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CONFIDENCE

YEAR by year the good people of Nebraska are showing a greater and more abiding confidence in our Society and its great state-wide, undenominational work for the homeless, orphan and needy children of Nebraska.

We are very proud of and very grateful for the increasing confidence as shown in increased contributions to and interest in our wonderful work, and are daily doing all in our power to prove worthy of it by making each dollar render the very greatest possible service to the little ones entrusted to our care.

1923 brought to our Society the following bequests and income bonds—the largest amounts ever bequeathed to our Society in its thirty-one years of service. We trust that many others, who as yet have not made provisions in their wills for the little ones under our care, will do so promptly, or those who have money who would like to help, but who need the interest on this money, should investigate our income bonds. None of us know what one day or one hour will bring to us, and there surely is no other place on earth where your funds could possibly accomplish greater good than to give love, care, education and opportunity to orphan and homeless children:

Mrs. Ella Iams, St. Paul (deceased) bequeathed to the Society the use of $5,000.00, the interest, use and profits therefrom to be paid over semi-annually for the maintenance of the Society.

N. C. Sherman, Gordon, (deceased) bequeathed one thousand acres of land valued at $20,000.00. (In litigation).

Mrs. Alice Monfort, Ponca, (deceased) bequeathed eighty acres of land valued at $8,000.00.

Israel Ulmer, Dawson, Income Bond in the amount of $1,000.00.

Helen B. Adams, Wolbach, Income Bond in the amount of $150.00.

Henry E. and Hannah C. Pressey, Oconto, Income Bond in the amount of $300.00.

THE PROPER FORM OF BEQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

I give and bequeath to the Nebraska Children's Home Society of Omaha, Nebraska, the Sum of.....

..... Dollars, to be applied to the use of said corporation.

Nebraska's Great Constructive Charity

NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

(Incorporated 1893)

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Local Advisory Boards in Nearly Every Town in Nebraska

APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN

Foster parents with whom this Society places its wards must be well approved as being kind-hearted, humane, competent, Sabbath observing and church going, as it is the aim of the Society to place them in Christian families. They must be worthy of confidence for their honesty, morality and trustworthiness. They must be in such financial circumstances as to give the child good advantages of education. The child is placed on trial for ninety days. There must be an application signed by such person, containing provisions carefully guarding the best interest of the child, but liberal and reasonable in its requirements.

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Blessed is he that considereth the Poor

HELP A CHILD

FIND A HOME

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord"

AVOID MISTAKES

Letters, express and freight are often delayed, sometimes lost to us, by not being properly addressed. Always address NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, 430 Omaha Loan Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

IN NEW RECEIVING HOME

The new Receiving Home is now occupied by the children. February 15th was a great day for the homeless little ones that were in our care. They were moved from their boarding homes to the new Receiving Home, and the Matron, Mrs. Utley, turned them loose in the play room and they certainly enjoyed it.

So favorably situated in the new home, we will be able to do our job better and more effectually than we have in the past.

OUR NEEDS

We are now in the new Receiving Home and have on hand about forty children. You may know a family of forty little ones will need about what an ordinary family will, but in much greater quantity. How would your Ladies Aid, Club, Sewing Circles, or your neighborhood like to gather a crate of eggs, and send in, and perhaps you would like to can for the children?

Corn, tomatoes, beans or peas,
Pears, or peaches, if you please;
Vegetables that ripen and fruits that grow,
Make children healthy and strong you know.
So advise your friends and neighbors, too,
And help feed the children the whole year through.

Address 430 Omaha Loan Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Gerriet Janssen has been appointed District Superintendent of the Omaha District. Rev. Janssen had the pastorate of the Oak Street Methodist Church of Omaha for the last four years. We are sure that he has special qualifications which will enable him to do a great work for the homeless little ones in his district.

RETURNS TO PASTORAL WORK

Rev. C. E. Ryder who had been with the society for several years and District Superintendent of Omaha District, felt that he should return to the pastoral work and has accepted a church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Rev. Ryder's service was greatly appreciated by the society, and a great blessing to the children. We regret very much to lose him from our organization.

If you don't think co-operation is necessary, watch what happens to a wagon if one wheel comes off.

The Hunger-Haunted House

This pictures a scene which is not uncommon in Nebraska this moment. This picture tells a story, pathetic, pitiful, pleading. There is hunger that is keener than the gnawings of physical hunger—it is hunger that only love can satisfy. But love hunger coupled with lack of food and of clothing to cover the poor little underfed body—no picture can tell the whole story.

Was any child, much less a child in Nebraska, born for such suffering? Is any child doomed to such a life, without a ray of sunshine, without a gleam of love to cast aside the clouds of loneliness and hunger that stoops shoulders and almost destroys faith in God and in man?

We turn a page. Here are our loved ones, all happy and loved and warm. We pray that nothing short of such happiness may be their lot—may God answer our prayer and may we never forget to thank Him.

But listen! A voice saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." This poor little orphaned soul is "one of the least of these" and in ministering to her and to hundreds of other girls and boys she represents, we are heaping the blessings of God to ourselves.

"Saving A Child"

By Rev. Wilson W. Tait, D. D.

I have read a story in the life of Abraham Lincoln which was very interesting indeed. The story is as follows:

A young lad entered the army in 1861 as a drummer boy. While there, he received word that his mother was ill. He asked, but was refused a furlough to visit her. He soon received a letter which stated that if he wanted to see his mother alive, he must go at once. Again did he ask for a furlough but it was denied. He went to his tent, donned a suit of citizen's clothing, went to see as he supposed, a dying mother.

She rallied and ere long regained her usual health. The son returned to the camp. He was arrested, sentenced to be shot for desertion. He wrote to his mother about it,—told her the date and the hour set.

She set to work to save her boy. She went to Washington and had a personal interview with the President in which she pleaded for the life of her boy. Mr. Lincoln had already received word from the General that a life must be sacrificed in order to maintain order in the camp. He showed the letter to the mother. She read it, and then handed it back to the President with a breaking heart as she said: "If my darling boy can serve his country better by being shot than by having his life spared, I am content."

Mr. Lincoln touched a bell and a servant appeared. The servant was ordered to get a team as fast as possible. Mr. Lincoln then wrote out a pardon for the boy and passports for the lady and the driver, and said: "See to it that you deliver this lady to the Commander of the Army before 8 A. M. tomorrow." He then assisted the lady into the carriage, saying: "God bless you and your brave boy."

After an all-night drive they reached the place. On alighting from the carriage the first person to greet the lady was the President himself, who said: "I was quite afraid you might be delayed so I thought I would run over and save the boy. Wait a moment and you can take the boy back with you."

The boy appeared and as the mother clasped him in her arms she poured out her gratitude to the President for his great kindness.

We rejoice that Mr. Lincoln would lay aside the duties pressed upon him by a great nation as the ruler and ride all night to save a boy who was under sentence of death.

Here was a boy sentenced to die a physical death. There are thousands of dear boys and girls in our land who are in danger of physical death from starvation or disease. Without a good home or parents to care for them, many are wandering to and fro on the streets longing for help and for a home where their wants will be supplied. If these children are not rescued and given a good home, what will become of them? Think of the dangers surrounding them to bring them into moral wreckage. The writer has often wondered to himself as to what would have become of him when a boy, had not the Orphan's Home People saved him from a wanderer's life,—by putting him into a good Christian home.

The great work of the Nebraska Children's Home Society is to save the homeless, orphaned children of our state not only from poverty but from a life of sin and vice and do the constructive work for the child which will place him or her in the ranks of useful citizens. We are ask-

ing for contributions which will enable us to do this work. Every gift of money and every prayer offered for our work may be reckoned as helping to save some child. Will every reader of this article, ask the question of himself or herself: "What am I doing to save some child?" If President Lincoln would make an all-night ride to save a boy, could we do less than give of our means and prayers to carry on the work thus inaugurated? If anything we can do in this world that will make us happier on a dying bed,—will not the remembrance that our lives have been spent in trying to save others be a comfort to us? Will not the thought of meeting on the shores of the eternal world those whom our prayers and gifts and efforts have been instrumental in bringing to that happy land be a comfort to us? Must we go with empty hand,—or with trophies of our consecrated efforts?

CHILDREN VS. DOGS AND CATS

In a given town in our state the marvelous thing has occurred in the establishing of the Community Chest of giving a concrete value to children as compared to dogs and cats. In the list of beneficiaries of the Chest the Humane Society (a grand organization in itself), is well remembered,—though its work is limited to caring for sick animals. But the salvation of men and women as represented by those to whom the Salvation Army ministers,—the down-trodden and sorrowing ones,—these are left out of the Chest,—as also the great work of the Nebraska Children's Home Society whose mission is to save the children of our state. But the dogs and cats must be cared for,—though the down-trodden men and women with the homeless helpless orphaned children are left out. We wonder at this. Surely there must be some mistake in this matter. Some great oversight has been committed. We fondly hope that ere long the mistake will be corrected as there is already a great cry heard in that town from the hundreds of people who bemoan such an oversight.

HOW THEY SPENT THEIR MONEY

Selfishness—

I kept all my wealth and I mourn for my loss
For gold in a skeleton hand turns to dross,
Love, friendship and gratitude might I have bought—
But I kept all my wealth till it moldered to naught.

Pleasure—

I spent all my gold—I danced and I sang—
The palace I built with hilarity rang;
Plays, revels, and frolics from even to dawn—
But I lie here with nothing—I spent it—it's gone.

Avarice—

I loaned my good money, at grasping per cent—
'Twas I who got all that you kept and you spent;
While I counted my millions, Death plundered me bare—
And this grave I sleep in belongs to my heir.

Charity—

It was little I had, but I gave all my store
To those who had less, or who needed it more;
And I came with Death laughing, for here at the grave
In richness unmeasured I found what I gave.

—Robert J. Burdette.

Report of Medical Staff on Babies Cared For By the Society For 1923

By Dr. Joseph A. Henske

Ladies and Gentlemen: In taking up the medical phase of this work, I will first call your attention to the fact that out of every 100 babies that are born 25 die within the first year of life. Of the 25, 60% die of nutritional disturbances and 60% of the other 40% are indirectly the result of nutritional disturbances, that is, the resistance of the child is lowered, due to nutritional disturbances and die of a disease which they probably would have thrown off if their digestion was normal. We know that the mortality in foundling institutions and orphanage homes ranges from 10% to 35%.

The Nebraska Children's Home Society has been very fortunate in arranging to have their babies taken care of in a department of the Methodist Hospital which is given over to pediatrics, in which the facilities consist of a head nurse, a supervisor, and several assistant nurses and a dietician and graduate interne. These babies are seen each day by the pediatrician in charge. They get as good and oftentimes better care than a private case in which a special nurse and a paid pediatrician is employed.

During 1923, 64 babies were admitted to the Methodist Hospital, by the society, 18 were under one week of age, and the average age was 2½ days. Thirty-one were under one month of age and the average age was two weeks. During this time we had three deaths. One was a premature who was not given any breast milk, taken away from the mother practically moribund and died within a few days. Another was an acute broncho-pneumonia, a child one day of age, which was brought into the hospital and died the same day. The third death was due to an influenza with upper inspiratory infection and died the 15th day of life. So you will note that of the 64 babies admitted, we had three deaths. Two of these deaths the babies were brought to the hospital in a dying condition. The other case developed an influenza and upper inspiratory infection and died the 15th day of life. You will note that the mortality is very low, in spite of the fact that all of these infants are placed upon artificial feeding, the majority of them did not have one or but a few days of breast milk feeding. The average days the babies were in the hospital was 23.

The services of your pediatricians are all donated and glad to do so. Many of the babies admitted are in very poor condition and special formulas are necessary and if they did not have the best of care and the best interpretation of their needs as to food, many of them would not pull through; and this care can only be given by a pediatrician who has received the knowledge of interpreting the needs of a child through experience. Credit should be given to the excellent nursing and hospital facilities.

THEY WOBBLED

Willie: "What time does the tide come in, Mr. Fisherman?"

"Why, you young rascal, I've told you four times already. At 5:55."

Willie: "Yes, I know; but I like to see your whiskers wobble when you say '5:55.'"

Men who speak first and think afterward usually spend the greater part of their time explaining.

Report of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Children's Home Society

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Children's Home Society was held in the new Receiving Home at 3549 Fontenelle Boulevard on Friday, February 15th, 1924.

Dinner was served at 6:30 P. M., after which the business meeting was called to order by Dr. W. F. Milroy, acting president.

The State Superintendent, R. B. Ralls, gave the following statistical report for the past eight months:

From May 1st, 1923, to January 1st, 1924:

Number of children on hand May 1st, 1923..... 8
Number of wards visited in family homes.....220
Number of children given aid and attention who were not received as wards.....225
Number of children received as wards 131

Total number of children receiving care, aid and attention....584

Number of children placed..... 81
Number of replacements..... 33
Number of children returned to relatives 28
Number of children on hand January 1st, 1924..... 30
Total number of children received, placed, replaced, given aid and attention.....617
Final papers..... 57
Final papers pending..... 10

Number of applications for children investigated.....176
Number of cases investigated for final papers..... 67
Number of addresses.....231
Number of boards organized and reorganized 27
Number of children under supervision 885

Total number of children looked after during the 29 years...10,020

R. M. Switzler gave an address showing the legal phase of the work.

Dr. Jos. R. Henske being absent from the city, Dr. Max Emmert read the medical report.

A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

The following letter was written to Dr. W. W. Tait, assistant to State Superintendent, at the beginning of his work at Hastings, by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

Hastings, Nebraska,
February 22, 1924.

Rev. Wilson W. Tait, Assistant to the State Superintendent.
Nebraska Children's Home Society,
Hastings, Nebraska.

Dear sir:

I am very pleased to learn that you are receiving substantial support in your work of making your annual canvas for financial support for the home maintenance fund.

I have known of the work of the Society for many years and have noted with pleasure that its usefulness is increasing each year. It is a pleasure to know that the Adams County Board, consisting of:

Judge Harry S. Dungan,
Mrs. F. Rutherford, and
Mrs. A. H. Brooke,

are giving you their good support and cooperation.

Wishing you success in your work and hoping that the Society will continue to prosper, I am

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Lloyd C. Thomas, Sec'y.

Billy—"What are you drawing, Jim?"

Jimmy—"Why, a dog."

Billy—"But where's its tail?"

Jimmy—"Oh, that's still in the ink bottle."—Boy's Life.

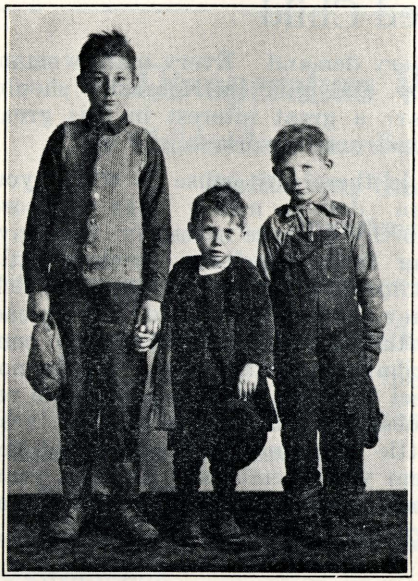
The Endowment Fund

What strength comes to an institution by having a safely invested Endowment Fund. What a sense of security in knowing something is steadily earning an income—that even in times of great financial distress some God given gift will help support the homeless, dependent little ones.

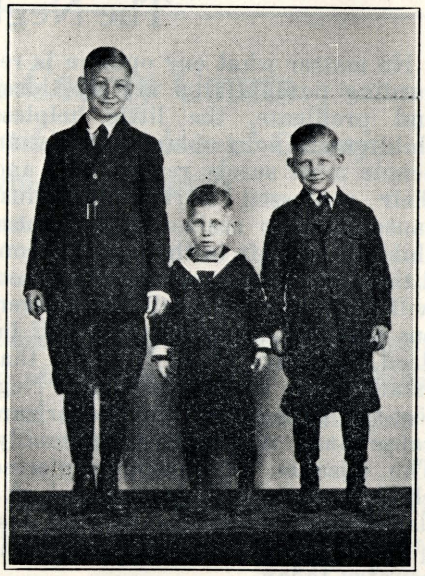
There are numerous ways of adding to our Endowment Fund. Many friends aware of the uncertainty of life and desiring to see their affairs settled according to their own desires, claim the privilege and pleasure of being their own executor and give their offering while living; of course this is satisfactory both to the benefactor and the beneficiary.

Others plan that their goodness—their help that has meant so much—shall be continued, and leave a bequest to the Children's Home Endowment Fund. It all means so much—this giving and receiving. It means the lifting of little children from want and dire distress; it means helping them to a bright future—giving them a chance, which every child should have.

Those who have money, but need the use of it while they live should investigate our income bond proposition illustrated on page 16.



Notice the neglected condition when received, life was a dismal gloom. All they ask is a chance—an opportunity to make good. Will we deny them this? The Nebraska Children's Home Society is behind these boys.



Four weeks later, now ready for a home, and are anxious to prove the Society made no mistake in giving them the opportunity to make good.

Comfort At Eventide

It has many times been averred and always with the utmost truth, that at no other time has a mother so strong a hold on the heart of a child as at nightfall—at bedtime. The little sin committed in the bright glare of sunlight did not prick at the time, and during the long sunny afternoon it seemed to have vanished from memory.

But whether the day's record was such as to cause regret or satisfaction, how comforting, how delightful it was to review it all in the loving presence of a kind mother. How faithfully she pointed out the faults, yet how indulgently she forgave them all. How hopefully she pointed to a better, brighter future, if only the child would be true to its best and highest impulses. And how fair was her smile as she regarded in thought the act of willing obedience! How quick and gratifying was recognition of the kindly, worthy deed! How her counsels made easy the prospect of the next day's endeavors! How firm and stimulating were her ready promises of oversight and assistance!

"I could not sleep unless Thy hand were
underneath my head,
That I might kiss it if I lay wakeful upon
my bed;
I lived two lives which seemed distinct,
yet which did intertwine;
One was my mother's—it is gone; the
other, Lord, was thine."

The Department of Public Welfare in Ohio is rendering a unique service in that it actually refuses to permit the building of orphanages or the establishment of new children's "Homes" or "agencies" until the need of the project has been shown.

The Neglected Child

No matter what our opinion is regarding parents who are worthless and profligate, the little helpless children are not to blame. Christian people must surely realize this, and their professed Christianity must cause them to realize that if these children are left in their pitiful conditions and surroundings, they, too, will grow up to worthless, dangerous manhood and womanhood, if indeed, they live at all to reach that estate, which thousands do not. Neglect and lack of food and proper care cause many of them to die annually. The question of raising neglected children to be an asset instead of a dangerous liability is the greatest question before the people of the country today.

The Nebraska Children's Home Society is well organized to meet this great demand and the only thing that curtails its activities is the lack of funds. If each person would do something regularly each year, the work could go on and meet every demand. Every man, woman, boy and girl in Nebraska should have a great interest in this great constructive work.

Is there any cause to which you can devote money that is more worthy or more necessary, than giving these hopeless, homeless little children a chance in life, to which they are surely entitled? We plead with all to make your yearly contributions to the work. We do not feel that this is an unreasonable request, do this for the sake of these little ones and if you have not yet sent your membership for this year, look below and choose the plan that will suit you.

A person to successfully place out and keep out homeless children must not only be endowed with natural ability but must be specially trained for their work. This is true of all that appertains to children—saving as well as training them.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Nebraska Children's Home Society has the following plans for membership:

We shall be pleased to have every one take out one of the following memberships, which will greatly assist in caring for and giving homes to the homeless orphaned children.

Please accept my enrollment as a member in the Nebraska Children's Home Society. (Check below the class of membership you wish.)

Name.....

Address.....

☐ General Membership.....$ 1.00 ☐ Sustaining Membership ....$ 25.00

☐ Family Membership .....$ 5.00 ☐ Service Membership.....$ 50.00

☐ Supporting Membership.....$10.00 ☐ Life Membership $100.00

Mail check today to Fred W. Thomas, Treasurer, Box 1095, Omaha, Neb.

Co-operation With County Courts

The Children's Home Society takes the place of County Institutions thus saving the county's investment and upkeep

Every county in the state has homeless and dependent children. Some counties commit them to state institutions, BUT most counties utilize the advantages offered by the Nebraska Children's Home Society, because—

First: We keep them out of institutions and place them in homes where they have the advantage of family life and normal environment.

Second: They are familiar with the kind of social work we do, and it appeals to them as the best way to solve their child welfare problems.

Third: This kind of service costs less than sending them to an institution. In institutions it costs $250.00 per year for the care of one child. It costs us only about $125.00 to take care of a normal, **placeable** child until it is 21 years of age, married or self-supporting. We don't charge that amount to the counties committing their dependent children to our care, but many counties contribute something to the support of their dependent children cared for by us. They think it pays, in dollars and cents as well as in citizenship.

We want every County Board and every Judge of the County and Juvenile Courts to know that all of the resources of the Nebraska Children's Home Society are placed at their disposal in solving any problem in child welfare that comes before them.

Michael O'Halloran says, "Jesus didn't say 'Suffer little children to go to the orphanage.' "

Every Child Needs a Mother

RECONSIDERATION

Our Dr. Tait, in canvassing one of our towns, recently called on a certain gentleman who did not make his annual contribution. The next day Dr. Tait received the following letter:

Rev. Wilson W. Tait, D. D.,
430 Omaha L. & B. Bldg.
Nebraska Children's Home Society,
Omaha, Nebraska.
My dear Mr. Tait:

Ever since you called on me last Friday I have had a feeling of discontent and the only reason that I know of is that I refused you the annual help for the homeless children of your institution.

I am enclosing you herewith my check and I know that while it is not as much as some men are able to give, yet I believe that a little help from everyone interested in little homeless children will provide for their health and happiness.

I certainly appreciate the good work done by your Children's Home Society, and I do not understand why I refused you the little assistance you asked for while here last week.

Yours very truly,
(Signed).....

No normal child should be compelled to live in an institution; every child has a right to a family home. A child-caring institution may do everything else for a homeless child, but it cannot love him. Noble as is the work of superintendents and matrons, there is one who can laugh at all their methods—she who can kiss away childish pains and tears, who can work miracles in child-training where institutional specialists and learned sociologists fail—a Mother!

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche, has accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction."

An atmosphere of love in the home is the environment a child needs in order to develop properly, both physically, mentally and morally.

—Anonymous.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees,
Nebraska Children's Home Society,
Omaha, Nebraska.
Gentlemen:

Complying with instructions, we have examined the financial records of the Nebraska Children's Home Society for the period of eight months ended December 31, 1923, and as the result of such examination we herewith submit Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period under review.

Ownership of investments was evidenced by statement submitted from Mr. F. W. Thomas, Treasurer. Cash in Bank was verified and duly reconciled against certificate furnished by the depository bank.

All receipts as shown by the records have been duly accounted for and the disbursements are sufficiently vouched and correctly stated.

Respectfully,
McConnell Moeller & Greenfield,
By Henry E. Moeller,
Certified Public Accountant.

THE CHILD

"Train up a child in the way he should go, is not so easy to do. The task is hard, though the text is short. And no man can recount the history of it. I think that the most wonderful book that could be written would be a book in which an angel should write all the thoughts that pass through a faithful mother's mind from the time that she first hears the cry of her child and knows that it is born into the world and rejoices in the midst of her griefs."

—H. W. Beecher.

Thumb the pages of history and you will find that the crash of empire frequently does not loom as large as a good deed.

Our Creed

THE Children's Home Societies place themselves on record as opposed to breaking up homes and separating children from their parents, when through remedial efforts it would be possible to keep parents and children together, but when it is necessary to remove them by due process of law, they stand ready to receive them, care for them and place them in choice Christian homes, carefully supervising until they become of age. Special attention is given to after-supervision of the children, to the end that they receive the care and advantages in life to which they are entitled.

The experience of the workers has led to the conviction that heredity plays a very much smaller part in the development and future character of the child than environment and that a child should not be embarrassed by its past history, its future being in the hands of its foster parents and the past is to be forgotten.

There is a strong desire that our Society co-operate with all other child welfare societies of the state, believing there should be no jealousy or personal ambitions in such Christian work.

Too great care cannot be exercised in drawing up and executing the legal papers that concern the welfare of the child.

The consensus of opinion is that the breaking up of a family should be the last resort and there should be a Court of Domestic Relations for adjustment of family difficulties, whereby it may not be necessary to remove a child and that in border line cases there may be conditional commitment of children by the court, but when a child for good cause is taken from natural parents and adopted by foster parents, that right is transferred to them, the new relation should be considered permanent and the natural parents not be allowed to interfere.

In view of the importance and value of this great work to the state, other appeals of the present should not be allowed to overshadow the pressing needs of our own dependent and unfortunate children.

While we have confidence that our national government will deal fairly and generously with the families of our soldier boys, yet in keeping with the sympathetic and broad principles of our general organizations in dealing with child welfare, we pledge ourselves to render any assistance to the needy children in such families, if occasion arises, that may legitimately come within the scope of our work.

THE NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Nebraska's Great Constructive Charity

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THE nature of these bonds is such, upon payment to it of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100) or any sum in excess thereof the Society covenants to pay the purchaser a yearly income thereon of 5% to 8% and continue said payment each year during the lifetime of the purchaser. The principal sum, thereafter to become the property of the Society, and to be used in its work of rescuing homeless children.

These bonds afford absolute security, the income is always paid promptly, they yield a higher income than ordinary bonds, they never fluctuate nor default. They may be purchased by persons of any age, they require no medical examination, they make provision for old age, they avoid the cost of settling estates and of state and inheritance taxes, they put money otherwise idle to the best use, and make a perpetual investment. Income checks will be mailed every six months.

Correspondence is invited. Ask all the information you wish. Address Rev. R. B. Ralls, State Superintendent, 430 Omaha Loan Building, Omaha, Neb.

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THIS Society doesn't deal in theories—it is facing conditions, conditions that every day are bearing down with brutal force upon helpless little children who are in no wise responsible for their sorry plight. We are meeting these conditions, and rescuing the children, as well as we know how, with the means given us. If our work is to be more effective, we must have your ordinary every-day human interest, your active, moral support. And, also, we need and must have money, or we will not be able to meet the demands that are upon us.

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NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY,
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