.

In those early days, when friends were few and means limited, when trying obstacles thwarted all attempts to give protection to unsheltered women and innocent children, Miss Patten was to us a tower of strength.

While our way was beset by many difficulties, and we were almost in despair, she said, "We can pray. God has put this work into our hands; He cares more for it than we possibly can; He will take care of it."

She well knew from long experience that the best things are of slow growth, and thus she was enabled to render believing service in darkest hours.

It was a lifting of the burden of responsibility to feel her influence in our meetings. Listening to the reverent tones of her child-like petitions, we seemed overshadowed by the presence of the promised Comforter. Doubt and despondency vanished, and we found courage to go on.

Some time before her departure she laid aside with characteristic serenity the many activities of earth, and in the last summer of the last century entered upon those of the continued life.

May it not be in large measure the response to such faithful work and prayer that in these later years the work of our cherished Home has grown to larger proportions.

Those who were associated with her gratefully recognize in the restoration of so many of its inmates to better living, the blessing which her guidance conferred.

#### FANNY CLIFFORD BROWN,

#### For Seventeen Years Vice President of the Temporary Home. For Six Years its Presiding Officer.

When the little band of workers met for the first time after Mrs. Brown's death, the sense of bereavement was overwhelming. The room to which she had come so regularly every week seemed filled with her presence, and the few words which were said were broken with tears.

She is gone, and yet her work for the Temporary Home continues. Her influence is a living reality. At our meetings we remember her mental grasp of each subject, her courteous recognition of every opinion and her just decisions. By her punctuality, her executive ability, and by her impartial judgment, she has left an ideal of what a presiding officer may be, and how a Board meeting may be made valuable to an institution and an education to the managers.

It is hard to realize today how much it meant twenty years ago to be a pioneer in this reformatory work. Public opinion was then so unenlightened that it was scarcely thought proper to mention the Temporary Home. It was known as the "unpopular charity," and its beneficiaries were regarded as beings apart from the rest of the world, to whom it was doubtful wisdom to give any help.

Pure and uplifting in its purpose, the redeeming power of this charity has extended throughout the State, and is now generally recognized.

It was for this advance in public sentiment that Mrs. Brown worked long and patiently, with charity as wide for those who closed their ears, and would not understand the work the Home was doing, as for those who sought its shelter.

During the last years of her life, Mrs. Brown gave herself with steadily increasing devotion to benevolent work. Personal loss, grief and anxiety served only to enlarge her active sympathy for others. We do not know into what new fields of usefulness she has entered; we only know that we can safely leave her to the Infinite Love in which she trusted.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The twentieth year of the Temporary Home for Women and Children has passed, and the institution, planted in weakness, nurtured under reproach, and kept alive only by untiring effort, has become firmly established as one of the well-organized charities of the State, . with a record entitling it not only to respect and honor from the people, but to an annual appropriation from the State treasury to carry on its work.

As our name implies, we aim to provide a temporary home for needy women and children, to whom other doors are closed. Sometimes it is the case of a married woman deserted by her husband in her hour of need. Sometimes it is a young girl from the streets, over whom her parents have lost control, and they beg us to take her away from her evil surroundings for a few months. Again it is a girl in her teens, whose innocence has been blighted and whose life overshadowed by sin and its consequences. Or it is one whom heredity or disease has made weak-minded and an easy prev to the brute nature of another. These are "our girls." They come into the home, and we do the best we can for them. They come to us ignorant. morally weak, and generally incompetent in household duties. They are taught to cook, launder and sew, and how to care for children. Old habits of speech, carelessness in dress, rough and awkward ways are kindly and patiently corrected by the matrons, and it is generally true that a few months in the Home produce a gradual transformation of habits, and, to a certain degree, of character. Sometimes the evil is so deeply rooted that the good seems to make no impress. The woman rebels against the training, not realizing that work is enobling and that struggle means victory, and she deliberately chooses her old ways. But the incorrigible are proportionally few. Of the 322 girls sheltered between the years of 1882 and 1898, eighteen

have since died and forty-six have proved incorrigible, but 258 have become good, respectable women. The fact that eighty per cent. of all who come to us may be reclaimed and reformed is certainly most encouraging. Of the 322 girls named above, thirty were natives of Portland.

Our children are such as have been abandoned by one or both parents ; or sickness or poverty necessitates their being taken from home for a few months; or it may be they have been rescued from the poorhouse or from abusive parents. The whole number of children cared for up to December, 1898, was 303. Of these, sixtyeight were born in the Home, and for thirty-seven of the remainder good homes were found, where they were adopted. There are generally about twenty children in the Home, and our aim is to provide them with warm clothing, wholesome food, and fresh air: to nurse them in sickness, and, as far as possible, to surround them with the happy and loving atmosphere of home. Sometimes our nursery matron has to have a very large lapful, but her arms are strong, and her heart is large, and her love is all-including. Yet with the best we can do for them, we know that each child needs a mother and a home. That is its heritage, and our Homes Committee are on the lookout continually to secure such.

To the friends and patrons of the Home we would express our thanks for their generous gifts of money, toys, clothing and food, and we extend to them and to all a most earnest invitation to visit the Home and see its workings. Come and see how well and happy the children are,—Willy, the little Armenian; Ralph, in his first pants, and little Eddie, changed from a mere shadow to a healthy, rosy-cheeked child. Come and see how patient and competent our matrons are, and the beautiful spirit in which they devote themselves to this missionary work. See how industrious and capable our girls become, and the new ambitions that are awakened in them. See all this, and then be glad that you, too, have a share in hastening the coming of His kingdom, whose reign is love.

#### HARRIET A. DEERING.

#### PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Number of births " death	, s					e,		2		×	74
Cause of deaths:											
Nephritis,											1
Bronchial pne	aumon	ia.	<b>.</b>						1907		2
Acute indiges											1
Number visits by	attend	ling	phy	sicia	an,						127
Called in consulta		0.000	2.5								
Dr. Hersom,											3 times
Dr. Gerrish,											3 times
Dr. Ring,						•	•			•	Once

There were thirteen cases of chicken pox and twenty-eight vaccinations.

The maternity cases have been normal; convalescence has been satisfactory and recovery complete in every case.

The health of the inmates of the Home has been unusually good during the past year. In the main house no medicine has been needed other than an occasional mild laxative or headache remedy, thanks to our improved sanitary condition, brought about by the building of the night nursery and our improved milk supply. The conditions will compare more than favorably with similar institutions. The sanitary condition of the Home is now as nearly perfect as it is possible for any house to be. Plumbing, draining, etc., are in perfect condition.

One statement, while not in the line of a report, may not be out of place here, and may help to answer a question often asked. During my four years' service, no girl has come to me for the physical examination necessary for admission to the Home suffering from any venereal disease. This fact is strong proof that "our girls" are not "bad girls" in the accepted meaning of the term, but are girls who have gone astray because bad heredity and vicious environments have developed the criminal at the expense of the mental and moral.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE M. DYER, M. D.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT.

Childre	n in the	Home	May	12,	190	1,					2		÷	21
Girls	**	**	**	**	**									9
Childre	n admi	tted sin	nce,				-3							13
Girls	**		**											15
Girls r	eturned	one or	mor	e tim	nes fo	ra	visit,							5
Childre	n retur	ned wi	th mo	ther	s,					÷		$\sim$		4
Total r	number	of girl	s rec	eive	d dur	ing	the	year	r,					24
**	**	" chil	dren	46	66		**	**						34
**	**	" inm	ates	**			**	**			$\mathbb{R}^{2}$		2	58
Girls s	ent to p	laces,												6
Childre	n sent	with m	other	s,										3
"	taker	n by fri	ends,											5
Girls s	ent to f	riends,											*	3
Childre	n adopt	ted,								κ.				,2
**	born	in the	Home	в,							2			7
**	died	**	**		- e - î	1				2				4
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Larges	t numb	er of cl	nildre	n at	any o	one	time,							25
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Larges	t numb	er of gi	irls at	any	one	time	э,							13
Smalle	st "		,	"					:	(20)				2

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

# RECEIPTS

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Balance May 8, 1901,	٠	•	\$1,813 24	24	Ч
State appropriation, .			2,500	00	Sa
Annual subscriptions,	8		254	00	R
Board of children,		ł	627	89	H
Interest on fund, .	•		689	65	U
Bequest and donations,			2,449	55	D
All other sources, .	×	,	462 10	10	H
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# EXPENDITURES.

\$1,815 24 Provisions, water, fuel and light, . 51,407 12   2,500 00 Salaries,	
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Furnishings and heating apparatus, Clothing,	
Clothing,	
Drugs, Funeral expenses, Investments, New addition, All other expenses, Balance May 14, 1902,	
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MRS. J. B. BROWN. Portland. MR. P. H. BROWN. 44 MISS HELEN CLIFFORD BROWN, 10 MR. HENRY DEERING. 11 MISS CORNELIA M. DOW. .. MRS. DARIUS H. INGRAHAM. MR. HENRY ST. JOHN SMITH. ... MRS. RALPH C. JOHNSON. ... MISS LOUISE TITCOMB, Stroudwater. MRS. SAMUEL BLAKE. Bangor. MRS. F. H. HOLYOKE. 11 MRS. H. S. GRISWOLD. 14 MRS. R. S. MORRISON. MRS. GEORGE STETSON. MRS. ISAIAH STETSON. 44 MRS. G. S. C. Dow, ... MISS A. F. QUINBY. Stroudwater. MISS ANN M. WILLIAMS. Augusta. MRS. A. W. STEPHENSON, Portland. MRS. CAROLINE GOULD. 24 MISS MARY GILMAN DAVEIS. 44 BISHOP CODMAN. 44

The payment of twenty-five dollars constitutes one a life member.

#### THE PERMANENT FUND.

A contribution of great importance to the Temporary Home has been received in the generous bequest of Capt. Edward A. Marwick of nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

This addition to the permanent fund is acknowledged with especial gratitude, because the Home has been obliged to depend largely upon the State and individuals for assistance, which is liable at any time to be lessened or withdrawn.

The only assured means of support for our family, averaging forty persons, is the income from our small endowment fund, which is at present between six and seven hundred dollars.

An increase of this fund sufficient to place our living expenses on a less precarious footing is urgently asked for. Will the friends of the Temporary Home recognize this need and contribute to the fund by donation and by bequest?

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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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#### FORM OF A BEQUEST.

#### THE FANNY CLIFFORD BROWN MEMORIAL NURSERY.

When Mrs. Brown died, the clubs of which she was a member voted, instead of sending flowers to her funeral, to give the money to some cause in which she was interested.

As soon as it was decided that this cause was to be the Temporary Home, many friends who knew of her love for the work there wished to join in the memorial, and from that small beginning the fund grew until it became sufficient to carry out her cherished wish of building a new night nursery for the children.

Beautiful and fitting as is this memoral, it will not adequately commemorate our appreciation of Mrs. Brown's untiring and sustained interest in the Home, unless we carry in our hearts, as she did, the welfare of the little children sheltered there.

Following is the list of contributors to the building:

Miss O. M. Beckett,	\$ 2.0	0 Mrs.	Eleanor M. Knight,	\$ 1.00
Mrs. F. E. Boothby,	5.0	0 "	Seth L. Larrabee,	10.00
" Herbert Brown,	10.0	0 "	Gertrude S. Leavitt,	2.50
Miss Helen C. Brown,	100.0	0 Miss	Margaretta Libby,	50.00
Mr. Nathan C. Brown,	100.0	0 "	Ellen H. Libby,	10.00
" Philip G. Brown,	100.0	0 "	Harriet A. Libby,	10.00
Mrs. W. W. Brown,	10.0	0 Mrs.	A. W. Longfellow,	10.00
" E. T. Burrowes,	100.0	0 "	Charles McCarthy,	5.00
" J. W. D. Garter,	10.0	0 "	James E. McDowell,	2.00
Civic Club,	15.0	0 "	George F. McQuillan,	1.00
Conklin Club,	7.0	0 "	M. T. W. Merrill,	10.00
Crockett Club,	7.0	0 "	Weston F. Milliken,	25.00
Miss Ursula Cushman,	2.0	0 "	Franklin C. Payson,	25.00
" Mary G. Daveis,	10.0	0 Pine	Tree Club,	1.00

Mrs. J. H. Davis,	\$ 2.00	Mrs. Linzee Prescott,	\$100.00
Miss Harriet A. Deering,	1.00	William, Edith, Frances	
Mrs. Philip J. Deering,	2.00	and Augusta Prescott,	100.00
" William S. Denny,	1.00	Miss Almira F. Quinby,	5.00
" William H. Fenn,	100.00	Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens,	2.50
" J. H. Fitzgerald,	1.00	" J. F. Thompson,	10.00
" George C. Frye,	20.00	" Frank D. True,	100.00
" Howard Gould,	5.00	Miss Ann M. Williams,	30.00
" Edward C. Jordan,	5.00	Women's Literary Union,	50.45

#### FOR THE HEATING APPARATUS.

Hon. H. B. Cleaves,	\$50.00	Miss A. F. Quinby,	\$25.00
Governor Hill,	10.00	Mr. F. E. Richards,	25.00

#### FOR THE NURSERY.

One hundred dollars for cribs and mattresses, given in recognition of Miss Gelia M. Patten's love for the children by

Mr. E. D. Chamberlin.

A portrait of Mrs. Brown, given by her children.

Four Dutch pictures from

Web of cloth for sheets from

Miss Florence McMullan.

Two thousand feet of land, given by Mr. Philip G. Brown in memory of Capt. John Clifford Brown.

The Grockett Club.

#### DONATIONS.

#### August, 1901.

Miss Eliza Tappen, 3 large bedspreads; Mrs. Herbert Payson, children's clothing; Mrs. F. D. Marshall, clothing; Mrs. Dr. Gousens, children's clothing and toys; Mrs. F. C. Harmon, box of Christmas toys; Mrs. Dr. Gilman, toys for Christmas; Mr. Staples, 9 books.

#### SEPTEMBER.

Mrs. Cummings, 1 child's chair, 1 child's rocker, 1 large willow basket, checker board, 6 flannel skirts for babies; 4 chemise and old cloak; Miss Helen Brown, tomatoes, beets, onions and lettuce; Mr. Maxfield, tomatoes; Mrs. F. E. Boothby, 6 lbs. Shetland floss.

#### OCTOBER.

Mrs. S. L. Larrabee, 1 waist, 1 hat, hat trimmings, corsets, 1 pair shoes, many other useful articles; Miss Helen Brown, tea gown; Miss Daveis, 14 books; Mrs. F. E. Boothby, \$5 worth worsted; St. Stephen's Guild, 8 new nightdresses; Lady from Windham, package toys; Mrs. F. C. Payson, carpet and rug.

#### DECEMBER.

Mrs. Nellie Goud, 13 pairs of elastics for girls; Mrs. Harris B. Cree, box of toys and clothing; F. C. Johnson, 1-2 bushel apples, 2 boxes candy and nuts; Miss Dow, washing set for Madeline; Mrs. F. C. Harmon, 2 new skirts, 2 nightdresses, 5 boxes and 1 basket popcorn, 1 basket candy, 2 dolls; No Name, 6 quarts cranberries; Miss C. M. Dow, 2 1-2 dozen cakes; Miss Stephenson, toys for Madeline; Mrs. Linzee Prescott, large box new toys for Christmas; J. Henry Rines, 2 bushels apples, 1 bushel cabbage, 1 bushel beets; Mrs. F. C. Payson, doll carriage and doll for Madeline; Miss A. F. Quinby, 1 pair shoes, 1 pair rubbers; Needlework Guild, 2 sheets, 1 pair pillow cases, 2 nightdresses, 3 bibs, 3 knit bands, 2 towels; Mrs. Dr. Gilman, toys for Christmas; Mrs. J. O. Waston, work-box for Madeline.

#### JANUARY, 1902.

Mrs. W. H. Clifford, 8 dresses, 4 nightdresses, 4 waists; Mrs. James Watson, Orange, N. J., 6 new hoods; Mrs. Dr. Cousens, 2 boxes toys, 3 waists, bibs, 1 skirt, 2 worsted jackets, 6 nightdresses, 1 worsted dress, 1 apron, 1 skirt; Mr. Staples, 9 books; Mrs. McGear, 10 slips, 3 small pads, 1 brush and comb; A Friend, 8 1-2 yards unbleached cloth; Mrs. F. D. Marshall, 5 shirtwaists, 1 dress waist, 1 jacket, 2 collars, 1 necktie; Mrs. Herbert Payson, 6 nightdresses, 4 skirts, 2 pairs drawers, 7 pairs stockings, 1 cloak, 1 waist, 4 bands, 1 hood, 1 knit jacket; Mrs. P. J. Deering, 1 blanket, 1 nightgown, 1 white dress, 1 piece lace, 3 pairs stockings, 2 infant dresses, 2 shirts, toys; Portland Railroad Company, \$5.00 worth car tickets.

#### MARCH.

W. C. T. U., Portland, 1 quilt; No Name, 2 pieces diaper; No Name, bundle old cloth, 1 blanket, box buttons, braid, pieces of flannel, 2 pairs stockings, 1 flannel waist, 2 cotton waists, 5 chemise, 5 underwaists, stockings and underflannels, partly worn; Miss C. M. Dow, 1 doz. plates, 1 doz. sauce dishes, 10 butter plates, 1 butter dish, 2 platters, 4 vegetable dishes, 1 bed-pan, 1 waist, partly worn, 1 bundle pieces for lining; Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, 1 shirtwaist, 1 nightdress, 1 skirt, 1 picture; Mrs. W. Brown, for Easter, 4 doz. pinks; Mrs. P. J. Deering, 1 hat, 2 pairs rubbers, 1 baby skirt, 1 sheet, toys for children.

#### MAY.

Mrs. Fickett, 7 blouse waists, 2 pairs pants, 6 pairs drawers, 2 nightdresses, 3 dress waists, 4 skirts, 3 jackets; Miss C. M. Dow, 4 dress waists, 1 petticoat, 1 wrapper, 2 dress skirts, 2 pairs stockings, 1 hat; St. Stephen's Guild, 13 pairs drawers, 2 nightdresses; No Name, 1 dress, 1 work-bag, 1 baby bonnet, 1 apron; Miss Deering, hats; Mrs, Turner, 2 shirtwaists, 1 cape, 2 dresses, 1 coat; Miss Helen Brown-3 doz. plants; Mr. Philip G. Brown, 40 loads of loam for grading the grounds.

