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OF THE VARIOUS

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR

1874.

VOLUME II.

AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

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SIXTH REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, MAINE.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Honorable the Governor and Council of Maine:

The Trustees of the "Bath Military and Naval Orphans' Asylum," beg leave to submit the following statement of the condition of this institution for the year ending December 31, 1873.

The sanitary condition of the children, with few exceptions, has been good throughout the year, no deaths having occurred; nor has anything happened to seriously interfere with the steady progress of the beneficent purposes of the State in the establishment of this institution. On the contrary, persistent, and as we think, successful efforts have been made on the part of those who have had the management of the "Home" in charge to conduct its affairs as nearly as possible in accordance with the dictates of true benevolence. With this purpose uppermost, and under a realizing sense of the sanctity of the promises made to the fathers of the inmates of the "Orphans' Home," when they went forth to sustain by force of arms the integrity of our country against the assaults of its deadly foes, that in case they fell in the struggle their children should be adopted and tenderly cared for by the State, the effort has been to make this promise a reality as far as possible. And in conducting the internal affairs of the institution, while they have tried to observe strict economy in providing for the physical wants of the children, they have at the same time tried to keep out of the minds of the children the idea that they are burthensome to the State, and inmates of an alms-house; and have endeavored also to have the children trained in habits of industry and order, and all the qualities necessary to make them useful and efficient members of society.

A more full and clear statement of the internal condition of the "Orphans' Home," is set forth in the very excellent report of the Lady Managers, to which you are referred for an account more in detail. In this report you will also learn of the great loss sustained by the Home in the retirement of our excellent Matron,

Mrs. Mahew, who was compelled to take this step on account of failing health, induced in all probability by the arduous duties of her position. You will also there learn of the loss sustained in the domestic management of the institution by the resignation of Miss Baker, the Assistant Matron.

The Treasurer's report, which is herewith transmitted, together with the vouchers, will exhibit the financial condition of the institution. From this you will learn that it has required something more than nine thousand dollars to meet the expenses for the past year, and that there remains in the treasury a balance of about one thousand dollars.

A parcel of land adjoining the original purchase, which was bargained for some years since by a former board of trustees, and now occupied for purposes connected with the Home, has not been paid for on account of a dispute about the title; but now, as we learn, the title has been legally adjusted, and in all probability the amount agreed upon, which was seven hundred dollars, will be called for very soon; and about five hundred dollars will be required for the purpose of painting the outside of the house, which is necessary for preservation.

With these necessary items, the Trustees unanimously agree that not less than nine thousand five hundred dollars will be required to meet the necessary expenses of the Home for the ensuing year, even with the utmost observance of economy.

In view of the object, the Trustees confidently ask the State to provide this sum.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

WM. E. PAYNE, *President.*

LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Orphans' Home :

GENTLEMEN :—The Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home beg leave to lay before you the following brief statement in regard to its internal affairs during the past year, and summary of its present condition.

The number of children in the Home at the present time is fifty-seven. Of this number fifteen are full orphans, and with one exception, are the children of soldiers. Twenty-six have mothers living, but lost their fathers during the late war. Six are without mothers, but have fathers living who are in various ways incapacitated from taking care of them. Seven have both parents living, and in regard to these we have no definite knowledge.

Fourteen children have during the past year been removed from the Home and provided for as follows: Six boys and one girl, of ages from ten to twelve, have been received into good families, where they have employment and care more suited to their years than they could have at the Home. In four cases adoption has been attempted, but neither case has proved satisfactory to both parties after the prescribed three months of trial, and the children have returned to the Home. Seven children have been reclaimed by their mothers.

In the month of October, Mrs. Mahew was compelled by the failure of her health to resign the office of Matron, which she had held for nearly six years; during which time she has discharged the onerous duties of her position with unflinching diligence and patience, and with eminent wisdom and ability. The Managers immediately addressed themselves to the arduous task of filling the important place thus left vacant, but have so far only been able to fill it temporarily. Early in the month of November, Miss Baker proffered her resignation of the position of Assistant Matron and Housekeeper, which she had filled during the last three years to the very great satisfaction of all concerned in the care of the

Institution, who had observed the efficient and faithful manner in which she has discharged the varied duties of her place. It was with extreme reluctance that the Managers were constrained to accept her resignation. Thus the Institution is deprived at once of its head and its right hand ; but while earnestly endeavoring to fill these places, the Managers cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to the ladies who have consented temporarily to undertake these duties, and who are straining every nerve to discharge them in the best manner.

In the subordinate places of responsibility and service in the house, everything has gone on smoothly and satisfactorily during the year. The children attend the public schools, church, and Sabbath schools as heretofore. We have occasion, as in previous years, gratefully to acknowledge the favors received from the periodical press. We are regularly receiving the Bath Daily Times, Lewiston Journal, Waterville Mail, Rockland Gazette, Arthur's Home Journal, Nursery, Children's Hour, Maine Press, Brunswick Telegraph, Gospel Banner, and Portland Transcript.

As regularly as winter returns, comes Mr. Pask with his big sleigh to give the little ones a ride ; and this is an element of family government which they are able to appreciate and fully approve.

In conclusion, the Managers wish to express their conviction that the beneficent influence of the Home on the children who enjoy its advantages becomes more apparent from year to year. In those who have been longest under its discipline, we think we see evidence of the steady growth of true principle and genuine culture, which permits us to hope that the future of these children will justify the care now bestowed on them.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Lady Managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*

PRESENT INMATES OF THE HOME.

Name.	Residence.	Age.	Remarks.
Abby Brann,	Chelsea,	17	Daughter of Robert Brann, 11th Me. Reg.
Reuben F. Sawyer,	Bath,	9	Son of Capt. Reuben Sawyer, 3d Maine.
Isabel B. Cromwell,	Westport,	14	Daughter of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
Horace Cromwell,	do	10	Son of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
Augusta O. Reynolds,	Burnham,	12	Daughter of G. H. Reynolds, 20th Reg.
Christopher Reynolds,	do	10	Son of G. H. Reynolds, 20th Reg.
William Hayes,	Portland,	8	
Charles McKusick,	Cape Elizabeth,	11	Son of Charles McKusick, 20th Reg.
Frank A. Gray,	Augusta,	10	Son of Lieut. F. E. Gray, 8th Reg.
Frank Cunningham,	Stetson,	11	Son of John L. Cunningham, 4th Maine.
Charles L. Malone,	Lewiston,	8	
Thomas T. Brown,	Winthrop,	12	Son of S. E. Brown, 21st Reg.
William L. Cook,	Bridgton,	11	Son of A. J. Cook, 25th Reg.
William E. Young,	Gouldsboro',	7	Son of A. Young, 28th Reg.
Alfred B. Linscott,	East Palermo,	12	Son of O. H. Linscott, 1st Me. Battalion.
Amanda M. Linscott,	do	10	Daughter of O. H. Linscott, 1st Me. Battalion.
Anson L. Linscott,	do	8	Son of O. H. Linscott, 1st Me. Battalion.
Mabel Fletcher,	Farmington,	8	Daughter of Daniel Fletcher, 13th N. H.
John Fletcher,	do	5	Son of Daniel Fletcher, 13th N. H.
Ella Cole,	Houlton,	13	Daughter of James S. Cole, 31st Maine.
David D. Brown,	Harmony,	6	Son of Philip Brown; 2d Me. Cavalry.
Oscar Russell,	Topsham,	10	Parentage unknown.
Herbert Huxford,	Houlton,	13	Son of Hiram O. Huxford,
Sophia M. Huxford,	do	9	Daughter of Hiram O. Huxford.
Hattie Huxford,	do	6	Daughter of Hiram O. Huxford.
Oscar T. Prescott,	Plymouth,	11	Son of Charles M. Prescott, 11th Maine.
Charles E. Ham,	Portland,	8	Son of John H. Ham, 5th Maine.
Albert Watson,	Friendship,	11	Parentage unknown.
Jane Reynolds,	Burnham,	9	Daughter of Joshua Reynolds.
Abby L. Reynolds,	do	6	Daughter of Joshua Reynolds.
Ida May Reynolds,	do	8	Daughter of Joshua Reynolds.
Emma Brazier,	Bath,	8	
Mary W. Crocker,	do	12	Daughter of Leonard Crocker.
Bernard Morrill,	Chesterville,	9	Son of John Morrill.
Bertha Snow,	Bath,	8	Daughter of Capt. Snow.
Effie Trask,	Fayette,	10	Daughter of James Trask, 11th Maine.
Fannie Robinson,	Lewiston,	13	Daughter of John Robinson, 13th Maine.
Nellie Robinson,	do	11	Daughter of John Robinson, 13th Maine.
Fred. Leathers,	Brooks,	8	Son of Stephen S. Leathers, 4th Reg.
Emma Leathers,	do	6	Daughter of Stephen S. Leathers, 4th Reg.
Edith E. Ellis,	Portland,	3	Daughter of E. R. Ellis, 12th Me. Reg.
Bertha Webber,	Readfield,	11	Daughter of Wm. H. Webber, 3d Me. Reg.
Angeline Hawes,	Augusta,	4	
Ada Hawes,	do	2	
Ella Libby,	Portland,	3	Daughter of Samuel Libby, Co. B, 17th Me.
Robert Libby,	do	6	Son of Samuel Libby, Co. B, 17th Me. Reg.
Elizabeth Turner,	Readfield,	7	Daughter of James F. Turner.
William Turner,	do	5	Son of James F. Turner.
Russell Newton,	Peru,	7	Son of Scott Newton.
Winfield Newton,	do	6	Son of Scott Newton.
Leslie True,	Yarmouth,		Son of Wm. H. True, Co. H, 5th Maine.
Willie Black,	Lewiston,	10	Son of David J. Black, 5th Cavalry.
Alice Trott,	Woolwich,	9	Daughter of James Trott.
Winnie Trott,	do	10	Daughter of James Trott.
Tina Trott,	do	3	Daughter of James Trott.
Lizzie F. Mitchell,	Portland,	6	Daughter of J. P. Mitchell, 1st Art. & Navy.
Susan C. Mitchell,	do	4	Daughter of J. P. Mitchell, 1st Art. & Navy.

**CHILDREN WHO HAVE GONE OUT FROM THE
HOME DURING THE YEAR.**

Name.	Residence.	Age.	Remarks.
William Brann,	Chelsea,	13	Son of Robert Brann, 11th Me. Reg. Placed with Mr. Wm. True, Sanford, Me.
Ferdinand Cromwell,	Westport,	12	Son of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery. Placed with Mr. Dennis Mahoney, Newcastle.
Chandler F. Church,	Canaan,	11	Son of C. F. Church, 20th Maine. With Mr. Samuel Smith, Litchfield, Me.
Georgiana Young,	Gouldsboro',	10	Daughter of A. Young, 28th Maine. With Mr. Dennis Mahoney, Newcastle, Me.
Dexter Jack,	Gardiner,	12	Son of Augustus Jack, 3d Maine.
Frederick Jack,	Gardiner,	8	Returned to his mother.
Davis Jack,	do	6	Returned to his mother.
Edward D. Cole,	Houlton,	13	Son of James S. Cole, 31st Maine. Returned to his mother.
Llewellyn Brown,	Harmony,	11	Son of Philip Brown, 2d Me. Cavalry. With Mr. Joseph D. Sanborn, Acton, Me.
William H. Sythes,	Biddeford,	8	Son of Wm. H. Sythes, 13th N. H. Vol. Returned to his mother.
John Sythes,	Biddeford,	6	Returned to his mother.
Arnold A. Osgood,		12	Son of A. E. Osgood, 4th Reg. With Mr. S. H. Garvin, Acton, Me.
William M. True,	Yarmouth,	12	Son of William W. True, 5th Maine. Returned to his mother.
Elizabeth True,	Yarmouth,	8	Returned to her mother.

DONATIONS DURING THE YEAR 1873.

- Mr. E. S. J. Nealey, one barrel apples.
Mr. Thomas Simpson, two boxes candy.
Mr. J. W. Grassy, fifteen pounds candy.
Mr. R. C. Harris, one barrel apples.
Mr. Charles McLellan, one barrel apples.
Mrs. J. T. Patten, five sleds, two rocking chairs.
Henrietta Gove, five sleds.
Hartley Gove, five sleds.
Mr. Samuel Rogers, one sled.
Ledyard & Palmer, large quantity of dress goods.
Mrs. George M. Patten, one piece of print.
Mr. John L. Shaw, Portland, one box of oranges.
Mrs. Wm. H. Fogg, Bath, one bundle children's clothing.
Mrs. Wm. H. Smith, Bath, three pairs linen pants.
Mrs. Henry McLellan, Bath, one hat, three prs. stockings, three suits clothing.
Mrs. Charles Treat, Bath, two sashes, two hats, children's dresses.
Mrs. S. F. Keen, Thomaston, \$5.00.
Capt. Chas. E. Nash, Augusta, to Effie Trask, \$5.00.
" " " Edith Ellis, \$5.00.
Mr. O. L. Field, Fitchburg, Mass, \$2.00, a large box of candy, one box raisins.
Mr. B. F. Emery, one bushel of sweet green corn, one bushel of apples, one dozen pumpkins.
Mr. Obed Emery, Fairfield, one barrel apples.
Mrs. J. C. Jameson, Bath, one overcoat.
Mr. J. H. Robinson has kindly furnished ice to the family at the Home ever since its existence.

MONEY.

Mr. F. Torrey.....	\$15.00
Capt. John Patten.....	10.00
Mr. Joshua Nye, Waterville.....	10.00
Mrs. C. S. Jenks.....	5.00
Mrs. William Hart.....	5.00
Mrs. M. R. P. Stockbridge.....	5.00
Mrs. Dr. Fuller, from sale of robe left from Fair....	5.00
Mr. John L. Shaw, Portland.....	5.00
Mrs. James H. McLellan.....	3.00
Miss Lucy Philbrook.....	1.00
Proceeds of New Year's Festival.....	106.08

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum in account with
G. H. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

1873.	Cr.		
Jan. 6,	By interest on bonds,	-	-
Feb. 7,	interest on bonds,	-	-
Mar. 7,	cash on Governor's order,	-	-
April 3,	interest on bonds,	-	-
" 19,	cash of Winslow & Gerry,	-	-
" 24,	cash on Governor's order,	-	-
June 4,	interest on bonds,	-	-
July 1,	cash on Governor's order,	-	-
" 23,	interest on bonds,	-	-
Aug. 7,	interest on bonds,	-	-
Oct. 1,	interest on bonds,	-	-
" 10,	cash on Governor's order,	-	-
1873.	Dr.		
Jan. 1,	To balance from 1872,	\$549 40	
Dec. 31,	bills paid,	9,207 68	
" 31,	balance on hand.	1,005 17	
			10,762 25

G. H. PALMER, *Treasurer.*