

# Caring for Homeless and Fatherless of Utah's Metropolis

It hath been said, "Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me."

Also, "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions."

To these noble ideas, the Kearns-St. Ann's Orphanage and the Orphan's Home and Day Nursery of Salt Lake City are dedicated. They are two charitable institutions of which the community may well be proud. Quietly, unostentatiously, the work of rescuing and caring for motherless and fatherless children is done by them, and the world never realizes the great good that they do.

St. Ann's orphanage has been a home to homeless children for more than 19 years. After leaving All Hallows' college, in 1889, Bishop Scanlan, with the parochial clergy, made his home in the old adobe building on First South and Third East streets. When he removed to the present parochial residence next to St. Mary's cathedral, in 1890, the old home, which was diocesan property, was turned into an orphanage. The place was originally purchased as a site for a cathedral, but it was not large enough, so Bishop Scanlan started an orphanage there on a small scale, at first. The doors were opened Oct. 15, 1891, and the institution was placed under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. At that time, there were only three sisters to attend to all of the work. But the demand for space soon pushed the old building to its fullest capacity, as it not only accommodated children of Salt Lake City, but from other points in Utah, and in a short time many children also came from Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada. The accommodations were limited, the buildings too small and the conditions unfavorable for the caring of so many little folks. Bishop Scanlan and the parochial clergy went about getting contributions from public spirited citizens, and not only Catholics, but charitable people of all creeds freely contributed. Perhaps the most munificent donation for that purpose ever given in this part of the country was that of Mrs. Thomas Kearns, who answered the urgent call for more funds by giving \$50,000, May 1, 1899.

## KEARNS ST. ANN'S ORPHANAGE

With such a foundation to start with, Bishop Scanlan resolved to build another and a larger orphanage, and accordingly the new St. Ann's orphanage was established on the present splendid site at Twelfth South and Fourth East streets. The corner stone was laid Sunday, Aug. 27, 1899, by Bishop Scanlan, those in attendance at the dedicatory exercises including Gov. Wells and the prominent men and women of Salt Lake City.

St. Ann's orphanage is situated in the center of a 16-acre block, and faces north, commanding a fine view of the mountains and the valley. The main building is 130 feet long, 80 feet wide, and 125 feet high from the ground to the point of the tower. The basement has a 5-foot ceiling, contains two large playgrounds, a main dining room hall, 25 by 70 feet and a big kitchen, pantries and store rooms. On the first floor are four class rooms; the main entrance hall and main corridor, drafting room, music room, parlor and two offices. A large veranda, extends along the front. The second floor gives ample space for a dormitory, divided into separate sections for the boys and girls besides wardrobes, lockers, two nursery chambers and four private rooms for the sisters. In the attic there is a pretty chapel which has a seating capacity of 500. In the rear of the main building is an annex, containing a fine, modern laundry, heating plant and toilet rooms. The main building

is made of red pressed brick, decorated with gray cut-stone trimmings. It has sleeping capacity for 250 children. The heating, lighting and ventilating systems are new and perfect in arrangement.

## TOTS ARE EDUCATED.

At present, 11 sisters of the Holy Cross take care of 175 children in St. Ann's orphanage, under the direction of Sister Martina, the superior. They conduct a splendid system of education, covering a wide range of subjects that will prepare the boys and girls for their future struggle with the outside world. The sisters are indeed good mothers to the fatherless and motherless tots, and the little ones seem to be quite contented. School classes in the various grades open at 9 o'clock in the morning. There is a recess from 10:45 to 11:15 o'clock. Then the children have time for recreation from 6:30 to 7:15 o'clock in the evening. The night prayers are held at 7:15 o'clock. Everybody must be in bed at 7:30 o'clock. The studies cover all of the common school branches, and besides, the girls are taught music by the sisters, the piano and violin being favorite instruments. The older girls also learn how to sew and patch clothes, and they help with the cooking and thus learn the culinary arts. Miss Cosgrave teaches a large class in stenography, and the students really develop exceptional speed and perfection in short hand. In fact, a number of the pupils at St. Ann's are holding good positions in various business offices in Salt Lake City now.

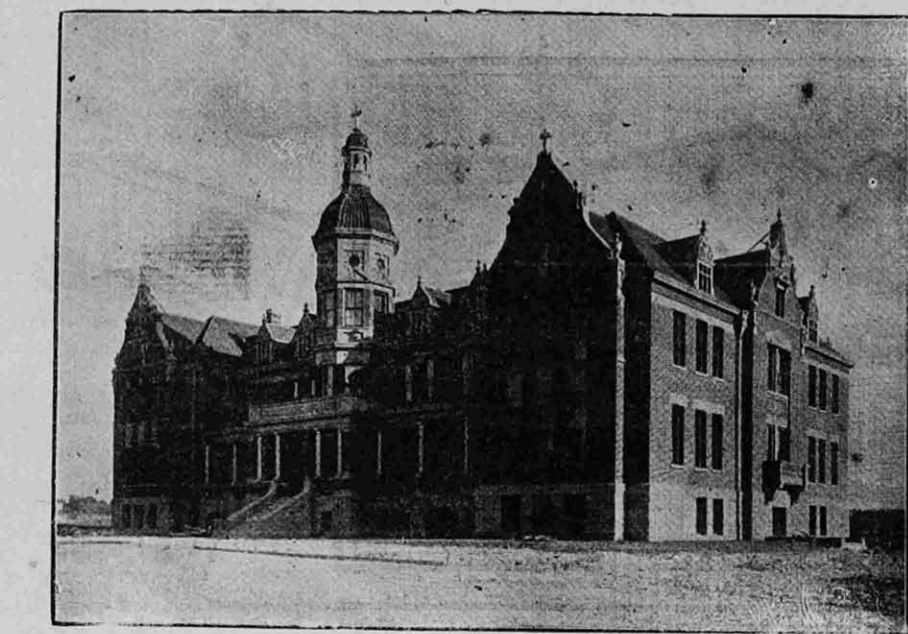
The table is set with good substantial food, and there is always an abundance. On holidays, Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's, the board groans with feasts of turkey and duck and other feast meats, besides all kinds of fruit and candies and nuts, which are sent out by a number of charitable people who donate banquets regularly.

The age limit runs from 2 to 14 years. St. Ann's, of course, is non-sectarian, and the only qualification for entrance is the fact that a child has been left homeless, or that one or both of the parents may be dead. The sisters of the Holy Cross reach out their protecting arms to all the little friendless tykes in the world.

One of the best features of this fine institution is the way in which the children are taught gardening. On holidays or Saturdays they help the old gardener, and on the 15 acres of good ground are raised all of the vegetables used in the orphanage.

## HOME AND DAY NURSERY.

One of the best institutions of its kind in the west is the Orphan's Home and Day Nursery, which is located at Twelfth South and State streets. The new home will be located at the corner of Tenth South and Twelfth East streets, where the association is building a magnificent structure at a cost of \$50,000. Into which the children will move next spring, when it is completed. The site of the old home has already been sold to the county for \$10,000, and will in future be used as a detention home in connection with the juvenile court. The money which accrued from the sale of the old place will be applied to the construction of the new home. There are now 50 children in the institution, but the new home will accommodate several hundred, and the board of managers is building for years to come, and it is probable that after the new home is completed, no additions will be necessary for at least 15 years. The new building will be 2 stories high, with a big attic. The association now owns two acres on the new site, and it is hoped that another will be added, as fruit trees, a garden, and grazing place for several cows are necessary. The home especially needs cows, as is evidenced by the fact that the monthly milk bills run as high as \$47. In the new building there will be a large receiving room, where the child will be bathed, and given a clean, new suit of clothes before being admitted to the large building.



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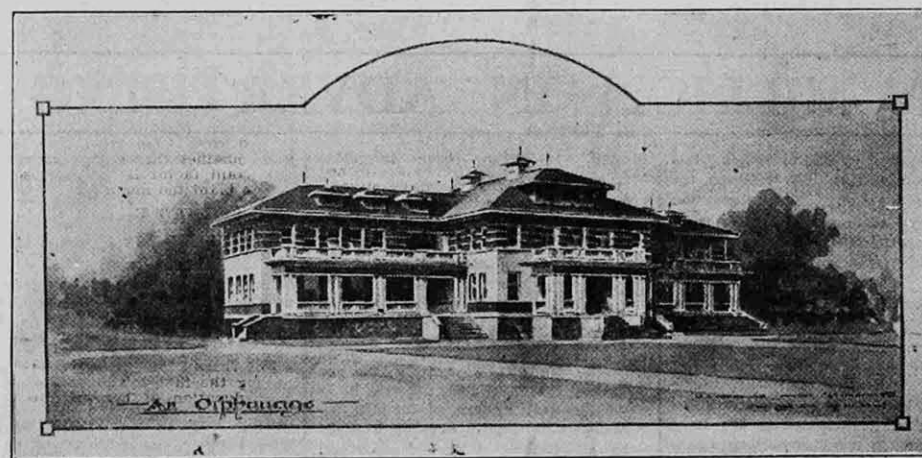
Handicapped in Past. The good women who have kept the Orphan's Home and Day Nursery going since it was founded 25 years ago

by the Rev. Mr. Putnam of the Episcopal church, have worked under many disadvantages. Though the charitable people of Salt Lake City have responded liberally whenever called upon, it has been difficult at times to make both ends meet. More money is absolutely necessary if the new home is to be carried to a success. Though \$50,000 must be used, only about \$17,000 is now available. Public spirited citizens and persons of wealth who are charitably inclined could find no worthier object for financial aid than this institution.

In the old building, the children had to carry water for bathing purposes upstairs. Such inconveniences have been obviated by the plans for the new building. There will also be big screened

sleeping porches for the youngsters in summer time. The board of managers expects to put up only the first wing, on the east, this year, and the rest of the building will be erected later on. It is thought that \$50,000 will just about pay for the building and furnishing of the east wing.

When the home broadens out in its scope in the new building, with increased accommodations, it will be necessary to carry a larger staff of employees. At present, Miss Minnie Crowder, the matron, is assisted by a nurse for the infants, a nurse for the "intermediates," a cook and a washerwoman. She needs more help to care for so many children. The ages run from tiny babies to boys and girls 14



ORPHANS' HOME AND DAY NURSERY NOW BEING ERECTED.

years old. The institution is non-sectarian.

Architect J. E. Headlund gave his services in drawing all of the plans for the new building, and he will also supervise every step of its construction without charge.

The children are sent to the public schools just as soon as they are old enough to go.

## OFFICERS IN CHARGE.

The officers of the Orphan's Home and Day Nursery association include Mesdames Rachel Miller, president, J. E. Oglesby, secretary, and Edwin Kimball, treasurer, who, together with the following, compose the board of directors: Mesdames I. E. Thorne, George R. Hancock, F. S. Richards, M. M. Johnson, C. R. Boyd, Wilma Dickert and Fred Wey.

Mrs. A. R. Gorham, chairman of the building committee and historian, is also an energetic member of the organization.

The children are well cared for. Miss Crowder is a kind hearted woman, and she has had much previous experience in this line of work. Although a strict disciplinarian, she tries to create a real homelike atmosphere in the place. The youngsters get plenty of good, substantial food, and on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's they enjoy the best in the land. Many private individuals take warm interest in the welfare and happiness of the fatherless and motherless "kiddies," and they are often entertained at pleasure resorts and usually take in the circus. Several fraternal organizations also do many kind things for the little folks.

## Hancock Brothers

BIGGEST WHOLESALE PRODUCE HOUSE IN UTAH.

FIFTEEN years ago a young man came to Salt Lake, and at once began making an honest living in the capacity of a humble fruit peddler. He was energetic, resourceful, and presently his thrift was apparent. A few years, and he, assisted by two brothers, mustered their courage, and opened a modest wholesale fruit and produce house. Today they own the largest wholesale produce house in the state.

That persevering young man is none other than I. A. Hancock, manager; the brothers are J. A. Hancock and Edward Hancock of the big wholesale house of Hancock Brothers, commission Merchants, 35-37-39 Richards St., Salt Lake City.

The foregoing is but a glance at the birth and remarkable growth of one of Utah's most successful business houses. To the imagination of the reader is left the trials, the discouragement, the mistakes that beset the path of those courageous boys. But they were big enough and brave enough to stick to the helm in the face of financial storms, that would have wrecked weaker hearts. And today Hancock Brothers boast the biggest and liveliest wholesale house in Utah.

The honor is well deserved. They fought a fair, square fight and won out. No wonder they feel to congratulate themselves. Who wouldn't? Hancock Brothers' principal office is in Richards street, but they have recently absorbed two other houses, thereby increasing their volume of business and storage capacity. They employ a force of 25 with a monthly pay roll of \$2,000. The office building floor space is 54 by 100, with a basement for 20,000 boxes of apples. The day The News reporter called it held

(besides tons of bananas, etc.) 20,408 boxes of apples worth \$150 a box, total value, \$3,060,000. This is but one item of their mammoth business. They handle fully 500 carloads a year, besides an express business of 25,000 to 30,000 cases. But everything is on a large scale. Carloads of oranges, lemons, potatoes, eggs, wheat, oats, hay, butter, etc. From California, the west, Florida on the south, New Jersey on the east come carloads to fill Hancock Brothers' immense home demand. This is the only Utah firm importing strawberries in carload lots, worth \$1,800; mostly from California. First Utah, Idaho and neighboring states are called; the supply insufficient they then go abroad. Today from Nebraska came a carload of eggs; valued at \$3,400; yesterday a car of cranberries from New Jersey, worth \$3,000. They even get pine nuts in car lots; worth \$3,000. A car of cheese is worth \$3,000; a car of pine apples \$1,000.

Bear River Valley and Price furnish most of the home-grown apples. The amount of Utah stuff handled is very large. Canned goods are bought and sold in large quantities.

The latter part of November this firm received the first carload of Navel oranges shipped out of California. This year, these were placed in the ripening cellar where in less than a week the green, sour oranges ripened into sweet, yellow fruit, tempting to the most fastidious. They also have their ripening banana cellars operating successfully.

The success, the growth of Hancock Brothers firm in the past eight short years has been truly remarkable—a worthy pattern for other young men, men who imagine they must have a bank account to "do things." Energy, honesty, perseverance are worth a dozen bank accounts in the battle for success.

## Daynes Optical Co.

A FIRM THAT KEEPS WELL IN THE LEAD.

THE day has arrived when most people desiring glasses fitted to defective eyes, go straight to the manufacturing house itself. This accounts for the rapidly increasing business at 55 Main street by the Daynes Optical company. This branch of the business embraces an up-to-date testing room equipped with all modern instruments for determining and correcting defective eye sight of every nature. Ray C. Kingsley and J. E. Broadbent, the two well known expert refractometers, are in charge of this department. Their past satisfactory work is all-sufficient recommendation. They do the most skilled refractive work, as numerous pleased patrons will cheerfully testify.

The factory connected with the establishment does all kinds of grinding work, furnishing supplies for many of

the leading oculists of Utah and the surrounding states. Work where the nicest precision is required is handled, among other things the New Invention Kryptok Bifocal lens. Everything in this line can be furnished on short notice, and at very moderate prices.

The retail and wholesale store carries a complete line of optical goods, magnifying glasses, etc. Satisfaction is guaranteed under all circumstances. The manager of the firm is J. W. McMurrin, Jr., the president being that well known young business hustler, Royal W. Daynes.

The Daynes Optical company today holds a most enviable position in the confidence of the people of Utah and neighboring states. It justly merits its present A No. 1 standing, a position achieved only by honest, conscientious effort.

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The smelting plant of the company now being erected in Pine Canyon, Utah, will be in operation early in 1910