



[Cover - Brantford
Orphans' Home.
Album]

INMATES

ORPHAN'S HOME.

phans' Home in Brantford was formally opened. The attendance on the occasion was very large, and was composed of our most prominent citizens who attend the various churches. We noticed present: Judge Jones, Rev. J. C. Usher and wife (Episcopalian) Rev. J. Gemley and wife (Methodist) Rev. John Wood and wife (Congregational) Rev. J. Lowry and wife (Presbyterian) Rev. Wm. Stewart and wife (Baptist) Sheriff Smith and wife, County Attorney VanNorman and wife, Alfred Watts and wife, Thomas Botham and wife, W. H. Stratford and Mrs. John Stratford. H. W. Brethour and wife, I. Cockshutt and wife, Dr. Corson and wife, D. Plewes and wife, R. Sproule and wife, B. G. Tisdale and wife, W. Buck and wife, James Wood-yatt and wife, H. C. Waterous and wife, T. Cowherd and wife, Francis Foster, Mrs. Carey, E. Brophy and wife, W. C. Scott, J. Hale, Mrs. T. B. McMahon, Mrs. Racey, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Cochrane, F. Leonard and wife, James Wilkes and wife, Mrs. Blackader, Dr. Tufford and wife, Dr. Griffin, E. Roy and wife, Thos. Broughton and daughters, Robert Mathison and wife, Jas. Wallace and wife, W. Watt and wife, Chas. Duncan and wife, John Montgomery and wife. Allen Cleghorn and sister, John Taylor, James Moore and wife, J. B. Meacham and wife, Alex. Robertson, John Edgar and wife, Henry Wade and wife, A. W. Smith and wife, F. Ellis, George Foster and wife, M. Whitham and wife, C. Jarvis and wife, B. F. Fitch and wife, John Pierce and wife, D. Brooke, J. D. Clement and wife, C. Powley and wife, — McKenzie, Esq., Toronto; Mr. Belding and wife, Mr. Welding and wife, F. P. Goold and wife, and others.

The Home is a substantial brick building, situated on Sheridan street, one of the most healthy parts of the town. Its very appearance outside gives token of neatness and comfort within. On entering, we are ushered into the reception room, which is tastefully furnished. On the lower flat is the school room, dining room, kitchen and spare room. Up stairs are the bed rooms, bath room, the private rooms of the matron, and a room in which the little people will prepare their lessons and engage in such recreation as may be provided. The object of the institution is to afford a HOME for female orphans who are friendless. After they have arrived at an age when they can earn their own livelihood, they will be put out as servants and apprentices, and their future will be strictly looked after.

ters, and Mrs. Shenston. Miss Shenston (the matron) and the assistants were very attentive in shewing them through the building. All was neatness, cleanliness and good order; the bed room for the inmates is especially fitted up with due regard to comfort. After all present had inspected the interior, they were called together in the dining room and kitchen.— Judge Jones occupied the chair, and short addresses were delivered by Mr. D. Brooke. Mr. C. Duncan, Rev. J. C. Usher, Mr. Shenston and Mr. Cockshutt. The Revs. W. Stewart, J. Gemley, J. Wood, and T. Lowry also took part in the exercises. The Baptist Church choir was also present, under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Smith. Mr. Shenston gave an account of how the Home was first thought of, and in what manner it had assumed a reality. The idea was conceived by Mr. Shenston, and with the object in view he called upon Mr. Cockshutt and asked him to co-operate with him in the undertaking. Mr. Cockshutt assented, bought the ground and erected the building at an expense of \$4000 or \$5000, besides giving \$100 towards furnishing it. Mr. Shenston intends to provide for fifteen orphan children out of his own means, and if more than that number seek admission he will then make a call on the charitably disposed; and we feel assured that when he does ask for aid the request will be cheerfully complied with. The Home will accommodate 30 inmates. The little ones will be made as happy as possible, so that they may look back upon the time spent within its walls with pleasure. Great attention will be paid to religious exercises and to training the children's minds to the orderly observance of the Sabbath, so that by the time they become able to understand the Christian duties before them, they will the more readily and naturally fall into proper habits. On Sunday they will attend the Baptist Church under the charge of the matron—her usual place of worship. Miss Shenston, sister to Mr. S., will be matron, and we do not think a better selection could be made; she very generously gives all her time and attention to the duties for nothing. Dr. Corson consented with pleasure to act as Physician for one year free of charge. Mr. Shenston will have the entire management in his hands, and those who know him will at once say that he is the right man.

All who were at the opening of the Home felt thankful that the Lord had put it into the hearts of Mr. Shenston and Mr. Cockshutt to undertake the good work, as they are no doubt animated with the purest motives for the benefit of the helpless orphans who may seek refuge within its walls. We understand three orphan girls will be ad-

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[Brantford Orphans' Home]



[Brantford Street scene showing two churches]



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The Lessee of the "Home"

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Mr. Thomas S. Shenston
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Mrs. Mary Shenston
wife of
Thos. S. Shenston

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No 1.



Isabel Cowthard. was
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She was born in Brantford May 28. 1864. Her
father died in Brantford Jan'y 12. 1868.
She has three brothers & 4 sister living, of
whom she is the youngest but one.
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No 2.



Lillie Marlatt was received into
the "Home" March 1st 1869. She
was born (a twin) in village of Ancaster March
16th 1866. Her mother died when she was but eight
days old. Her father (Elkanah Marlatt) now
lives in Beamsville a worthless drunkard, and
he has never seen his child or done any
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Mary Jane Ward was received into the "Home" January 31st, 1869. She was born at [blank] County of Simcoe July 21st, 1862. Her mother's name is Mary Ann & lives in Brantford and her father's (?) John who lives in the U.S. Mrs. W. says that her husband is a drunkard & worthless & that they separated by mutual consent each taking some of the children. Common report says differently. In every respect it was a wretched place from which Mary Jane was taken.

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No. 4.



Clara Jones was received into
the Home April 5th 1869.

She was born at Febry 16th 1861. Her
father died in Goderich July 16th 1860.
Her mother (Margaret) married in Woodstock
a man named Hammond who proved to be a very
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Sarah Barlow was received into the "Home" April 19th 1869. She was born in Brantford (the next house East of the "Home") June 16th 1864. Her mother is not married and is a very bad woman. Her father's name is Lxxxx, a worthless man now residing in Brantford. Neither father or mother has taken any care of her. The Town Council paid Mrs Mullholland for taking care of her till she was received in the "Home".

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No. 6.



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Mary Williams was received into
the "Home" April 30th 1869.
She is an Indian from Munceytown
aged "between 4 & 5". Her mother is
dead and her father very poor &
blind. She was brought by Mr. Thomas
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Indian from Munceytown. "About
9 years old." Her mother died about
a month ago and father poor & sick.
She could not be induced to sit for
her photograph. She and her sister Elizabeth
both attempted time & again to run away
nor would they make any attempt to
learn English. She was sent home May 25/69.
She wept when she came to bid good bye.

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No. 8.

[Transcription]

Elizabeth Thomas was received into the "Home" April 30th, 1869. She also was an Indian from Munceytown, and a sister to Ellen, and the same remarks in every particular apply equally to her as were made on the opposite page in relation to Ellen. She also wept when she came to bid "good bye."

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No 9.



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Eliza Emma Scott was received
into the Home May 13th 1869.

She was born at Dec^r 7th 1860.
Her father (William) died in Oakland
Co. Brant, March 9th 1868, leaving her
mother and children in very des-
tute circumstances, so much so that
she has been, in a good measure, sup-
ported by charity ever since her
husband's sickness.
P.O. address of mother, Oakland, (Mary Jane)

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No. 10.



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[Transcription]

Julia Ann Clement was rec'd into the "Home" May 17th, 1869. She was born at [blank] 17, 1866. Her father died at Wolverton June 1st, 1868, leaving a widow with 7 children in very destitute circumstances. The little furniture she had was recently dest. by fire. Finding it impossible to keep her family together she placed them all out in order to work out herself. Julia Ann is the youngest.

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[Transcription]

Mary Ann Johnston was received into the Home June 15th, 1869. She was born [blank]. Her father who was a poor, drunken worthless man died when she was an infant and her mother has been in the asylum some eight years. They lived in Onandaga. She has lived with her uncle Wm. Dulton since she was two or three years of age. She has attended both day school and S. School a little. Is about 12 years old.

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No. 12



[Transcription]

Lousie Peters was received into the "Home" June 17th, 1869. She was born Oct. __, 1863. Her mother died when she was two months old & her father about 2 years ago. She has two brothers living. Brought to the Home by Mrs. Liza (or Eliza) Simons, with whom Lousie has been living for the last 14 months. Lousie's friends are all very poor. She is a Delaware Indian. Address any letter to Mrs. Eliza Simons, Willowgrove P.O. Haldiman. L. has been vaccinated.

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Georgianna Bennett
was received into the "Home" April
1870 She was born in England and
sent out by a Mr. Geo. Wilson. She
sailed from Liverpool in the "Austrian"
in care of a Mrs. Edwards. Her
parents are dead. She has one sister
and one brother and is about 6
years of age.

[Transcription]

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Mary Slats

Was received into the "Home" Feb 2, 1870
She is an Indian from Mohawk
eight age not known should think about
12 Her mother is dead and her father
is a worthless drunkard. She has
2 brothers and one sister was
brought to the "Home" by Mr. Garlow
She could not speak English.

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[Transcription]

Charlotte Ann Wadsworth was rec'd into the "Home" April 30, 1870. She sailed from Liverpool in company with Georgie Bennett see page [blank] sent out also by Mr. Wilson. Her parents are dead. She has two sisters and is about 7 years of age.

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[Transcription]

Sarah Allen arrived at the "Home" June 16, 1870 from St. Luke's workhouse London Eng where her mother died of consumption. Her father who was a worthless drunkard is also dead. She was sent out by the Rev'd A. Styleman Herring in the "Prussian" in care of Emma Garrard. She was 14 years of age on the 24 May /70. She has 1 brother and 4 sisters one Mary Ann came out with her. Can read but very little.

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Catharine Garey

Was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th 1870 she
came from the same place and on the
same "ship" with Sarah Allen. Her mother
also died at St. Luke's and her father died
some years before. She has one brother &
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Ellen Saunders

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also from St Luke's Parents dead.
She has two Brothers and one sister.
Her age is about 5 years*

[Transcription]

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Annie Garey

Was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th 1870
She came in company with her
sister Catharine, aged about 8

[Transcription]

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Mary Ann Allen.

Was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th 1870
She came in company with her
sister (Sarah). Her age was 10 on the
5th Aug. / 1870

[Transcription]

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Louisa Folks

Was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th 1870
She came from St Luke's Workhouse
London Eng - Her Parents are dead
Has two Brothers and two sisters
She is about 6 years of age.

[Transcription]

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Lucy Mills

Was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th 1870
Also from St. Luke's her father died
in the Hospital and her mother in
the Workhouse she has 1 brother &
two sisters her age was 10 on
the 28 Oct 1870

[Transcription]

Lucy Mills was rec'd into the "Home" June 16th, 1870. Also from St. Luke's. Her father died in the Hospital and her mother in the Workhouse. She has 1 brother & two sisters. Her age was 10 on the 28 Oct. 1870.



[Transcription]

Elizath Burn was rec'd in the "Home" June 16th, 1870. Came from London, Eng. on the Prussian. Her Mother died when she was an infant & after the death of her father was cruelly treated by her Brother which Caused her to run away several times. When found the last time she preferred going to St. Luke's Workhouse rather than return with her brother. Has 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Her age about 10 years.

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Annie Godfrey

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Her parents are dead (both),
Has two brothers. Her age
8 and 8 years

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Wm C. Corson M.D.
Physician
for the 'Home'

[Transcription]

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Miss Lizzie Dimmick
2^o Teacher of the
"Home."

[Transcription]

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Yours Sincerely,
A. Styleman Herring

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[Transcription]

Yours Sincerely,
A. Styleman Herring



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[Transcription]

Kelly Taylor was found by Mr. Hudson on his door steps one night. She said that she had been brought from Ondaga by her father a few days before & forsaken by him. Was rec'd into the "Home" Aug. 2nd, 1871 was in a very destitute condition. Her mother is dead & her father a drunkard. Has a sister now in jail. Is between 9 and 10 years of age.

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Elizabeth Ann Hill
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7" 1870. She is partly Indian
but speaks English. Was brought
by Mr. Burk. Her mother is dead
& her father a drunkard. Is about
6 yrs of age.

[Transcription]

Elizabeth Ann Hill was rec'd into the "Home" Jan. 7, 1870. She is partly Indian but speaks English. Was brought by Mr. Burk. Her mother is dead & her father a drunkard. Is about 6 years of age.