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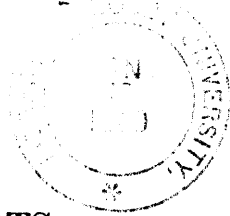
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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR

1878.

VOLUME II.

AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, ME.

1877.



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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT:

J. T. PATTEN.

SECRETARY:

G. E. MORSE,

TREASURER:

M. F. GANNETT.

TRUSTEES:

JAMES T. PATTEN,

M. F. GANNETT,

IRA D. STURGIS,

HOWARD P. WIGGIN,

NELSON HOWARD,

CHARLES T. GILMAN,

JOSEPH W. SPAULDING.

LADY MANAGERS:

Mrs. J. T. PATTEN,

“ T. G. STOCKBRIDGE,

“ B. C. SEWALL,

“ JOHN SHAW,

Mrs. Wm. F. MOSES,

“ G. C. GOSS,

“ J. D. ROBINSON,

“ M. F. GANNETT,

MISS VICTORIA MANSON.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

*To his Excellency the Governor of Maine
and the Honorable Council:*

The Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, as required, respectfully submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1877.

The beneficence of the State through this institution has continued to fall upon the children of those who willingly gave their lives to their country.

The accompanying report of the Lady Managers sets forth the internal condition of the family, as it has progressed through the year, and its present state; giving in detail information respecting the children that have been during the year, or any part of it, beneficiaries of the asylum; it is respectfully commended to your consideration.

By reference to the Treasurer's account, a brief synopsis of which is here stated, to wit:

Balance from last year.....	\$903 37
Received for interest coupons.....	520 00
“ calf sold.....	1 00
Received the State appropriation.....	8,500
of which \$500 was special for construction of cistern or reservoir, and is deducted here and placed to account of "appropriation for reservoir".....	500
	8,000 00
leaving the sum of eight thousand dollars for	
general expenditure, showing total receipts..	\$9,424 37

The expenditure has been, as appears by the account in detail and vouchers, the sum of.....	\$9,284 11
leaving a balance in hands of the treasurer of..	140 26
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	\$9,424 37

It appears that the receipts for general purposes of the institution have but little more than met the payments of the current year, while the unpaid bills amount to more than the balance will pay.

Upon the representations of the trustees, in their last annual report, in relation to the need of the Asylum of a permanent supply of water, the Legislature made an appropriation of five hundred dollars to be expended for cisterns or a reservoir. The trustees, in order to avail themselves of this appropriation, sought to contract for the construction of a reservoir, but found they could not obtain a contract for such as would meet the need for the sum appropriated; they accordingly set about making some improvement upon the cisterns connected with the house, so as to gather and store as much water as could be conducted from the house roofs, and the copious rains of the autumn have met the present requirements for laundry purposes; but this is temporary; in connection with this it is needful that provision be made for water for cooking and drinking uses; at present the house is dependent upon neighbors, who permit when they have a full supply, the use of their wells; this resource, however, is very precarious, and in time of drought is cut off.

In consideration of the foregoing, the trustees having considered the subjects with deliberation and discussion, are unanimous in opinion that the sum of ten thousand dollars, for general expenditure, and a further sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, additional to the former appropriation for a reservoir, are required for the wants of the asylum for the current year, and they have directed the president of their board to make application to the Legislature accordingly.

JAMES T. PATTEN, *President.*

BATH, January 5, 1878.

LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

To the Trustees :

GENTLEMEN:—At the commencement of the year now closing, the number of children in the family was sixty-nine. During the year twelve have been admitted, making the whole number in the family at any time eighty-one. Of these seventeen have been removed in various ways, as follows : Eight have been placed in families, which are, we believe, good and suitable homes for them ; particulars in regard to these are appended to this report ; five, at the request of their mothers, have been restored to them ; three have died, and one has been placed in the General Hospital in Portland ; and as this arrangement was made without any consultation with the Managers of the Home, the institution is relieved of any responsibility in regard to it.

There has been no prevailing disease in the family during the year. There were a few cases of whooping cough last winter, and in the course of the year a few mild cases of scarletina. There have been three deaths in the family this year—Jere. Connor, aged four years, died of croup, April 15th ; Everett I. Page, aged fifteen months, died of disease of the bowels, July 31st ; and Georgiana Lee Butler, aged six years, died of typhoid fever, October 22d.

The death of Dr. Payne, which occurred in the month of March, deprived the Home of a faithful officer, a skilfull and indefatigable physician, and one of its warmest and most judicious friends. The physician who has succeeded him in charge, has been most assiduous and untiring in his attendance upon the family, and among so many children scarcely a day passes when his care is not required.

The children of the Home, still, as in former years, attend the public schools, and are making progress. We have one in the High school, eight in the Grammar schools, and the remainder are passing through the various grades of the Primary department. We believe that it is better for them thus to mingle with others in school,—that little world in which children so largely live,—as it tends in some measure to identify them in their interests and pursuits with their future fellow-citizens, and to prevent that feeling of isolation which might be developed by always regarding themselves as institution children. Besides, by attending the public schools, they have all the advantages of a thoroughly organized system of instruction, competent teachers, and the most approved text-books, without expense to the State.

At home the girls are taught housework and sewing, as far as is compatible with punctual attendance at school, which is always insisted on. The lighter work of the house, as sweeping, dusting, laying and clearing tables, dressing and undressing the little ones, &c., is distributed among those capable of doing it. All who are old enough make their own beds. The girls gradually become skillful in sewing, and at the age of twelve or fourteen years they are able to do plain sewing, mending and stocking darning, respectably. A few of the older girls can run the sewing machine. One of oldest, now fifteen, has spent six months with a dress-maker, learning the art, and is now employed at small wages in one of the best establishments in the city.

The children come together in the family room, with the Matron, and often the Assistant Matron as well, to hear music, to sing, to listen to reading, to talk and to play games. They are sent forth in the morning to the duties of the day, and gathered to their beds at night with a verse from the Holy Word, a simple song, and the Divine prayer. We have thus given to the friends of the institution as good an idea as we can, of its school life and home life. On the Sabbath, all who are old enough, attend church and Sabbath school, always accompanied by one of the resident officers.

Their home was with the Central church until October of the present year, when it seemed expedient to relieve that society of the burden that it had so long cheerfully borne, and arrangements were made with the prudential committee of the Wesley church (Methodist) to admit the children of the Home to the privileges of their church and Sabbath school.

The year now closing has been to the Managers full of labor, anxieties and trials, and not less so to those more immediately connected with the care of the family. Particulars in regard to these events as they passed, have been given to you, gentlemen, in our quarterly reports, and need not be here repeated. One anxiety has been to fill worthily the important offices of Matron and Assistant Matron, and in both cases we venture to congratulate ourselves that we are at last successful. In securing the services of Mrs. Hall, we have obtained a mother for the children, and have nothing more to ask. Under her influence everything is moving harmoniously; the children are happy, and making progress in right ways; good qualities are developed in the sunshine of love, and evil ones firmly repressed, till they can be loosened in the soil, and finally eradicated.

With this brief statement, gentlemen, which communicates far less than the resident members of your Board know from personal observation, we submit the work of the closing year to your criticism and judgment.

In behalf of the Lady Managers,

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*

NAMES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOME ANY PART OF THE YEAR.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Abby Brann	Chelsea	21	Child of Robert Brann, 11th Regt. Me. Vols.
Reuben F. Sawyer	Bath	13	Child of Reuben Sawyer, 3d Regt. Me. Vols.
Hornace Cromwell	Westport	14	Child of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
William Hayes	Portland	12	Child of _____
Wm. Edgar Young	Gouldsboro'	11	Child of A. Young, 28th Regt. Me. Vols.
Alfred B. Linscott	Palermo	16	} Children of O. H. Linscott, 1st Regt. Me. Vols.
Anson Lee Linscott	Palermo	12	
Ella Cole	Houlton	17	Child of James S. Cole, 31st Regt. Me. Vols.
Oscar Russell	Topsham	14	
Charles E. Ham	Portland	12	Child of John H. Ham, 5th Regt. Me. Vols.
Oscar T. Prescott	Plymouth	15	Child of C. M. Prescott, 11th Regt. Me. Vols.
Mary W. Crocker	Bath	16	Child of _____
Effie M. Trask	Payette	14	Child of James Trask, 11th Regt. Me. Vols.
Mary Flagg	Rockland	14	Child of Micah Flagg, 19th Regt. Me. Vols.
Fred. Leathers	Brooks	12	} Children of S. S. Leathers, 4th Regt. Me. Vols.
Emma Leathers	Brooks	10	
Frank Cunningham	Stetson	17	Child of John L. Cunningham, 4th R. Me. V.
Bertha Webber	Readfield	15	Child of W. H. Webber, 3d Regt. Me. Vols.
Russell A. Newton	Peru	11	} Children of S. Newton, 16th Regt. Me. Vols.
Winfield P. Newton	Peru	9	
Harry True	Yarmouth	10	} Children of W. H. True, 5th Regiment Me. Vols.
Leslie True	Yarmouth	8	
William L. Townsend	Portland	9	Child of Walter Townsend, 30th R. Me. V.
Angeline Cooledge	Chester ville	10	} Children of J. S. Cooledge, 12th R. Me. V.
Maria Cooledge	Chester ville	8	
Albert Cooledge	Chester ville	7	
John Jacobs	Lewiston	11	} Children of John Jacobs, served in U. S. Navy.
Fred. Jacobs	Lewiston	9	
George B. Stevens	Augusta	9	Child of C. M. Stevens, 3d Artillery.
Fred. C. West	Searsport	11	Child of Joseph West, 14th Regt. Me. Vols.
Agnes Wakely	Rockland	10	} Children of J. Wakely, 4th Regt. Me. Vols.
James Wakely	Rockland	8	
Jane Wakely	Rockland	6	
Georgiana L. Butler	Forest City	6	} Children of J. S. Butler, 11th Regt. Me. Vols.
Fred. T. Butler	Forest City	5	
James Blake	Augusta	10	Child of J. Blake, 5th Regt. Me. Vols.
Effie M. Crocker	Farmington	6	Child of A. Crocker, 16th Regt. Me. Vols.
Augusta Bancroft	Dixfield	13	Child of D. Bancroft. He d. in rebel prison.
Frank H. Gilcrease	Dixfield	8	} Children of B. F. Gilcrease, 1st Mass. Cav., Co. I. Was living in Boston when he enlisted. Died in Dixfield, Me.
Guy I. Gilcrease	Dixfield	6	
Walter Gilcrease	Dixfield	4	
Myron P. Butters	Lewiston	10	Father, Rinaldo Butters, 15th Regt. Died
Fred. Butters	Lewiston	8	} of consumption contracted in the army.
James F. Robbins	Biddeford	9	
Herbert E. Page	Chelsea	11	Child of A. F. Robbins, 5th Reg't Me. Vols.
Lottie M. Page	Chelsea	9	
Reuben F. Page	Chelsea	7	} Children of Isaac L. Page, 19th R. Me. V.
Harry E. Page	Chelsea	4	
Everett I. Page	Chelsea	1	
Ida Pullen	Liberty	7	
William Pullen	Liberty	5	} Children of A. W. Pullen, 9th Regt. Me. Vols.

NAMES OF CHILDREN IN THE HOME—Concluded.

NAMES.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Herbert Woodward...	Brunswick ...	7	} Children of W. H. Woodward, 17th Regt. Me. Vols.
Ethel M. Woodward...	Brunswick ...	4	
Johnson Brady	Lewiston	9	} Children of ——— Brady, 17th R. Me. V.
Anna Brady	Lewiston	6	
William Brady	Lewiston	4	} Children of R. Stewart, 20th Regt. Me. Vols.
Mary A. Stewart	Houlton	8	
Francis M. Stewart	Houlton	10	} Children of T. T. Moore, 21st Cavalry, Co. C.
Lula R. Moore	Bath	15	
Hattie A. Moore	Bath	11	} Children of James Trott, 3d Regiment Me. Vols.
Alice B. Trott	Woolwich	13	
Winnefred T. Trott	Woolwich	14	} Children of Wm. Forest, 19th Regt. Me. Vols.
Anna P. Trott	Woolwich	8	
Albertina O. Trott	Woolwich	7	} Child of C. H. Colley, 1st Me. Cavalry.
Henry Forest	Hallowell	9	
John E. Colley	Portland	11	} Children of Daniel Fletcher, 13th Regt. N. H. Vols.
Mabel Fletcher	Farmington	12	
John Fletcher	Farmington	9	} Child of David Page, 1st Artillery.
Howard Page	Dennysville	11	
Abby L. Reynolds	Burnham	10	} Child of Wm. O. Kaherl, 12th Regt. Me. V.
Horace Kaherl	Belgrade	9	
William H. Day	N. Monmouth,	}	} Children of W. H. Day.
Caroline Day	N. Monmouth,		
Nellie Day	N. Monmouth,		
Lucinda Day	N. Monmouth,		
Minnie B. Farwell	Augusta	6	} Children of Hannibal Farwell, 2d Me. Cav., Co. A.
William H. Farwell	Augusta	5	
Charles Connor	Lewiston	5	} Children of E. Connor, 1st Maine Battery.
Jere Connor	Lewiston	4	
James McCormick	Rockland	7	} Children of William McCormick, 6th Regt. Me. Vols.
Alexander McCormick	Rockland	4	
Jane Reynolds	Burnham	13	} Child of Foster A. Clark. He served in U. S. Navy, steamer Brooklyn.
Thomas J. Clark	Augusta	8	

CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

NAMES.	DISPOSITION OF THEM.
John Edward Colley	In the family of Asahel W. Hamlin, Bowdoin.
Walter Gilcrease	Returned to his mother.
James Wakely	In the family of Elias H. Walker, Wiscasset
Fred. C. West	Returned to his mother.
Angeline Cooledge	In the family of Harvey Maxcy, Thomaston.
William L. Townsend	In the family of David Dutton, Sidney, Me.
Leslie True	Returned to his mother.
Mary W. Crockner	Returned to her friends.
Oscar T. Prescott	Returned to his mother.
Ella Cole	In the family of F. E. Upton, Bath.
Alfred B. Linscott	In the family of E. H. Wood, Winslow, Me.
William Hayes	In the family of Mrs. Sarah Jones, South Durham.
Abby Brann	Has a home with a relative, J. F. Chase, Deep Riv., Conn
Oscar Russell	Placed in the Maine Gen'l Hospital by Mrs. Sampson.
Jere Connor	Died April 15th.
Everett I. Page	Died July 31st.
Georgiana L. Butler	Died October 22d.

DONATIONS.

Through the kindness of the several publishers the following periodicals have been received gratuitously at the Home during the year :

Farmington Chronicle, Dexter Gazette, Gospel Banner, Waterville Mail, Portland Transcript, Bath Daily Times, Rockland Gazette, Lewiston Journal, Arthur's Magazine, Christian Mirror, Portland Press, Bath Commercial.

RECEIVED AT THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL, JAN. 1, 1877.

Box of boots and shoes from Melcher and Brown.

Box of games and toys from J. O. Shaw.

Several pairs of gloves from H. E. Palmer.

Ornaments for the tree from H. Bovey.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. John Patten, George F. Patten, Charles Davenport, Oliver Moses and J. P. Morse, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Trustees of Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, for the purpose of rearing and educating gratuitously, in the common branches of learning and ordinary industrial pursuits, the orphans and half orphans of officers, soldiers, seamen and marines who have entered the service of the government from Maine during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and have died while in said service, or subsequently from wounds received, or injuries or disease contracted while in said service; and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of like corporations in this state.

SECT. 2. If the aforesaid corporators shall within two years raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the governor and council that the same is duly and permanently secured for the purposes named in this act, then the governor shall be authorized to draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the sum of six hundred dollars, annually, in favor of said corporation, to be by them applied in manner satisfactory to the executive, to carry out the objects herein named.

SECT. 3. Of the twenty thousand dollars to be raised by these corporators, not less than one-fourth part thereof shall be judiciously invested in productive and improved real estate, consisting of not less than twenty-five acres of land,

with dwelling house and customary out-buildings, for the occupancy of said orphans and those having charge of them, and fifteen hundred dollars, at least, of said subscription shall be prudently invested in stock, farming utensils, and other personal property necessary for the profitable cultivation of said land, which investment shall be made prior to the reception of the donation from the state herein provided.

SECT. 4. There shall be chosen, annually, for the government of said asylum seven trustees from the members of said corporation, four of whom shall be selected by the governor and council.

SECT. 5. The trustees shall elect annually, one of their number to be president of the board. They shall appoint a clerk and treasurer, both of whom shall be sworn, and shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the trustees. The clerk shall record all proceedings of the board, and copies of their records certified by him shall be evidence in all cases in which the originals might be used. The treasurer shall be required to give suitable bond, and to renew the same whenever the trustees shall require.

SECT. 6. Upon the final execution of the purposes herein specified as the object of this incorporation, viz: the support and education of the orphans and half orphans of persons engaged in the service of the United States during the recent rebellion, said asylum shall continue the exercise of its corporate powers as an institution for the education and support of such orphans and half orphans of this state as the trustees under the direction of the legislature, may deem eligible to admission therein.

[Approved February 23, 1866.]

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

ARTICLE I. The Board of Trustees shall meet on the second Monday in May for the purpose of organization. Stated meetings of the Board shall occur quarterly on the first Monday in January, April, July and October, at three o'clock P. M. Special meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Secretary at the written request of three members, and at all meetings three members shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee of Finance.

ART. II. At each quarterly meeting or oftener, the Lady Managers shall make a report or statement to the Trustees in reference to the Asylum, and such action may be taken thereon as seems best.

ART. III. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys collected for the Association, pay orders drawn upon him under a resolution of the Board, or by the Committee of Finance. He shall give a bond which shall be satisfactory to the Trustees, shall invest or hold all funds under their direction, shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and payments in a book for that purpose, which shall be open to the inspection of the Trustees, and shall make an annual report to them, and also to the Association at their annual meeting.

ART. IV. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and report the same at its meetings. He shall give notice in writing of all stated and special meetings of the Board.

ART. V. No alteration in these By-Laws shall be made, unless notice be given at a previous meeting of such alteration.

BY-LAWS OF THE
BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, the objects and designs 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, 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.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Association during its pleasure by a vote thereof, and on the payment of twenty-five dollars any one shall become a member for life.

ART. III. 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 office until others are chosen to fill their place. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be officers of the Association, and the President shall preside at its meetings. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. IV. 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.

ART. V. 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.

ART. VI. 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 report their doings in detail to the Association at its annual meeting.

ART. VII. 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 they may be deemed necessary, and make and receive suggestions as the interests of the Institution may require.

ART. VIII. 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.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, January 29, 1878.

One thousand copies ordered to be printed, together with the charter and by-laws, and report of Lady Managers.

Attest :

S. J. CHADBOURNE,

Secretary of State.