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OF THE VARIOUS

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FOR THE YEAR

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1876.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

MAINE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,

AT

H A L L O W E L L,

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1875;

WITH LISTS OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS, OFFICERS AND LADY VISITORS.

AUGUSTA:

PRESS OF SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH.

1876.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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SIMON PAGE, HALLOWELL, *Treasurer.*

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

THE SUP'T OF COMMON SCHOOLS,

} *Ex-officio on
part of the State.*

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SIMON PAGE,

} *Executive
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SUPERINTENDENT.

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ASSISTANT MATRON.

MRS. D. W. CURRIER,
HOUSEKEEPER.

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MISS CLARA M. FARWELL, ROCKLAND.

MRS. CHAS. DANFORTH, GARDINER.

MRS. JAMES D. WHITE, GARDINER.

STATEMENT.

The Maine Industrial School for Girls is designed as a refuge for viciously inclined girls between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who by force of circumstances or associations are in manifest danger of becoming outcasts of society. It is not a place of punishment, to which its inmates are sent as criminals by criminal process—but a home for the friendless, neglected, and vagrant children of the State, where, under the genial influences of kind treatment, and physical and moral training, they may be won back to ways of virtue and respectability, and fitted for positions of honorable self-support, and lives of usefulness.

The Institution is a private corporation, composed of the original corporators and associate subscribers. By them its affairs are committed to a Board of Managers. The State is represented on the Board by the Governor, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Common Schools. It has provided by statute law for the custody and education of wayward and exposed girls therein, and aids in their material support.

NOTICES.

Regular meetings of the Board of Managers will be held during the year 1876, at the Reception Room of the school building, on Wednesday, January 5th; on Wednesday, April 5th; on Wednesday, July 5th; and on Wednesday, October 4th.

The Board of Lady Visitors will constitute six committees, and officially visit the school in the following order :

May, 1876 and Nov., 1876,	{ Mrs. H. K. Baker,	}
	{ Miss Annie Page,	} Hallowell.
June, 1876 and Dec., 1876,	{ Mrs. I. D. Sturgis,	}
	{ Mrs. Orren Williamson,	} Augusta.
July, 1876 and Jan., 1877,	{ Mrs. Charles Danforth,	}
	{ Mrs. James D. White,	} Gardiner.
Aug., 1876 and Feb., 1877,	{ Mrs. James E. Fernald,	} Portland.
	{ Miss Clara M. Farwell,	} Rockland.
Sept., 1876 and Mar., 1877,	{ Mrs. G. K. Jewett,	} Bangor.
	{ Mrs. Dr. A. Garcelon,	} Lewiston.
Oct., 1876 and April, 1877,	{ Mrs. A. D. Knight,	}
	{ Mrs. S. F. Davenport,	} Hallowell.

The time in the month for the visit may be fixed by the committee.

The Institution is open for visitors every Wednesday, from two till five o'clock P. M. No visitors are admitted to any part of the premises on the Sabbath day.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

To the Honorable the Governor and Council of Maine :

The success that has attended the first year of the Industrial School for Girls is a cause for congratulation, and fully justifies the expectations of its friends in the future usefulness of the Institution.

The school was opened for the reception of pupils January 20, 1875. Thirty-two have been received during the year, two of whom have been provided with good homes outside of the Institution, and are doing well. The thirty remaining fill the school to its full capacity. No more can be received until places shall be obtained for some now in the school, or larger accommodations provided.

That the Managers were fortunate in the selection of Matron, Assistant Matron and Housekeeper, is evinced by the very acceptable manner in which these officers have performed their delicate and arduous duties, and in the remarkable improvement on the part of the pupils committed to their care. Four hours of each day are devoted to study and recitations in the school-room ; the rest of the day not required for recreation, is occupied in sewing, cooking, washing, ironing and other work pertaining to house-keeping. The progress of the pupils in the school-room compares favorably with that of the scholars in the public schools of the State, while their improvement in all the industrial portion of their duties has been highly satisfactory. The deportment of the pupils shows a change for the better that is very encouraging. Many who entered the school eight or ten months ago exceedingly wild and uncultivated, now appear like very respectable young ladies.

The reports of the Matron and lady visitors, herewith submitted, present more in detail the condition of the Institution.

The report of the Treasurer exhibits the receipts and disbursements of the Institution and its present financial condition. The Managers will be compelled to ask of the Legislature an appro-

priation of five thousand dollars, which they hope, with strict economy, will enable them to defray the current expenses of the year.

There are several girls in the school who would do well in good families, and during the year there will probably be some twelve or fifteen such. To find, and place the girls in, suitable homes is one of the most important duties of the Managers, and great care should be exercised that girls shall not be placed in improper families, and that they be indentured only to parties who will provide for their education and general welfare, and treat them as members of their own families.

The experience of the last year has not only shown the value of this Institution, but has demonstrated the fact that public necessity demands larger accommodations and better facilities for this beneficent work. If we had another building like this, it would, no doubt, be filled within the next year, and the much needed classification of the pupils in the school-room, and especially in regard to moral character, could thereby be obtained.

With the present low price of building material, and the experience obtained in the erection of the first building, it is believed that another of equal capacity can be erected at a cost considerably less than the first. But this cannot be done without money, and the Managers are unwilling to apply to the State for more than enough to pay the running expenses of the Institution. We shall be obliged to appeal to persons of means who are in sympathy with the work of the Institution. A more worthy object for the exercise of philanthropic charity can hardly be presented. It is to be hoped that our appeal will meet a response that will secure another building at an early day.

SIDNEY PERHAM,
SIMON PAGE,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
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HENRY K. BAKER,
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CHARLES E. NASH,

Of the Board of Managers.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

SIMON PAGE, *Treas.*, in acct. with MAINE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

1875.	Dr.		
Jan. 19.	To amount cash in his hands.....	-	\$332 05
	To amount deposited in Hallowell Savings Institution	-	1,250 00
	" received for notes and mortgages, making balance		
	" " Mrs. Flagg's donation	-	2,500 00
	" " for interest on same.....	-	218 50
	" " of State, amount appropriation.....	-	5,000 00
	" " for rents	-	102 76
	" " for interest of Savings Institution.....	-	20 00
	" " for hay and apples sold.....	-	13 96
	" " for donations, sundry persons.....	-	331 00
			\$9,768 27
	Cr.		
	By amount bills paid on buildings	\$2,259 61	
	" " for furniture	336 40	
	" " provisions and groceries	986 56	
	" " clothing and shoes.....	239 93	
	" " fuel.....	483 12	
	" " school books and stationery.....	95 36	
	" " labor on farm	297 70	
	" " grading lot	169 00	
	" " incidentals	170 36	
	" " salaries	1,148 75	
	" " printing 2200 copies by-laws, blanks, &c	162 37	
	" " stock, (cow \$50, pig \$12).....	62 00	
	" " insurance.....	12 00	
	" " medicine chest and medicine.....	20 57	
		\$6,443 73	
	By amount deposited in Hallowell Savings Institution.....	3,300 00	
	" Treasurer's hands	24 54	
		\$9,768 27	

SIMON PAGE, *Treasurer.*

HALLOWELL, Jan. 12, 1876.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched.

Signed, BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR., } *Auditing*
 JOHN L. STEVENS, } *Committee.*

REPORT OF MATRON.

MAINE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,
Hallowell, Jan. 12, 1875.

To the Board of Managers of the Maine Industrial School:

GENTLEMEN:—I presume it will not be out of place, at the close of the year, to lay a short sketch of the history of the school before you.

We have received during the year thirty-two pupils, two of whom have gone to homes under apparently favorable circumstances.

Of the above number, we have 2 from Augusta; 2 from Bangor; 2 from Portland; 3 from Bath; 4 from Ellsworth; 6 from Rockland; 5 from Hallowell; 1 from Corinth; 2 from Sidney; 1 from West Waterville; 1 from North Vassalboro'; 1 from Lincolnville; 2 from Gouldsboro'. 17 have both parents; 11 have mothers only; 2 are orphans. 12 are under 10 years of age; 4 between 10 and 12; 14 between 12 and 15. 12 could read and write; 12 could read but not write; 8 could neither read nor write.

We have had very little sickness; one accident, attended with rather serious consequences, but from which the girl has now completely recovered; and one case of diphtheria quite recently, being the only serious cases we have had.

The household work is performed by the girls, each girl having her work changed first of each month, so as to give each an opportunity of learning the different departments of work.

The older girls, not engaged in housework, are employed in the sewing room making garments; several of them can run the sewing machine. The younger children have made considerable progress in sewing and knitting.

We have devotional exercises every morning and evening, and on the Sabbath we have Sabbath School in the morning, when each girl recites a portion of Scripture previously learned in the

day school; at four in the afternoon we have services conducted by the different ministers of Hallowell.

The girls for the most part seem contented and happy, and I am glad to say that I have had less trouble in governing them than I had anticipated.

In conclusion, I beg to return my sincere thanks to those members of the Board on whose services I have had occasion to call, for the very kind sympathy and encouragement I have received from them, feeling how very much I was assisted thereby in the performance of my arduous duties.

Earnestly wishing for the future prosperity of the school,

I remain, yours respectfully,

MARY J. HAMILTON.

REPORTS OF LADY VISITORS.

AUGUSTA, June 26, 1875.

MR. C. E. NASH, *Secretary*:

SIR:—In conformity to the by-laws of the Industrial School for Girls in Hallowell, that one at least of the Visiting Committee shall visit that Institution each month and report to you, its Secretary, the result of their observations, I as one of that committee visited that school the twenty-fifth of June, the month assigned to the committee of Augusta.

I spent several hours in looking into the arrangements of its different departments, each under the control of its separate head, and was very favorably impressed with the management of the whole. The order and system manifested through the house speaks highly for the watchful care and efficiency of the Matron. The kitchen, and cellar store-rooms, proclaim the good qualities of the housekeeper.

I was particularly interested in the school-room, and was surprised at the ability and proficiency shown by the children there. I was not prepared for the exhibition of so much scholarship, and such intelligent reading among the children. I thought I saw there ample foundations for noble women; and under their refined and ladylike teacher, with the high moral influence expressed in their sweet singing and Bible recitations, I think that we may reasonably hope, that in such a *home*, they all may be made good and useful women.

Very respectfully,

MRS. I. D. STURGIS.

GARDINER, July 20, 1875.

MR. C. E. NASH, *Secretary*:

SIR:—In July, we as a committee, made our first visit to the Industrial School for Girls, and not being expected on that day, were better able to judge of their every-day life.

In going from cellar to attic, peeping into closets, pantries and the like, (so easily neglected) everything presented a neat and tidy appearance, for which much credit is due the Housekeeper. Habits of cleanliness are strictly enforced by Matron and Teacher. The childrens' sleeping rooms looked nice and comfortable with their white spreads. In several of the rooms little keepsakes were tastefully arranged. The different branches of household duties are so admirably arranged that each child is made familiar with them all. The children seemed pleasant and cheery about the house, showing their teachers had kind hearts to win as well as govern.

On entering the dining room, fourteen (the youngest seven) were seated at the table, doing justice to nice bread and fish chowder. In the school-room much interest was manifested in their recitations—answering questions with promptness, and quickly explaining examples in arithmetic, upon the black-board. We were also impressed with the pleasant surroundings of the building—commanding a fine view of the country—which can but stimulate a love for the good and beautiful. Improvements are going on and others are suggested, to add convenience, comfort and health; though considering the short time the Institution has been in operation, one can but see great good must come of it.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. C. DANFORTH,
MRS. J. D. WHITE.

PORTLAND, August 17, 1875.

MR. C. E. NASH, *Secretary*:

Sir:—As I am expected to report the condition in which I found the Industrial School, I can only say that I was surprised and delighted to see how much had been accomplished in so short a time; every part of the house in good order, each one doing her part so well, and the children so happy and contented. The food excellent, and table above the average of charity homes. As the number of pupils is rapidly increasing, I would suggest some changes in closet room, and more spacious accommodations for cooking. This would make the Housekeeper's duties much easier.

Very respectfully yours,

MRS. JAMES E. FERNALD,
Visiting Committee.

HALLOWELL, Dec. 7, 1873.

To the Managers of the Maine Industrial School:

November was the month assigned to Miss Annie Page and myself to visit the School, but circumstances beyond our control, prevented us. As Miss Page left town for the South the last of the month, I assumed the neglected duty December 7th, and made my visit alone. I was entirely unexpected, but found everything proceeding in an orderly manner. The girls had hardly finished the week's washing when I arrived. The kitchen looked neat and the closets in order. Mrs. Carrier showed me some nice looking loaves of bread, the first attempt at bread making of one of the scholars. Some of them were busy in the sewing room. Several of the larger girls have learned to run the sewing machine. They need another machine very much, Will not some other sewing machine manufacturers, or some other benevolent person make them a present of one?

The sleeping rooms looked neat and tasty. Each girl takes care of her own room, and there is where they display their little toys and trinkets and pictures, which are their own property.

The seats in the school-room are nearly all occupied. The scholars seemed happy, industrious and orderly. The studies are reading, writing, geography, grammar, arithmetic, spelling, and general exercises. I should think they were making as much proficiency in their studies as in any of our common schools. So far the Institution seems to be as successful in every department as could be expected. When we reflect that these girls have been gathered from so many different towns, not from pleasant and refined homes, but "snatched as brands from the burning," we wonder at the good order and harmony, existing among them. It is no easy task to guide such a household. The ladies in charge deserve much credit for their success.

Respectfully,

MRS. H. K. BAKER.

DONATIONS.

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

Mrs. Joseph A. Homan,	}	Augusta, 31 vols.
Mrs. James G. Blaine,		
Mrs. William S. Badger,	Augusta, 41 vols.	
Mrs. Joshua Nyc,	" 14 "	
Mrs. Emily H. Nason,	" 1 "	
Mrs. Fisher,	" 1 "	
Mrs. F. M. Drew,	" 2 "	
Mrs. Record,	" 2 "	
Mrs. A. Sprague,	" 5 "	
Mrs. S. Judd,	" 16 "	
Mrs. R. Eaton,	" 14 "	
Miss Fannie Lambard,	" 10 "	
Augusta ladies,	10 "	
South Sabbath School,	Hallowell, 9 vols.	
Universalist Sabbath School,	" 6 "	
Miss Annie Page,	" 2 "	
Miss Sylvina L. Smith,	" 10 "	
Mina Tuck,	" 6 "	
Calvin Spaulding, Hallowell, about	100 "	
Mrs. Bradstreet, Gardiner,	22 vols.	
Bath ladies,	6 "	
Mrs. Julia Sampson, New York City,	6 "	
Mrs. R. C. Johnson,	20 "	
Unknown,	8 "	
Box by express, unknown,	60 "	

CASH FOR LIBRARY.

Mrs. A. C. Dummer, \$5.
 Miss Emma G. Hubbard, \$2.
 Miss Alice Rich, Farmingdale, \$2.

CASH DONATION.

Hon. E. A. Barnard, Calais, \$100.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.

The Managers of the Maine Industrial School for Girls tender their acknowledgments to the following named persons for Holiday gifts to the scholars :

Allen Lambard,	Augusta.
Mrs. Jos. A. Homan,	“
Mrs. Fred Tibbetts,	“
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	“
Howard Owen,	“
Mrs. J. L. Stevens,	“
Maj. G. P. Cochrane,	“
Mrs. Russell Eaton,	“
Mrs. Selden Connor,	“
Mrs. I. D. Sturgis,	“
Col. D. Allen,	“
Mrs. Charles E. Nash	“
Mrs. A. Lambard and others,	of Augusta.
Mrs. Lucius Hubbard,	Cambridge, Mass.
Miss Clara M. Farwell,	and several other friends of Rockland.
Miss Morse,	Bath.
Henry H. Bovey,	“
Samuel Anderson,	“
John O. Shaw and others	of Bath.
Miss Cornelia Smith,	Hallowell.
Col. D. P. Livermore,	“
Miss Sylvina L. Smith,	“
Miss Drummond,	“
Mrs. C. G. McCulley,	“
Miss Warner,	“
M. Roberts,	“
Mrs. E. Decker,	“
Miss Gray,	“
C. Spaulding & Son,	“
A. F. Morse,	“
J. H. Leigh,	“
Mrs. A. C. Dummer,	\$5, “
Miss Hattie Baker,	and many other friends in Hallowell
	and elsewhere, whose names have not been obtained.

DECEMBER 31, 1875.