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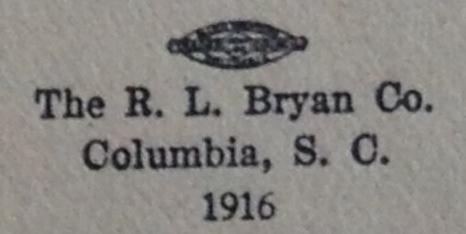
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They took care of the little girl; she responded to treatment. She began to get back her color; her flesh came back, and she grew in affection with every one who knew her or came in contact with her, and without repeating the details of her recovery, I will say that child has been restored to health and the color restored to her cheeks, and she is now a beautiful, healthy, pink-cheeked little child. The way that child had bound herself around the hearts of those nurses and physicians was manifested in the outpouring in front of that institution when the time came for her to go; she cried and cried, saying she did not want to go; and I say, to the credit of those physicians, that they had to turn away to hide tears that were running down their cheeks.

I want to recite just one other case. It was the case of a young woman, who, after giving birth to a child, had taken up her home duties. She had been accustomed to cook and to wash, bring water, and in the stress of those labors she had broken down in health, and finally had to be brought to this institution. Her husband would write to make inquiry about her. At first those inquiries came regularly, but finally they told him that there was no hope of her recovery, and finally in despair and hopelessness he gave up all effort to find out about her. About that time Dr. Sandy came here and took charge of that part of the institution, and at daily meetings every case is taken up and considered, and in this way Dr. Sandy had made inquiry of the conditions under which these unfortunates had lived while at their homes. Having learned of the work she had been doing at home, the doctor, after getting in touch with her husband, arranged for the husband to employ others to do some of this work, thus relieving his wife and her mind, and he saw no reason why she should not be restored to health. She was taken back home by the husband, and there is every reason to believe her cure is permanent.

I could go on and give you other instances, but it is my thought that these are sufficient to convince you.

I want to say that in the institution, following out the plan of giving occupation and diversion to the patients, they have now a printing plant where some of the inmates daily work; they now have a laundry where inmates do most of the work; they have kitchens where the work is largely done by the inmates. The inmates police the grounds, they have a broom factory, a mattress factory; they do knitting; they have a sewing room, making clothes