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FIFTH REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

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BATH, MAINE.

From the close of the year 1871 to the close of the year 1872.

Around this Home affection's flowers shall spring, And cheerful voices shall loud anthems sing ! Ope wide its doors, and let the words be said : Love for the living and our martyred dead! —Moses Owen.



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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT. NATHAN A. FARWELL.

SECRETARY. THOMAS W. HYDE.

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TREASURER. GERSHOM H. PALMER.

TRUSTEES.

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. NATHAN A. FARWELL, JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN, JOHN R. MORRISON, THOMAS W. HYDE.

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APPOINTED BY THE ASSOCIATION. WILLIAM E. PAYNE, JAMES T. PATTEN, GERSHOM H. PALMER.

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LADY MANAGERS.

MRS. M. F. GANNETT, MRS. CHARLES A. L. SAMPSON, MRS. T. G. STOCKBRIDGE, MRS. G. C. GOSS, MRS. JOHN SHAW. MRS. JAMES T. PATTEN, MRS. JOHN T. HOWLAND, MRS. A. J. FULLER, MRS. JAMES BAILEY, MRS. ——— COOMBS,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM E. PAYNE,

JAMES T. PATTEN.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Honorable the Governor and Council of Maine:

The Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum have the honor of submitting the following Report of the institution for the year ending December, 1872.

The Asylum continues in its former course of prosperity and makes a happy home for the large number of orphan children gathered from all parts of the State.

The report of the Lady Managers, herewith submitted, will exhibit the detail of the management of the institution. They have been assiduous and successful in their efforts to make the home what it should be, and have earned the gratitude of the people of the State.

Mrs. Mayhew, who served with so much honor in the field during the war, and who has been Matron from the establishment of the institution, still continues at the post of duty; and with the assistance of Miss Baker, Assistant Matron, have succeeded in establishing most happy and beneficient relations in the large family confided to their care.

The Treasurer's report will exhibit the financial affairs of the institution, and it will appear that the amount of income and appropriation fall below the amount necessary to pay the outstanding accounts and to meet the current wants. An abstract of the Treasurer's account is herewith submitted. The account in detail with the vouchers will be forwarded at an early day.

Some of the Trustees have been almost daily visitors at the Home, and have carefully observed the management of the domestic affairs, and have found due economy combined with a generous and liberal supply of all things necessary for the health and comfort of the family.

The Trustees unanimously recommend an appropriation by the State of ten thousand dollars for the expense of the ensuing year, this being the smallest sum that will suffice to keep the Asylum in its present efficient condition. And surely no argument is necessary to satisfy the Legislature that it should not hesitate to appropriate what is necessary for the support of these wards of the State whose fathers gave their lives for the perpetuity of our free institutions.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

N. A. FARWELL, President.

Ватн, December 30, 1872.

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LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN :- Our Fifth Annual Report will set before you, as far as we are able, the internal condition of the institution and its The number of children who have been inmates of the wants. Home during the year is seventy-three. Of these, twenty have been removed in various ways. Eight have returned to their mothers, one to her guardian, three have been adopted, three have been provided with good homes where their position is more or less nearly that of children, and five of the older boys have good homes in the country where they are learning to work. The number of children in the family at present is fifty-three. There has been no death in the family during the year, and only a few cases of serious illness. The behavior of the children, taking the year through, has been generally satisfactory. There have been no cases of serious delinquency. The children attend the public schools as heretofore, and are making some progress in their studies. We have one in the high school, four in the grammar school, and all the rest in the various primary schools. The children are regular in attendance at church and the Sabbath school.

The work, such as cooking, washing, ironing, house-cleaning, and sewing, necessary to be done in so large a family, and which is essential to its comfort and decency, is often a source of difficulty and perplexity to the Managers. The cooking of the house has been on a permanent basis during the past year, and all its operations have been greatly facilitated by the new range and steam apparatus introduced last spring. During the last three months we have had a laundress in the house, and the washing and ironing have been promptly and faithfully done, and more economically than heretofore. Still the labor of washing and ironing for so large a family, with the facilities that we have, is very great; and we would respectfully inquire of you if it would not

be expedient as a matter of economy to introduce some apparatus by which this labor would be diminished? We have experienced great difficulty during the past year in procuring the accomplishment of the necessary sewing for the family. We have a young woman in the sewing room who does all that she can; we have hired a seamstress by the day for many days, and have had a good deal of work done outside which has been paid for by the piece, and still the sewing does not come up to the necessities of the family. The Managers are now endeavoring to procure the services of an experienced woman as head seamstress. We find that the affairs of the household move along smoothly, and friction is diminished just in proportion, as the various employees of the institution recognize in the Matron the head of the family, and pay due deference to her position. There has been in this respect a marked improvement during the past year.

We are under the same obligations as in former years to the periodical press, not only in our State, but in several instances The following valuable periodicals are regularly beyond it. received at the "Home": Bath Daily Times, Portland Transcript, Rockland Gazette, Gospel Banner, Lewiston Journal, Waterville Mail, Brunswick Telegraph, Maine State Press, Household, Burr's Fifty-Cent Monthly, Youth's Companion, Arthur's Home Magazine, and Children's Hour. In other respects, too, this year is not behind former years in kindness and favors shown to the home of the homeless. One of the lady Managers, recently on a journey in the State caring for the children, received great kindness and courtesy from Mr. B. Harriman, stage driver at Kent's Hill, Mrs. C. Harriman of the same place, and Hon. John Davis of Brooks. which we mention with gratitude, as also similar kindness from others.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Lady Managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, President.

NAMES OF CHILDREN

Who have been Members of the family at the Home during the year.

NAME.	Residence.	AGE.	Remarks.
Abby Brann}	Chelsea {	14	
Reuben F. Sawyer	Bath		Son of Capt. Reuben Sawyer, 3d Maine.
Isabel B. Cromwell?	···· (13	
Ferdinand Cromwell >	Westport }		Children of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
Horace Cromwell)	(9	
Augusta O. Reynolds	Down 1	11	
Chris. Reynolds }	Burnham \dots		Children of G. H. Reynolds, 20th Reg.
A. J. Reynolds) Chris. Church	E E		Gone to live in the country.
William H. Church	Canaan		Gone to live in the country. Gone to live in the country.
Chandler F. Church	Canaan		Children of C. F. Church, 20th Reg.
William H. Pettis	2		Children of Charles Pettis, 8th Me. Reg.
George H. Pettis	Portland }		Adopted.
Charles McKusick	Cape Elizabeth.		Son of Charles McKusick, 20th Reg.
Frank A. Gray	Augusta		Son of Lieut. F. E. Gray, 8th Reg.
Frank Cunningham	Stetson		Parentage unknown.
Charles L. Malone	Lewiston	7	
Thomas T. Brown	Winthrop	11	Son of S. E. Brown, 21st Reg.
William L. Cook	Bridgton		Son of A. J. Cook, 25th Reg.
Emily A. Field	Portland §		Children of Edmund D. Field, 17th Reg.
Minnie E. Field ζ	rormand {	4	Both adopted.
Georgie Young	Gouldsboro' }	9	Children of A. Young, 28th Maine.
William E. Young 5	()	6	
Charles Pottle	Wiscasset		Returned to his guardian.
Alfred B. Linscott		11	
Amanda M. Linscott }	East Palermo	9	Children of O. H. Linscott, 1st Me.Battalion.
Anson L. Linscott) John Jewett	Kent's Hill	11	Detumed to his method
Mabel Fletcher	() ()	11	Returned to his mother.
John Fletcher	Farmington }	4	Children of Daniel Fletcher, 13th N. H.
William A. Weltz	Bath	7	Returned to his mother.
Dexter Jack	(lii	
Frederic Jack	Gardiner }		Children of Augustus Jack, 3d Maine.
Davis Jack	l (5	Ito her guardian.
Sarah A. Powers	Augusta	10	Child of C. R. Powers, 19th Reg. Returned
Ella Cole	- (12	
Edward D. Cole >	Houlton	12	Children of James S. Cole, 31st Maine.
Clarence Cole)	(Returned to his mother.
Llewellyn Brown ?	Harmony §	10	Children of Philip Brown, 2d Me. Cavalry.
David D. Brown 5) – C		
George Tibbetts	Wiscasset		Parentage unknown. On a farm.
Oscar Russell	Topsham		Parentage unknown.
Jennie Fowles	Damariscotta }	10	Children of G. S. Fowles, 1st Me. Cavalry.
Elizabeth Fowles			Both provided with homes.
Herbert Huxford }	Haulton	12	Children of Hiram O. Huxford.
Hattie Huxford	Houlton \dots	Г К	onnaron of miram O. muxiora.
Oscar T. Prescott	Plymouth	110	Son of Charles M. Prescott, 11th Me.
	Portland	7	Son of John H. Ham, 5th Me.
Onarios E. Ham	rormand		bon or sound H. Ham, sta me.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	REMARKS.
Albert Watson Rosa Watson William H. Sythes John Sythes Jane Reynolds Ida Reynolds Abby L. Reynolds Olive Reynolds Jom Razier Mary W. Crocker Bernard Morrill Bertha Snow	Biddeford Burnham Bath	 10 Parentage unknown. 13 Provided with a home. 7 Sons of Wm. H. Sythes, 13th N. H. Vols. 8 7 Children of Joshua Reynolds. 5 10 Returned to her friends. 7 11 Child of Leonard Crocker.
Effie Trask		 9 Child of James Trask, 11th Me. Reg. 12 Children of John Robinson, 13th Me. Reg. 11 Son of A. E. Osgood, 4th Reg. 11 Children of William W. True, 5th Me. Reg. 7 Son of Stephen S. Leathers, 4th Reg. 6 Children of E. R. Ellis, 12th Reg. 2 Returned to care of their mother. 10 Son of J. W. Beverly, 17th Reg. Returned 5 [to his mother

Names of Children, (Concluded.)

FORMER BENEFICIARIES OF THE HOME.

NAME.	Residence.	REMARKS.
Julia Sawyer Watson Brewer	Bath Boothbay	Child of Capt. Reuben Sawyer, 3d Me.
Myra Cromwell Clara Storer	Westport Brunswick	Child of S. Cromwell, 1st Me. Heavy Art.
Alfred Fowles Frank H. Stimpson	Damariscotta	G. S. Fowles, 1st Me. Cavalry. Adopted.
Bessie Church Winnie N. Estes	Canaan Portland	Died. Adopted.
Melvin Reynolds	Burnham Portland	Returned to their mother.
Moses Elliott	Fryeburg	Child of Stephen S. Frye, 11th Me. Provided with a home.
Abby A. Scott	Portland	Returned to their home.
Charles Bowen } Fannie R. Bowen }	Portland	Returned to their mother.
Nellie Little	Bath	-
Angenette Taylor	New Sharon	Returned to their mother.
Tibbetts F. Cochrane Hiram E. Cochrane Nellie Smith	Waterville	Returned to their mother.
Minnie Smith George H. Smith	Vassalborough .	Returned to their mother. Died.
Elmer S. Hammond David Ward		Returned to his grandmother.
G. K. Huston	· · · · · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Returned to their mother.
E. Edward Blood	Lewiston	Returned to their mother.
Henry Flint Elmer Flint	West Baldwin	Went to their grandmother.
Everett Sanborn Edward McDonald		Returned to his mother. Returned to his mother.
		Provided with a home.
Lettie Reynolds		Returned to her mother.
Ada Hough		Returned to friends.
Linwood Jordan)		Returned to friends.
Carrie Jordan)	Portland	Returned to their mother.
Isabella Kilfedder	Portland	Returned to their mother.
John J. Kilfedder		
John Flynn	Portland	Kun away.
Fanny Robinson Sarah Yeaton	Augusta	Went to ner mother.
TT 1111 () TT 1		
Henry Morris		

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DONATIONS TO THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

Mr. Charles E. Somerby	Box of books, toys and games.
Miss Mamie Jenks	Books and toys.
Mrs. G. H. Palmer	Handkerchiefs, books, needles, pictures,
	scarfs and refreshments
Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Smith	Napkin rings, vases, chromos, portfolio,
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	match safe, card receivers and jewelry.
Charles T. Greenleaf	
Miss Clara Gannett	Books and toys.
Hon. E. S. J. Nealley	One barrel apples.
Mr. J. O. Shaw	
Mr. Thomas Simpson	Box candy.
Mrs. Dr. Payne.	
Mrs. John S. Elliott	Four sleds.
Mrs. Dr. Fuller.	Piece cotton cloth and refreshments.
Mrs. Henry Palmer	Books, toys and refreshments.
Mr. R. C Harris	Fancy soaps and candy.
John Dike	Pair skates.
Miss Minnie Dike	Toys.
Misses Emma and Marcia Houghton	Books, neckties and confectionery.
Mrs. J. T. Howland	Handkerchiefs and cake.
Mrs. C. Crooker	
Mrs. Jere Robinson	
Mrs. James Robinson	
Mr. B. F. Emery	
Mr. Dunlap	
Mr. A. D. Stetson	
Mrs. John B. Swanton	
Mrs. Eleanor Torrey	
Miss Hattie Richardson	
Miss Mary Stinson	
Miss Martha Hedge	Ribbons and elastic.
Miss Elizabeth Trott	
Miss Emily Weeks	
Mrs. ⁸ S. Sewall	
Miss Jessie Owen	
Miss Lina Sewall	
Tommy Dike	Nice overcoat.

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Army and Navy Union, Portland.\$100) 00	Rev. William Hart\$	5 00
Hon. N. A. Farwell, Rockland 5	5 00	Mrs. James F. Patten	2 00
	5 00	Hon. Guy C. Goss	4 00
Mr. C. E. Somerby, Portland 5	5 00	Hon. Ira D. Sturgis	5 00
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FURTHER DONATIONS.

Prize churn.
The filling of cisterns
Stair rail and balusters.
Caster.
Piece brown sheeting.
Blue silk bonnet.
1 can milk, 1 barrel potatoes, 41 bushels
apples, I bag potatoes, I basket green
corn, 2 bushels turnips, 8 pumpkins.

DONATIONS.

Further	Donations.	(Cond	cluded.)
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bath Military and Naval Asylum in account with G. H. Palmer, Treasurer.

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1872. Dec. 31,	DR. To amount paid, for which vouchers are on file in the office of Secretary of State		\$7,856	43
1872. May 8, " 9, " 27, June 18, Aug. 12, Oct. 17, " 19, Nov. 22, Dec. 9,	CR. By cash of C. Davenport, late Treasurer U. S. coupon interest on bonds cash State Treasurer interest on bonds cash State Treasurer interest on bond binterest on bond Balance	\$854 51 3 12 270 00 3,000 00 90 00 2,000 00 30 00 1,000 00 30 00	\$7,277 578	
	Balance		\$7,856 \$30 549 \$579	00 40

G. H. PALMER, Treasurer.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I .- NAME AND OBJECTS.

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This Association shall be called the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum; the object and design of which are to afford a home, food, clothing and education for destitute orphan children of soldiers, sailors and marines in the late war of the rebellion, and other friendless children, to put them in the way of learning some useful trade or occupation, or otherwise provide for them till they have attained a suitable age to take care of themselves.

ARTICLE II .- MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may, by vote of the Association and the annual payment of one dollar, become a member; and any person who shall at one time, pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, may become a member for life.

ARTICLE III.-MEETINGS AND OFFICERS.

This Association shall meet annually on the first Monday in May, public notice of which shall be given at least three days in one or more daily newspapers; at which meeting there shall be elected three gentlemen as Trustees, and ten ladies as Managers of the Asylum who shall respectively hold their offices until others are chosen to fill their places. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be officers of this Association, and the President shall preside at its meetings. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV .- SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the Association shall be held at the request in writing of five members to be called by the President, or in his absence^{*} by the Secretary, in the same manner as the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.-BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven gentlemen, four appointed by the Governor, and three to be chosen by the Association at their annual meeting in May. They shall choose their own officers, fill vacancies that occur in their Board during the remainder of the year, and make all needful by-laws and regulations; and three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI .- PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Trustees shall have the control and management of all real estate, investments, personal securities and other funds belonging to the Association, and shall exercise a general supervision over the Asylum, and do all which its best interests, in their judgment, require, and to report their doings in detail to the Association, at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.-LADY MANAGERS.

The lady managers shall make a written report or verbal statement of their transactions from time to time, to the Board of Trustees, as often as may be deemed necessary, and make and receive suggestions as the interests of the institution may require.

ARTICLE VIII.-AMENDMENTS.

These by-laws shall not be altered or amended, except at an annual or special meeting of the Association, at which not less than ten members shall be present.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Oct. 10th, 1870, the following resolutions were passed :---

VOTED, That to facilitate the management of the affairs of the Home, the Board of Lady Managers be organized with the following officers: a President, a Secretary, and five Committees. The Committees the Trustees would designate as follows: ž

1. On New Children-Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Shaw; whose duty it shall be to act on all applications for admission, and to endeavor to fill up the Home.

2. On Homes-Mrs. Dike and Mrs. Patten; whose duty it shall be to decide on all applications for children.

3. On Clothing-Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Howland and Mrs. Goss; who shall have charge of providing new clothing, seamstresses, and of the mending.

4. On Provisions and Help-Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Fuller; who shall have general charge of the provision department, and of securing suitable employees in the Home, except seamstresses.

5. On Discipline and the Internal Economy of the Home-Mrs. Gannett and Mrs. Stockbridge; who shall have charge of all matters not specially designated above.

VOTED, That the Matron and House-keeper be instructed to consult the above Committees exclusively in any cases arising under their several jurisdictions, and in any case in which the Committees may be in doubt, or wish assistance, they are expected to confer with one or more of the Trustees.

VOTED, That the Committee on New Children be instructed to use all reasonable and proper efforts to make the benefits of this institution known in the State, and to fill it to the extent of its accommodation.

VOTED, That the following General Regulations be adopted and published for general information:

1. All orphans and half orphans of soldiers and sailors, as well as other full orphans to the age of twelve years, are eligible for admission to this institution.

2. They will be kept during good behavior, or until suitable homes are found for them, or until they arrive at an age to take care of themselves.

3. They are required to attend Divine worship, and Sabbath and public schools, and have regular hours of recreation as well as of assisting in the internal work of the Home.

4. The regular reception day of the children is on the first Wednesday of each month, but friends and relatives can see them at other times. Those coming from abroad cannot be conveniently lodged or entertained at the Home.

5. Any person desiring to take a child or children from the Home for adoption into his family, and proving satisfactory to the Committee on Homes, shall take the child on

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trial for three months first, at the expiration of which time he shall give sureties satisfactory to the Trustees that he will suitably provide for, educate and kindly care for the child, until arrived at the age of majority. When neither the party adopting or the child seems satisfied, the child may be returned to the Home at the expiration of the three months. No children will be let go where wanted for purposes of profit.

6. All pension moneys falling due to children at the Home must be turned over to the Treasurer, to be by him invested in the Savings Bank, to there accumulate till they arrive at the age of majority, when it will be paid over to them, unless it may be deemed necessary by the Trustees to use it for their support before.

LIFE MEMBERS,

BY THE PAYMENT OF \$25 OR MORE.

Capt. John PattenBath.
Gen. J. L. Chamberlain Brunswick.
Gen. William P. FryeLewiston.
Gen. T. W. Hyde Bath.
Hon. Lewis BarkerStetson.
David Barker, Esq Exeter.
Rev. A. F. BeardSyracuse, N. Y.
Mrs. A. F. BeardSyracuse, N. Y.
James Elwell, Esq New York.
George Stockholm, Esq Philadelphia.
Mrs. R. O. Conant Portland.
Mrs. A. C. Dyer Portland.
Freeman C. Smith*Bangor.
Col. William Hitchcock*
Col. J. T. Patten Bath.
Hon. J. P. MorseBath.
Mrs. J. P. Morse Bath.
Miss Bella MorseBath.
Miss Clara Morse Bath.
Miss Mary P. MorseBath.
Miss Nellie T. Morse Bath.
Harry F. Morse Bath.
Mr. Charles Davenport Bath.
Mr. E. S. J. Nealley Bath.
Mr. James P. HitchcockBath.
Mrs. J. P. Hitchcock Bath.
Mrs. Levi Houghton Bath.
Mr. Henry L. Houghton Bath.
Rev. S. F. Dike Bath.
Mr. G. H. PalmerBath.
Mrs. Denney Kelley Bath.
Mrs. Freeman Clark* Bath.
Mrs. George B. EmersonBoston.
Mrs. Ruth S. Mayhew Bath.
Mrs. C. A. L. Sampson Bath.

* Deceased.