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# Frontispiece



VIEW OF A PORTION OF THE WILLIAM ENSTON VILLAGE, ON UPPER KING STREET, WARD 10. TAKEN  
WHEN THE COTTAGES WERE BEING ERECTED.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES.

### THE WILLIAM ENSTON HOME.

One year ago, reference was made to the delays incident to the earthquake disaster, with the announcement that at the earliest moment thereafter a contract had been made on 4th January, 1887, for five cottages, and that the work generally would be carried forward as expeditiously as circumstances would permit. The contractor was not ready to proceed with these five buildings until March, as will be seen by the following communication to the City Council :

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 8, 1887.

*To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council of Charleston :*

GENTLEMEN—I beg leave respectfully to inform you that the ground for the first of the forty cottages of the Wm. Enston Home will be opened on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and I respectfully invite you to be present on this interesting occasion.

Conveyances will leave the corner of King and Shepard streets, at 4.45

P. M. By order.

Respectfully,

M. B. PAINE, *Secretary.*

The invitation was accepted.

The first ground was accordingly broken for the foundation of the cottage on the North-western lot, on King Street, on March 9, 1887, in the presence of the Mayor, Aldermen and Trustees. There were, however, further unexpected delays, and the five cottages were not completed for some time after the date specified by the contractor ; so that on 1st September, 1887, the Trustees made a new contract for the fourteen additional cottages, with Mr. P. Culliton ; the results accomplished thereunder, have been so far very satisfactory, warranting the belief that the first half of the village may be occupied in the fall of this year. The total outlays for both contracts will be \$94,090 for the buildings.

During the past year the Trustees took advantage of an opportunity which offered, and purchased for \$3,411.49 seven acres of land, more or less, lying East of the village,

and between the S. C. Railway tracks and Meeting Street, for the purpose of controlling this area, protecting the house from undesirable neighbors and utilizing the low grounds, overflowed by salt water from New Market Creek. It is thought by the Trustees to be an advantageous acquisition. The view of a group of five cottages, presented as the frontispiece of this Volume, will give a general idea of the appearance of the buildings, which are briefly described by Mr. Howe, the architect, in the following paper :

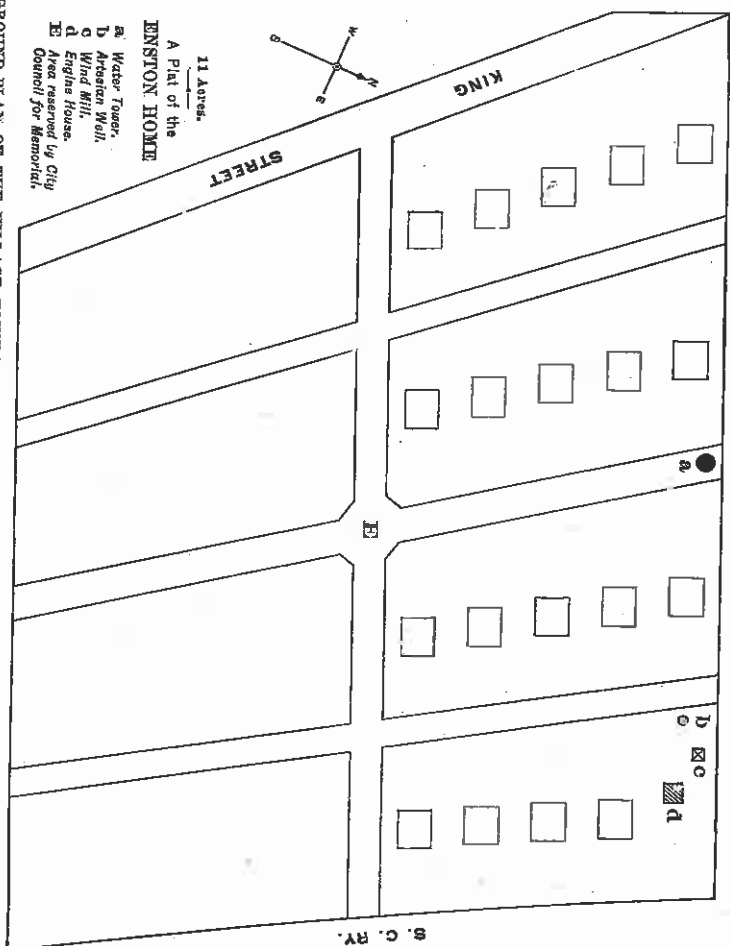
It will be observed that the cottages face towards the South and West and are placed with respect to each other, so as to receive the full benefit of the South-west or prevailing Summer breezes while they are in a great measure sheltered from the North-east winds in winter. The buildings may be briefly described as double cottages, divided by a central hall and arranged with a view of being occupied if desired by two families. On the first floor, to which access is had from the front porch and on either side of the hall is a living room and kitchen, while the second floor is arranged so as to give four good bed rooms, one small room, which may also be used for this purpose if desired, and a bath and toilet room. The large attic affords ample storage space for the occupants, and the basement contains two large rooms and one small room fitted up for the storage of fuel, and the corresponding space opposite for the cistern. Hot and cold water is supplied upon each floor, and the drainage without being elaborate is as nearly perfect as careful attendance to its details, good material and workmanship can make it.

Each of the larger room is provided with a fire-place fitted with a large grate and an ash trap and chute, through which dust and ashes may be discharged into a receptacle provided for that purpose in the basement. The rooms, except the kitchens, are lathed and plastered; the finish is all of yellow pine stained and varnished; the kitchens are ceiled with narrow boards and finished to match the rest of the wood work.

The cottages are built of brick and stone and are covered with metal roof."

An artesian well on the premises is estimated to supply 20,000 gallons of water a day, to a reservoir in the handsome water tower on the North side of the grounds, from which a copious stream of water for all common purposes flows through each cottage. The drinking water is supplied from a cistern under each cottage, so that water for all purposes is available under each roof.

The annual exhibit of the Trustees of the Wm. Enston Home is appended hereto.



GROUND PLAN OF THE VILLAGE FOUNDED BY THE BEQUEST OF WILLIAM ENSTON, A NATIVE OF CANTERBURY, ENGLAND, AND CITIZEN OF CHARLESTON—THE NORTHERN HALF, ERECTED 1887-88.



The following is the annual exhibit of the

WILLIAM ENSTON ANNUITANTS' FUND.

STATEMENT NO. 5.

*Cash Transactions of Wm. A. Courtenay, Isaac Hayne and  
W. E. Butler, Trustees, from January 1st, 1887, to  
December 31st, 1887.*

|   |            |                    |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| To balance cash on hand December 31st, 1886 ..... | \$         | 3.51               |
| Income received January 1887 .....                | \$5,615.00 |                    |
| Income received July, 1887 .....                  | 5,615.00   | 11,230.00          |
|   |            | <u>\$11,233.51</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

|  |                          |                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Paid Annuitants for 1887 .....   | \$7,500.00               |                    |
| Sundry expenses—for bookkeeper, rent of box in<br>bank and stamps .....  | 53.00                    | 7,553.00           |
| Paid late Mrs. Enston's representative her proportion of<br>surplus income for year ending March 16th,<br>1887 ..... | 800.00                   |                    |
| Trustees' Wm. Enston Home balance surplus to<br>March 16th. 1887 .....   | 2,233.53                 | 3,132.62           |
| Paid Trustees' commissions on receipts .....   | \$11,230.00              |                    |
| Trustees' commissions on disbursements .....   | 7,553.00                 |                    |
| Trustees' commissions on disbursements .....   | 3,132.62                 |                    |
|  | <u>\$21,915.62 @ 2½%</u> | 547.89             |
|  |                          | <u>\$11,233.51</u> |

ASSETS.

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| \$120,500 State of South Carolina 6% Bonds Consol Stock, costing .....  | \$122,782.42        |
| \$100,000 City of Charleston 4% Coupon Bonds (registered) costing ..... | 75,584.37           |
|   | <u>\$198,366.79</u> |

WM. A. COURTENAY.  
ISAAC HAYNE.  
W. E. BUTLER.

Charleston, S. C., December 31st, 1887.

## WILLIAM ENSTON HOME.

*Cash Receipts and Expenditures for Year ending December 31st, 1887.*

## RECEIPTS.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| From rents, \$1,920.00. Interest, \$7,486.54.....                       | \$ 9,406.54        |
| Loans returned and personal bonds paid .....                            | 15,748.38          |
| Sale of premises corner King and Clifford sts. (Silcox store) ..        | 15,150.00          |
| Sale of \$20,900 City 4½ Bonds @ 85c.....                               | 17,765.00          |
| Amount received from Annuitants' Fund surplus to March 16th, 1887 ..... | 2,233.53           |
| Balance cash on hand December 31st, 1886 .....                          | 16,260.24          |
|   | <u>\$76,572.69</u> |

## EXPENDITURES.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Paid insurance premiums on real estate .....              | \$ 186.75          |
| Commissions to rent collector.....                        | 96.00              |
| Sundry repairs to houses .....                            | 211.93             |
| Salary to secretary, sundry expenses, etc. ....           | 264.81             |
|   | <u>759.48</u>      |
| Improvements to Home premises—                            |                    |
| Paid cost of stone blocks and bricks purchased.....       | \$ 5,898.22        |
| Wind Mill .....   | 907.50             |
| Water Tower .....   | 1,400.00           |
| Drainage, plumbing, sewerage, etc .....                   | 4,669.31           |
| Pay rolls laborers.....                                   | 2,169.05           |
| On account of cottages erected.....                       | 33,872.00          |
|   | <u>\$48,916.08</u> |
| W. B. Howe, Jr., architect, on account .....              | 600.00             |
| Purchase of Hunt property, commissions and expenses ..... | 3,417.99           |
| Bond (Mortgage) Pauline McCormack .....                   | 3,765.00           |
| Balance cash on hand .....                                | 19,114.14          |
|   | <u>\$76,572.69</u> |

*Assets, December 31st, 1887.*

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| State of South Carolina Bonds, 6%, \$1,500, costing ..... | \$ 1,500.00        |
| Charleston 6% Bonds, \$5,100 @ \$1.01 .....               | 5,151.00           |
| Charleston 4½ Bonds \$30,500, costing.....                | 21,190.59          |
| Savannah Bonds, 5%, \$30,000 @ 85c.....                   | 25,500.00          |
| Personal Bonds and Interest to December 31st, 1887.....   | 24,815.00          |
| Cash .....  | 16,880.61          |
|   | <u>\$95,037.20</u> |



And the following Pieces of Real Estate:

Houses and Lots corner King and Calhoun Streets.

Houses and Lots King Street, between Clifford and Queen.

WM. A. COURTENAY,  
*President.*

Charleston, S. C., December 31st. 1887.

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### SHIRRAS DISPENSARY.

It is of record that with the growth of population in our city, in the last decade of the eighteenth and the first decade of the nineteenth century, there grew up the need of an organized charity for the sick poor. Contemporaneously with the founding of the Medical Society of South Carolina in 1789, an address was prepared and presented to the City Council by its members, but met with little favor at first. By the renewed efforts of the Society subsequently, an Ordinance was passed, creating a dispensary on a very economic basis, only authorizing the Society to nominate such physicians and surgeons as were willing to serve the poor gratuitously. This arrangement continued for sixteen years.

In the Year Book of 1880, pages 44-47, will be found interesting particulars of these early efforts, and also the following:

"It was the benevolent Mr. Alexander Shirras, however, who, in 1810, endowed this institution by devising houses and lots to the Intendant of the City, President of the Medical Society, and to the President of St. Andrew's Society, in trust for the benefit of the sick poor. In the preamble to his will he thus bears attestation to the benefits already conferred upon the indigent poor: 'That the dispensary established in this city had been of great benefit to the poor and indigent inhabitants, as well as to strangers when afflicted with sickness,' declaring also that he was actuated by a desire to mitigate the sufferings of the distressed, ease the