

## BOARD CONDEMS HOME

American Rescue Workers, Orangeburg, Lose License.

The American Rescue Workers' home, located at Orangeburg, has been investigated by G. Croft Williams, secretary, and LeRoy M. Salvo, fiscal agent for the state board of public welfare, and condemned. Mr. Williams says in his report that he does not believe that this institution is serving any worthy purpose and that it should not have the support of either the citizens of Orangeburg or those of the other parts of the state. From the results of this investigation, this board has withdrawn the license of the Rescue Workers of Orangeburg.

## Sanitary Conditions Bad.

Mr. Williams says in his report that sanitary conditions of the home are so bad as to be a menace to health in the city of Orangeburg. He also says that some of the former inmates were diseased and did not receive medical attention, especially was this the case among women inmates.

"The plant of the Rescue home is a two and a half story frame dwelling house, which is old and unpainted, according to Mr. Williams's report. It has a drab and forbidding appearance. There is no running water. Oil lamps are used. Heating is done by stoves.

"The first floor contains a dining room, kitchen, bedroom for children, and an office. The walls are soiled and smoke stained. The second floor contains four bedrooms. The walls of these rooms were lately calcined. They are furnished with double beds, several dressers and other odd pieces of furniture. The third floor contains two bedrooms. The furniture of the house consists of 16 double beds, a few chairs, two dining tables and other pieces of various types and patterns. Cleanliness, cheerfulness and comfort, conditions that should contain in all rescue homes, are lacking.

"The front and back yards and garden were clean, but there was a lack of flowers. Indeed, the whole lacked color. A spigot in the side yard furnishes water for the institution.

"The Rescue Workers' home is not for the permanent care of inmates, it only takes emergency cases. Its occupants therefore are transient. This must be borne in mind in judging of the plant and its facilities. We were informed that the inmates came not only from the city of Orangeburg but also from different parts of South Carolina and from adjoining states.

## Staff Workers.

"The staff workers consist of Major Griggs, Mrs. Griggs, Captain Griggs, the major's 16 year old boy, and Captain Holland. The inmates consist of a feeble-minded woman and her four months' old child. We were informed that religious exercises consisted of a blessing before and after meals and prayer meetings when emergencies arise. Major Griggs reported that he had placed out 12 children in the last year. We found no records of these children's foster homes, nor how they were progressing in them. As far as we could ascertain there is practically no supervision given to them, nor is there any one on the staff competent to do this work.

"Only one record book is kept. This is an account in a weekly report book. It is impossible to audit the accounts of the American Rescue Workers of Orangeburg from the meager facts now in their possession. The report sworn to by Major Griggs is evidently only a general approximation when it comes to the spiritual treatment and the reports of the relief department and rescue department. The major was evidently enamored of the decimal system of notation when he made out this report, as most of the items are in tens or multiples thereof. Recently the mayor of Orangeburg forbade the American Rescue Workers of America to solicit funds on the streets of that city. This action was taken because the mayor believed that the Rescue Workers' home was not properly conducted. We commend the mayor for this action, as it was done in the best interests of the citizens of Orangeburg and of the social agencies there that are endeavoring to help those who are dependent or delinquent.

"For the reasons set forth in the preceding paragraphs we do not believe that the institution is serving any worthy purpose, nor should it have the support of either the citizens of Orangeburg or those of the other parts of this state. On these grounds the state board of public welfare has withdrawn the license of the Rescue Workers of Orangeburg."

## A Lower Pitch.

She ran and she rang: "I will hang my harp on a willow tree-e. I will hang my harp on a willow tree-e." each time breaking on the high note.

Finally the patient father from the next room ventured: "Better hang it on a lower branch, Liz."

## WILL REVEALS TRAGEDY.

Former Columbian Estranged From Wife Nearly 27 Years Ago.

The filing of the will of Richard Lloyd Clarke, international lawyer and author, in New York recently revealed a domestic tragedy that has been kept secret 27 years. Mr. Clarke was a native of Columbia while Mrs. Felicite F. Clarke, the woman in the tragedy, was the daughter of John Fox, a former resident of Charleston. The New York World tells the story as follows:

"The will bequeathing the greater part of the estate to Miss A. Corralie Hallett, whose address is given as the Hotel Richmond, Atlantic City, makes no reference to a wife, but the petition accompanying it discloses that Clarke left one in Mrs. Felicite F. Clarke, who is living at the Rutledge Hotel for Women, Thirtieth street and Lexington avenue.

"At the hotel last evening a reporter for The World found a bright-eyed woman, who married Richard Floyd Clarke, then a young attorney, in 1888.

"She and Miss Hallett, she said, were schoolmates more than 40 years ago in the Sacred Heart convent in Manhattaville. Mrs. Clarke was then Miss Felicite Fox, daughter of

John Fox of the ship firm of Livingston, Fox & Co. Her father came from Charleston, S. C., her mother from New Orleans. Clarke, whom she married at the age of 23, was born in Columbia, S. C., in 1859.

"A year after their marriage, according to Mrs. Clarke, Miss Hallett came to New York and lived in their home off and on for five years. In 1894 Mrs. Clarke and her husband separated. Of recent years Mr. Clarke has had bachelor quarters at 353 West Fifty-seventh street and in Stony Creek, Conn., where he died on September 16 last.

"Meanwhile, Mrs. Clarke's attitude during the 27 years she had lived alone is best described in words which she herself used last night.

"It was up to me to throw the first stone and I never cast it," she said. Her husband told her, she said, that he cared for Miss Hallett, but Mrs. Clarke never took legal steps against him. She had preferred, she said, to live apart on money inherited from her parents in silence. Her own life since then, she described, as 27 years of starved existence. Yet her chief concern last night was that people would not say unkind things about Mr. Clarke.

"He was my husband and I loved him dearly and I wouldn't want to have people say anything that would

reflect against him even now," she said.

"Miss Hallett is made the beneficiary by Clarke of two trust funds totaling \$50,000. In addition she receives his stock in the Atala Land corporation, his house furnishings, his boats, including the launch Atala and four-tenths of the residue. The remaining six-tenths, after bequests to friends and employees, is divided among seven women described either in the will or by Mrs. Clarke as cousins or distant relatives.

"Household silver and plate which Clarke says was owned by his father

and mother and buried during Sherman's march to the sea in the Confederate war, is left to a cousin, Mrs. Charles F. Jones, of Daytona, Fla. Henry S. Fleming of 2 East Sixty-fifth street is appointed executor.

"Clarke was the attorney retained by the father of Porter Charlton in 1910 to fight his extradition to Italy on the charge of murdering his wife at Lake Como. He was a member of the New York-Southern Italy society, University, New York Yacht, Larchmont Yacht, Atlantic Yacht and Manhattan chess clubs and Down town Arion."

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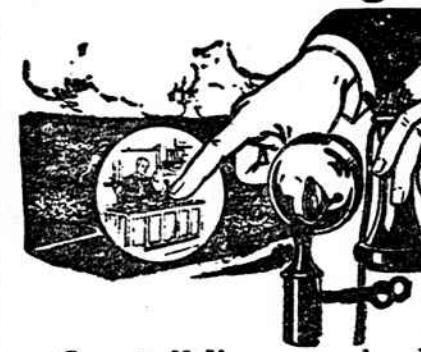
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