

INTRODUCTION.

During the summer of 1899, we decided to offer \$155.00 in prizes for the five best short Essays descriptive of Souvenirs with Aerated Ovens and their work.

Our object was to ascertain to what extent Souvenirs were being appreciated in the home and what particular benefit was being derived in the cooking of food in Aerated Ovens. The response was greater than we had anticipated. The number of contributions was very large, and the vast majority of the Essays were ably written. Apparently Souvenirs are much more widely and favorably known than we had supposed. From all over Canada came thousands of pages of manuscript describing most perfectly the special points and advantages found only in the celebrated Aerated Oven.

The competition closed Dec. 1st. and the prizes were awarded in Jan., 1899.

The two Essays here produced, were, after a most careful examination, awarded the two first prizes, one being \$40.00 in cash and the other a Souvenir Range valued at \$40.00. Both of these Essays contain much practical information that every woman should know.

The Legend was a special contribution by Miss Annie McMillan, of London, Ont., and was deemed worthy of publication on account of its unique character.