

AGED WOMEN'S HOME.

An Appeal to the Liberality of Citizens of the State

FOR A WORTHY AND NEEDY OBJECT

The Good Record the Institution has Made this Year and in its Past History—The Kind of Cases it is Meant to Provide for—Instances of its Helpfulness to Forlorn Women.

The West Virginia Home for Aged and Friendless Women is located at 37 Thirteenth street.

"It we only had some place to send these girls." "What are we to do with this woman and her children?" "With all our charities not one meets the case." "We ought to have a home for friendless women and girls."

These were remarks made by some thoughtful women in Wheeling previous to 1883. But realizing that it is no easy task to organize a new benevolence, which means hard work and the constant giving of money to sustain it, the matter was passed over. But one or two women who were spurred by some special cases, ventured to make a beginning with but twenty cents in the treasury and a large measure of faith, in the final success of securing a shelter for women and girls who had neither money nor friends in the city.

The enterprise has been carrying on its beneficent work for nearly six years, has sheltered more than three hundred persons in that time; yet in so quiet and unobtrusive a way that some very intelligent citizens do not know of its existence, nor what its work is—nor how important a link it has become in benevolence of this city.

For two years after the home was opened no aged women were admitted, but the demand for such permission was so pressing that the charter was changed, and the name of "West Virginia Home for Aged and Friendless Women" is the name by which the home is known. There are now a number of aged ones in the home whose busy day of life is over. The silvered hair and the feeble step indicate that the special and tender help needed by old age should be supplied.

None can become "permanent inmates" unless they have been residents of West Virginia for three years preceding their application, and except in cases of special necessity must have reached the age of 65 years. The admission fee is regulated by the age of the applicant, one hundred and fifty dollars being the minimum.

The transient inmates come from many parts of the country; and they are generally the inexperienced, friendless and penniless ones, who come to get employment, aid, shelter and protection, and are ignorant of the temptations, dangers and sins of city life. While the majority come to better their condition, there are some who never do well, and give much trouble, but the greater number are brave girls and women, who shrink from depending on charity and are anxious to be able to support themselves.

The old and the young come with the same story: "Out of work," with but little money, and of necessity must make that little go as far as possible.

Pathetic cases come before the managers, the details of which they cannot make public. The life story of those admitted is proof that many of them have struggled hard to make an honest living. One or two cases may serve to illustrate this fact.

Mrs. Blank came to Wheeling to get work. She walked the streets one entire day without success. Night came on to find her weary, dispirited, hungry and without money to pay for a night's lodging. Passing by the Catholic convent she knocked at the door with some hesitancy, as she is a Protestant. She was kindly received, and next morning the sisters directed her to the Home, where she remained till a home and work were secured for her.

Mrs. ——— canvassed the city for work, doing without food for several days, till, weak and tired of ringing door bells, she was taken by a kind lady to the Home, on Thirteenth street. Her principles were firmly fixed, or she would have been led into such snares as would have ruined her for this life and for that which is to come.

Another young girl, yet in her early teens, a reader of flashy literature, had listened to her friends eulogizing the stage and its actresses, till she was moved to join a traveling company of players who visited the town in which she lived. A few weeks only were needed to open her eyes to the morals of her new associates. Heart-sick, home-sick, without money or friends, she reported herself to police headquarters. An officer brought her to a lady who secured her admission to the Home.

But the transients are not all young girls. Some are deserted and ill-used wives, and others are widows, struggling to support their fatherless children.

A few weeks ago the wife and children of a most unnatural man asked for admission. Poorly clad, the mother herself shoeless, had been driven from home, while he threatened friends and neighbors with prosecution if they gave them a night's lodging. He himself will lounge around all day. When evening comes he will black his shoes and mustache, dress himself with care, and go out not to return till 1 or 3 o'clock in the morning. These are but specimens of the work for which the Home exists.

Forty-nine persons were admitted since January 1, 1893. Forty of the number were transients. The family at present numbers fourteen, and of these several are sick.

The stringency in money matters and the hard times have reached the Home, and it is a question to know the best course to pursue, and the wisest way of replenishing the treasury. The Home is not yet free from debt, and the building itself needs money to keep it in repair. The managers do not come often before the public, but as Christmas is near they make an earnest appeal to be remembered at this season, as they are greatly in need of means to maintain their good work.

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BELLAIRE.

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The two building and loan companies of this city have paid out from \$150,000 to \$200,000 the past few weeks, principally to the poorer classes, who constitute the largest membership of these concerns. During more prosperous times hundreds of wage earners deposited in them, and when they found their deposits bringing them in 8 to 10 percent they were encouraged to make their savings as large as possible, and they induced others to do likewise. Then came five months of enforced idleness, and gradually they have been drawing out their funds to live upon. To this class has the largest proportion of the money been given. A few bought homes, but none invested in new enterprises. The money has been literally eaten up during the stagnation in business.

J. F. Knouff, of the state food commissioner's office, is again in the city hunting goods charged with salicylic acid or adulterated with harmless mixtures. Coffee is found that does not contain a particle of coffee; then it is found with anywhere from 10 to 90 percent of pure coffee in it, but with more than 50 percent it is very scarce.

The circuit court sustained the decision of the common pleas court in the case of Patrick Scabill against Jacob Hetherington for \$10,000 damages to his coal mine. The lower court decided against Scabill and the decision was sustained when the case was appealed.

The township board of education appropriated \$10 for each school district to provide for the vaccination of school children unable to have it done at their own expense, and the city board has asked for bids for this work.

The ladies in charge of the Christmas dinner for the poor will meet at the Christian church this evening to complete arrangements. The dinner will be given in Odd Fellows' hall, a much better place than city hall.

The glass factories here will close down Saturday, one for two weeks, the other for an indefinite time. The fires will be kept up in both.

Mrs. Catharine Little, wife of William Little, a well known glass pot-maker, died yesterday of cancer in the breast.

Spangler Post and the Woman's Loyal Corps here will attend the eighth anniversary of Holiday Post at Wheeling.

Harry M. Kelly, the glass salesman, left yesterday to spend Christmas at his home, in Muskingum county.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Maps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

Miss Margaret Jennie Dixon, a most estimable and popular young lady of Martin's Ferry, will be married to Dr. Thomas F. Gatchell, of Washington, D. C., next Wednesday, December 27, at 1 o'clock, at the home of Miss Dixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon, sr., on Avondale street. Dr. Gatchell was formerly engaged in the banking business at Woodsfield, and is now in the treasury department at Washington.

The Vigilant hose company has elected these officers: R. C. Montgomery, captain; Thomas Greer, first lieutenant; John Moore, second lieutenant; William Thomas, secretary, and Charles O'Beirne, treasurer.

A township order was given a Martin's Ferry man for groceries. The first thing he asked for was a quarter's worth of oranges and the second a pound of mixed candy. The grocer then kicked.

Mrs. William Moore, of Walnut street, has fallen heir to valuable business property in Natchez, Miss., by the death of her half brother, Fitch West, formerly of Martin's Ferry.

James Dorsey and Frank Coss were arrested yesterday charged with stealing two bolts of oil cloth in front of Louis Scheehle's grocery on Monday night.

Tickets are selling fast for the Boston Ideas next Friday evening. This will be the second entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. course.

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The protracted services at the Disciple's church closed Sunday evening. Twenty additions were made to the church. The meeting lasted five weeks. C. A. Kleeberger, of Wellsville, N. Y., assisted for two weeks. He left yesterday for home.

Clerk of the county court, E. M. Lewis, and Miss Marie McClune, stenographer at the Fostoria glass works, will be married Saturday evening at the new residence of the groom on Tenth street.

A. O. Baker, clerk of the circuit court, will leave to-day for Parkersburg to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Orlando Stevenson.

All the unsold lots in the Parly & Co. new addition near the prison were equally divided among the present owners.

R. M. Patterson and family, of Weston, are visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson.

J. W. Wellman, clerk of the penitentiary, is in Charleston on business.

Mrs. John Rogerson, who has been sick for a long time, is very low.

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