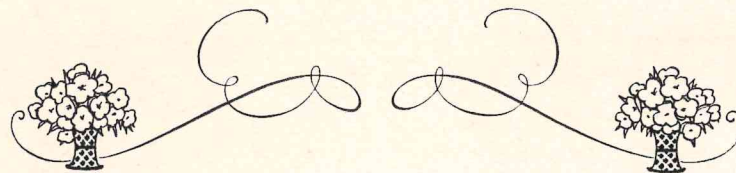


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TAKE the time to see, first hand, the delightful results of public philanthropy. In a great city it is a common sight to see District Nurses hurrying along the highways and byways on their noble missions of care and comfort; your smile of genuine pleasure is warranted when you behold shouting, horn-blowing kiddies on their joyful way to a summer outing; blind men happily working at the simple tasks of chair-caning; wan-faced convalescents breathing the open air on sun-bathed hospital porches; kindly old folks timidly walking about new found homes; a row of baby carriages in the garden of a city institution—all these are visible evidences of community responsibility and community understanding.

But, who are these people in whom such interest is taken? Are they strangers among us who cannot find places in the general scheme of living? Are their problems, perplexities and handicaps more serious than is generally experienced by the average person? The answers to these questions may be found in the discoveries

of those who have taken the time to see what it is all about, those who have met and known the young, old and middle-aged in the great family that the Providence Community Fund, through its member agencies, is striving to make happy, comfortable and well.

If you would know for yourself the results of the community's great concern for those who find the problems and handicaps of life a bit too difficult to surmount then visit the social service agencies which make up the complete membership of the Providence Community Fund, and plan one of your first calls to include the HOME FOR AGED COLORED WOMEN, located at 45 East Transit Street in Providence.

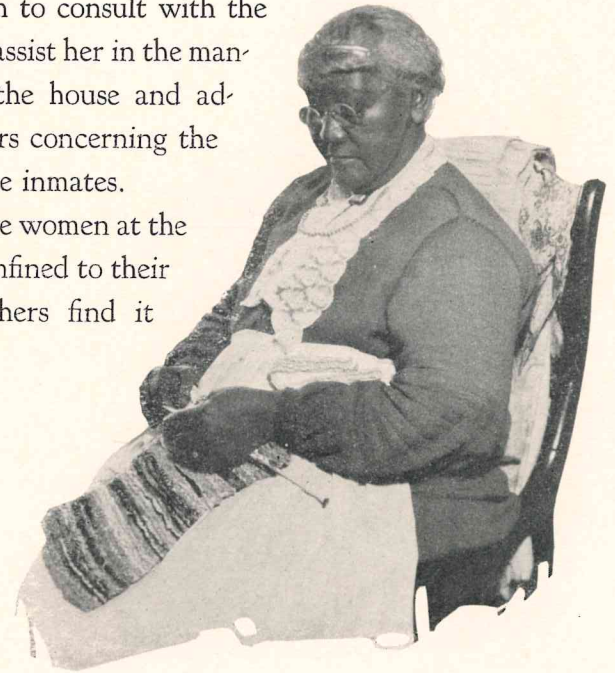
In this cheery, comfortable and cozy household lives nearly a score of women who are finding true happiness in the twilight of life. Here, in an atmosphere of peace and contentment, is an ever-changing group of kindly old people who have done their tasks well but must now look to you for the ordinary comforts and care which is rightfully theirs.

The experiences of most of those who seek the hospitality of the Home are not dissimilar. Sickness, deaths, loss of family and friends, old age handicaps, inability to work and then—a great many things might happen

were it not for institutions such as this one. The case of each person is thoroughly investigated before admission to the Home in order that only those who are deserving may be given the privileges of life-long abode among congenial and happy companions.

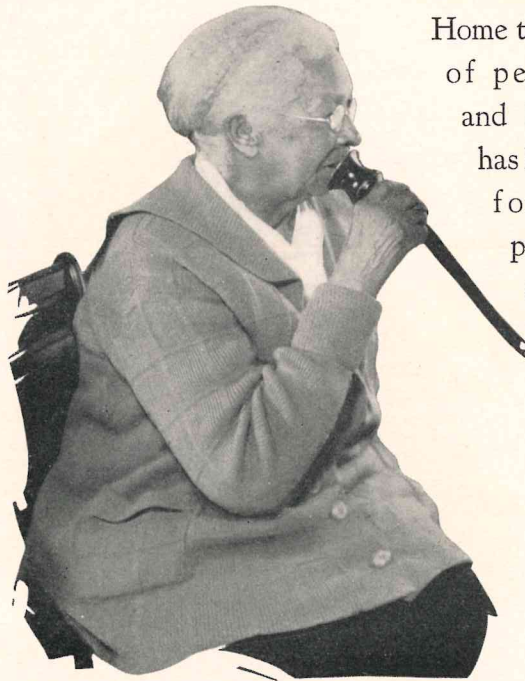
This Home for Aged Colored Women was founded in 1890 and is now controlled by a corporation which annually elects six or more managers one of whom visits the Home at least once a week during the period of one month to consult with the Matron and assist her in the management of the house and advise in matters concerning the welfare of the inmates.

Some of the women at the Home are confined to their beds and others find it



difficult to move a great distance from their rooms—these women are given special attention by the attendants, and also by those who have found the time to visit and provide the simple attentions which mean so much to people who see little of the outside world. For several years the “life of the Home” was Mrs. Postenor Fish who, hard-of-hearing and bed-ridden, spread sunshine and cheer among the young and old that came to call on her.

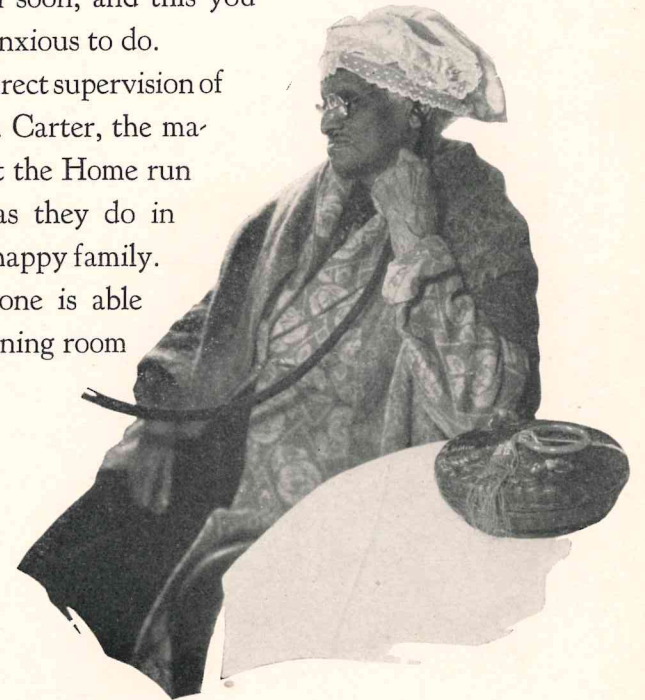
Mrs. Fish has gone from the Home to her eternal abode of peace, contentment and happiness but she has left behind with her former companions, personal friends and admirers a pleasant memory of one



who completely personified “genuine appreciation.”

There is one impression that a visitor to the Home invariably receives. All who live there seem to be absolutely contented and anxious to extend hospitality. Go into one of the neat and tidy rooms and there you will find a cheery soul who will, perhaps, show you some of her sewing-basket treasures, smilingly tell you about where she used to live, and send you away with a promise to come again soon, and this you will be most anxious to do.

Under the direct supervision of Mrs. Flora A. Carter, the matron, things at the Home run along about as they do in any large and happy family. Almost everyone is able to go to the dining room



for meals, always the occasion for pleasantries and cheerful conversation. Some of the women are strong enough to assist the attendants in the duties of general house-keeping, so that, as you might well expect, the Home is spotless from top to bottom, reflecting the inherent neatness and cleanliness of the people for whom this institution is maintained.

After all, true happiness in this world rests in the belief that one is doing his or her utmost to share with others those things which are theirs by right. If your own days are to be long, and happy, and blessed with peace, then seek out those upon whom the shadows of life are slowly falling—for a cheery word, a passing pleasantry, and a smile of encouragement your reward shall be rich.



HOME FOR AGED COLORED WOMEN

in account with

ALICE H. R. COOKE, *Treasurer*

For the Year Ending December 31, 1928

INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Admissions	\$750.00	
Donations	139.99	
Interest and Dividends.....	1,368.17	
Life Insurance Premiums.....	9.96	
Providence Community Fund, Inc.....	4,960.09	
		\$7,228.21

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$2,612.90	
Telephone	59.50	
Postage, Express, Stationery and Advertising	107.31	
Heat, Light, Water, Gas and Ashes.....	696.27	
Interest	12.08	
Insurance Premiums	16.05	
Care of Burial Lot.....	75.00	
Rent of Safe.....	6.00	
Food, Ice and Milk.....	2,564.86	
Medical	98.88	
Household Expense	26.00	
Repairs to Household Equipment, Clothing, etc.	29.89	
Care of Grounds.....	6.85	
Repairs to Building and Furniture, and New Furniture.....	621.79	
Gifts to Doctor and Employees.....	30.83	
Burials	260.00	
Legal Expense.....	4.00	
		\$7,228.21

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