

Our Remembrancer. &

"I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." – 2 Peter III.1

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THE DAY NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN.

After considerable inquiry as to the extent of the need, conducted chiefly by the deaconesses, it was determined to open a DAY NURSERY for the care of infants and little children whose mothers would be competent to support their families if their hands might be left free during the day time, and a kindergarten for little children too young to enter the public schools, but not too young to learn evil in the streets. A committee of five ladies was appointed – Mrs. L. J. Knowles, Mrs. E. W. Vaill, Mrs. Abbie S. Kimball, Mrs. C. F. Mann and Mrs. W. H. Drury, and the house No. 145 Southbridge St. was rented.

After careful search by the committee, Miss Eliza Baylies, of Boston was engaged as kindergartener, and Miss Nellie E. Cheever of this city, as matron of the nursery.

The following reports are now presented to the church covering the work to April 1st:

Kindergartener's Report.

The kindergarten under my charge opened the 19th of November with six children, varying in age from four to six years, ignorant as to what was to be taught them, yet with eager and expectant faces, willing to receive anything I would give them. The number steadily increased until the middle of December, the average attendance being then about fifteen daily. Most of the number were under five years of age. After this time the weather grew very inclement, and necessarily prevented the younger ones from coming, especially those living at a distance. By the kindness of certain ladies, the most needy were provided with proper clothing, such as rubbers, shoes, stockings, and pants for some of the boys without which they could not have attended. With better weather the number has increased, until at the present time there are twenty-nine names of regular attendants on my book. The largest attendance has been twenty-