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TO ALL CHILDREN,
BIG AND LITTLE, WHO LOVE STEVENSON,
THIS PUBLICATION IS
DEDICATED.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for the company's financial health and for providing reliable information to stakeholders.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps from initial entry to final review, ensuring that all necessary information is captured and verified.

3. The third part of the document addresses the role of the accounting department in this process. It highlights the need for clear communication and collaboration between different departments to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the records.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of regular audits and reviews. It explains how these activities help to identify any discrepancies or errors and ensure that the records are up-to-date and accurate.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers recommendations for improving the record-keeping process. It suggests implementing standardized procedures and providing training to staff to ensure consistency and accuracy.

A NOTE TO THE READER

THIS *Baby Record* was meant by the young mother who wrote it, as all such Records are, to keep, for memory's sake, an account of the first years of her adored child. A few of the notes were added by her in later years.

What gives this Record extraordinary value, what sets it apart from countless others, undertaken in the same sweet cause, is that it proved to be the first chapter of the biography of one of the best-loved men who ever lived; and, it will not need to be pointed out, the contents foreshadow in spirit, originality and imagination the great man the wee laddie was to become.

The mother was Margaret Isabella Balfour Stevenson and the babe was Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson. With every passing year this Baby Record grew a more precious possession to the mother. On her death, which followed soon after that of her famous son, the Record passed into the keeping of her sister, Jane Whyte Balfour, the "Auntie" of the "Child's Garden of

Verse." But "Auntie" was already old. It was her concern to give this precious volume to one who would regard it with equal affection. She chose another young mother, a relative by marriage, who, too, had a little son.

Since then many years have passed. The Baby Record, always in the new owner's keeping, has traveled far; sometimes in a satchel on trains and ocean steamers, again hidden in dark bank vaults in widely dispersed cities.

Now, after long treasuring it as a personal possession, it is offered in fee simple that it may reach many other lovers of Robert Louis Stevenson.

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