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FOR THE YEAR

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, ME.

1878.

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## OFFICERS.

J. W. SPAULDING, PRESIDENT.

GEORGE E. MORSE, SECRETARY.

C. A. COOMBS, TREASURER.

### TRUSTEES :

IRA D. STURGIS, Augusta,	WILLIAM ROGERS,	} Bath.
NELSON HOWARD, Lewiston,	S. T. WOODWARD,	
IRA P. BOOKER, Brunswick,	CHAS. A. COOMBS,	

JOSEPH W. SPAULDING, Richmond.

### LADY VISITORS :

Mrs. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston,	} June and December.
“ C. A. L. SAMPSON, Bath,	
Mrs. JAMES E. FERNALD, Portland,	} May and November.
Miss. CLARA M. FARWELL, Rockland,	
Mrs. CHARLES E. NASH, Augusta,	} July and January.
“ JOHN S. CHAPMAN, Richmond,	
Mrs. WILLIAM S. PERRY and	} August and February.
“ JOHN D. LINCOLN, Brunswick,	
Mrs. MOSES GIDDINGS, Bangor,	} September and March.
“ PHILO HERSEY, Belfast,	
Mrs. ANDREW J. FULLER, Bath,	} October and April.
“ JAS. A. HALL, Damariscotta,	

Miss. HELENA T. PRESCOTT, MATRON.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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*To his Excellency the Governor of Maine*

*and the Honorable Council:*

The Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, in accordance with the established custom, respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1878.

At the commencement of the year there were sixty-six children in the Home. Twenty-eight have been admitted during the year, and twenty-eight have left, making the number now under our charge sixty-six. The names and brief histories of all these children are appended to this report, and a reference to the list will disclose the fact that all portions of our State are represented. Their life at the Asylum is rendered as homelike and pleasant as is possible in so large a family. The habits and character of each member is carefully observed, with a view to correct evil inclinations and impress upon the mind correct principles.

Through the liberality of the city of Bath all these children are received into the public schools, and are provided with text-books by the city. In this way the means for education in schools second to none in the State are afforded the children without any expense to the State, either for instructors or books. The burden thus voluntarily assumed by the people of Bath, involving in the aggregate no less than the expenses of at least one full school, building, instructors, books and all other expenditures of a city school, is by no means inconsiderable, and is indicative of the interest felt for the beneficiaries of the Asylum on the part of those who see

them often, and know their wants and needs. How well these privileges are improved by the children is attested by finding inmates of the Home in all the various grades of these schools, from the Primary to the High, by the side of children of the same ages resident in the city.

Great care and attention has been given to sanitary measures and improvements calculated to promote the health of the family, and we are gratified to be able to report that no death has occurred within the year, nor has there been any prevailing disease. Whenever occasion has required, the officers of the Maine General Hospital at Portland have given children from the Asylum the benefit of the free beds in the Hospital, and at different times during the year four of our children have had the benefit of medical treatment at that Institution. One of them, Miss Agnes Wakely, aged 12 years, successfully underwent the amputation of the left limb above the knee.

At the Asylum the children are under the immediate care of the Matron and Assistant, two most important and laborious positions. The ladies who filled those positions at the beginning of the year were obliged by failing health to resign. Mrs. Hall had proved so useful in every sense that her departure was regarded with sincere regret by the Trustees, and we looked forward with the greatest anxiety and fear even that irreparable injury might follow the selection of a person to fill the vacancy, who might prove incompetent. Mrs. Carlton filled the office of Matron acceptably during the interval in which the selection of a person to fill it permanently was under consideration. The selection fell upon Miss Helena T. Prescott of Winthrop, and we congratulate the State upon the success that has attended her services in that capacity. Under her management the welfare of the children is carefully looked after, their happiness promoted, and the affairs of the Institution judiciously administered. Harmony prevails in the household. The children are making good progress in the paths leading to true manhood and womanhood. Upon the

Sabbath they attend with the Matron one of the city churches and Sabbath schools; and in the fullest sense, so far as it is possible for orphans and so large a family, they are under and enjoy the influences of a happy home, excellent schools and enlightened churches.

A change in the organization of the Association was made in May last, occasioned by the resignation of the Lady Managers. That was a Board consisting of ten ladies, who acted under the Trustees, and attended to all the details of the affairs of the Home and the children. Many of these ladies, Mrs. M. F. Gannett, their President, and others, had served on the Board of Managers from the commencement, November 19, 1866, making nearly twelve years continuous service, and to their labors the State and the Institution are most largely indebted for the opportunities thus afforded the people of this State of paying a debt to the children that was solemnly contracted with the parents, and that too in a most wise, judicious and christianlike manner.

Their resignation placed responsibilities upon the Trustees that were assumed with many misgivings, but have been borne and the duties performed with such care and success as the ability of the Board could command. Monthly meetings were held instead of quarterly. Much aid has been rendered us by valuable suggestions and recommendations by the Lady Visitors, who monthly inspect the Asylum, and notably from Mrs. Sampson, whose long experience in connection with the Home, and very deep interest in its affairs, has enabled her to render valuable services to the Board.

But after all, whatever of success has attended the administration of the present Board of Trustees, is due to the fact that certain members have given daily attention to the affairs of the Institution. Capt. Woodward has visited the Home daily and purchased all the supplies for the household, and with the assistance of the Matron, the clothing and apparel for the children, and attended to such other calls as would naturally arise in so large a family. All this he has cheerfully and earnestly attended to, notwithstanding the demands

and claims upon his time and attention from his extensive private business. Hon. William Rogers has taken time from his business, to give his personal attention to the proper care and improvement of the buildings and grounds and engagement of employees, besides giving attention to the wants of particular children whose condition from chronic diseases or misfortunes required special attention. And C. A. Coombs, Esq., in addition to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him as Superintendent of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad, has faithfully performed the duties of Treasurer, and most efficiently conducted the extensive correspondence rendered necessary in the reception of children to the Home, and of finding suitable homes for children now in the Asylum.

How long the State and the Institution will be able to command such valuable services as these gentlemen are rendering without remuneration of any sort, save that of an approving conscience, is not known, but for the time being the people and the children are to be congratulated upon such good fortune.

The Treasurer's report gives the items of expenditures, and will show, we think, an economical administration of affairs.

Balance from last year, general fund.....	\$140 26
"          "          reservoir fund.....	500 00
Received for interest coupons, &c.....	546 94
"          from State appropriation.....	8,000 00
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Total.....	9,187 20
Expenditures per Treasurer's report.....	8,603 05
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Balance on hand.....	\$584 15

The expenditures embrace items for repairing and enlarging out-buildings, making cement vaults and cess-pools, laying drains, and digging a large well for the use of the Institution. The Institution has now an ample supply of water, and all danger of its becoming polluted from drains or vaults is removed.



A critical examination of the Treasurer's accounts will disclose a very accurate estimate of the probable wants for the coming year. The Trustees have given attention to this matter, and having in view the application of the strictest economy, they are of the opinion that an appropriation of \$7,000 will be sufficient.

Accompanying this are copies of the By-Laws of the Association, By-Laws of the Trustees, and the Rules and Regulations for the internal government of the Institution, an examination of which will afford information upon the management.

The publishers of the Bath Daily Times, Bath Commercial, Rockland Gazette, Brunswick Telegraph, Lewiston Journal, Portland Transcript, Gospel Banner, Waterville Mail, Arthur's Magazine and St. Nicholas, have kindly and gratuitously furnished their several publications to the Asylum during the year.

J. W. SPAULDING, *President.*

RICHMOND, January 1, 1879.

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

NAMES.	Residence.	Age	REMARKS.
Bancroft, Augusta...	Dixfield.....	16	Child of Dan'l Bancroft. Died in rebel prison
Blake, James.....	Augusta.....	11	Child of James Blake, 5th Me.
Butler, Frederick T..	Forest City...	6	Child of J. S. Butler, 11th Me.
Butters, Myron P....	Lewiston.....	12	} Children of Rinaldo Butters, 15th Me.
Butters, Frederick..	Lewiston.....	9	
Brady, Johnson.....	Lewiston.....	10	} Children of ——— Brady, 17th Me.
Brady, Anna.....	Lewiston.....	8	
Brady, William.....	Lewiston.....	4	} Children of J. S. Cooledge, 17th Me.
Cooledge, Maria.....	Chesterville..	11	
Cooledge, Albert....	Chesterville..	9	} Child of Foster A. Clark, U. S. A.
Clark, Thomas J....	Augusta.....	8	
Connor, Charles.....	Lewiston.....	7	Child of E. Connor, 1st Me.
Cromwell, Horace...	Westport.....	15	Child of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Me. Artillery.
Cunningham, Frank..	Stetson.....	18	Child of John L. Cunningham, 11th Me.
Crocker, Effie.....	Farmington..	8	Child of Abner Crocker, 16th Me.
Coughlin, Patsy....	Portland.....	11	Child of Dennis Caughlin, 7th Me.
Day, William H.....	No. Monmouth	12	} Children of William H. Day.
Day, Caroline.....	No. Monmouth	10	
Day, Nellie.....	No. Monmouth	8	
Day, Lucinda.....	No. Monmouth	6	
Farwell, Minnie B...	Augusta.....	7	} Children of Hannibal Farwell, 2d Me. Cav.
Farwell, William H..	Augusta.....	6	
Flagg, Mary.....	Rockland.....	15	Child of Micah Flagg, 19th Me.
Fletcher, Mabel.....	Lewiston.....	13	} Children of David Fletcher, 13th N. H.
Fletcher, John.....	Lewiston.....	10	
Forest, Wm. H.....	Hallowell.....	12	Child of William Forrest, 19th Me.
Gilcrease, Frank....	Hallowell.....	9	} Children of B. F. Gilcrease, 1st Me. Cav.
Gilcrease, Guy.....	Dixfield.....	7	
Gilcrease, Walter...	Dixfield.....	4	
George, Mary E.....	Machias.....	14	} Children of John George, 6th Me.
George, Carrie.....	Machias.....	12	
George, John.....	Machias.....	7	
Ham, Charles E.....	Portland.....	13	Child of John H. Ham, 5th Me.
Haskell, Frank E....	Lewiston.....	14	Child of George E. Haskell, 25th Me.
Hall, Frank.....	Burnham.....	11	} Children of Simeon W. Hall, 16th Me.
Hall, Blanche.....	Burnham.....	9	
Jacobs, John.....	Lewiston.....	12	} Children of John Jacobs, U. S. Navy.
Jacobs, Frederick...	Lewiston.....	10	
Kaherl, Horace.....	Belgrade.....	10	Child of William C. Kaherl, 12th Me.
Leathers, Fred.....	Brooks.....	14	} Children of Stephen S. Leathers, 4th Me.
Leathers, Emma.....	Brooks.....	11	
Linscott, Lee.....	Palermo.....	10	Child of O. H. Linscott, 1st Me.
Maxwell, Frank M...	Winthrop.....	12	} Children of Charles N. Maxwell, 3d and 17th Me.
Maxwell, Angie C...	Winthrop.....	10	
Maxwell, Myra F....	Winthrop.....	7	
Maxwell, Charles H..	Winthrop.....	3	
Moore, Lulu R.....	Bath.....	17	} Children of Thomas T. Moore, 1st Cavalry
Moore, Hattie A....	Bath.....	12	
McCormick, James...	Rockland.....	10	} Children of William McCormick, 6th Me.
McCormick, Alex....	Rockland.....	4	

NAMES OF CHILDREN IN THE HOME—Concluded.

NAMES.	Residence.	Age	REMARKS.
McKay, Annie . . . .	Bath . . . . .	12	} Children of Hugh McKay, 32d Me.
McKay, Katie . . . . .	Bath . . . . .	10	
McKay, Lizzie . . . . .	Bath . . . . .	6	
McKay, Hugh . . . . .	Bath . . . . .	6	} Children of Scott Newton, 16th Me.
Newton, Russell A. . . .	Peru . . . . .	12	
Newton, Winfield P. . . .	Peru . . . . .	10	
Page, Herbert E. . . . .	Chelsea . . . . .	12	} Children of Isaac L. Page, 19th Me.
Page, Lottie M. . . . .	Chelsea . . . . .	10	
Page, Reuben F. . . . .	Chelsea . . . . .	8	
Page, Harry E. . . . .	Chelsea . . . . .	5	} Children of David Page, 31st Me.
Page, Herbert . . . . .	Gardiner . . . . .	8	
Page, Melville . . . . .	Gardiner . . . . .	6	
Page, Mabel E. . . . .	Dennysville . . . . .	10	} Children of David Page, 1st Me.
Page, David . . . . .	Dennysville . . . . .	8	
Page, Howard . . . . .	Dennysville . . . . .	12	
Pullen, Ida . . . . .	Liberty . . . . .	8	} Children of A. W. Pullen, 9th Me.
Pullen, William . . . . .	Liberty . . . . .	6	
Russell, Oscar . . . . .	Topsham . . . . .	15	_____
Robbins, James F. . . . .	Biddeford . . . . .	10	Child of A. F. Robbins, 5th Me.
Ross, Harry H. . . . .	Winthrop . . . . .	10	Child of Chester A. Ross, 3d N. H.
Reynolds, Jane . . . . .	Burnham . . . . .	14	} Children of Joshua Reynolds.
Reynolds, Abby L. . . . .	Burnham . . . . .	11	
Sawyer, Reuben F. . . . .	Bath . . . . .	15	Child of Reuben Sawyer, Capt. Co. A, 3d Me.
Stevens, Geo. B. . . . .	Augusta . . . . .	10	Child of C. U. Stevens, 3d Artillery.
Stewart, Francis M. . . . .	Houlton . . . . .	12	} Children of Kennedy Stewart, 20th Me.
Stewart, Mary A. . . . .	Houlton . . . . .	10	
Simpson, Mary E. . . . .	Bath . . . . .	9	} Children of Isaiah Simpson, 1st Me. H. A.
Simpson, Wm. L. . . . .	Bath . . . . .	6	
Simpson, Frederick . . . . .	Bath . . . . .	4	
Trask, Effie M. . . . .	Fayette . . . . .	15	Child of James Trask, 11th Me.
True, Harry . . . . .	Yarmouth . . . . .	11	} Children of William H. True, 5th Me.
True, Leslie . . . . .	Yarmouth . . . . .	9	
True, Arthur . . . . .	Yarmouth . . . . .	7	
Trott, Winnie T. . . . .	Woolwich . . . . .	15	} Children of James Trott, 3d Me.
Trott, Alice B. . . . .	Woolwich . . . . .	14	
Trott, Annie P. . . . .	Woolwich . . . . .	9	
Trott, Albertina O. . . . .	Woolwich . . . . .	8	
Walker, Carrie B. . . . .	Bath . . . . .	9	Child of Thomas Walker, 17th Me.
Wakely, Agnes . . . . .	Rockland . . . . .	13	} Children of J. Wakely, 4th Me.
Wakely, Jane . . . . .	Rockland . . . . .	7	
Watson, Roscoe . . . . .	Hallowell . . . . .	10	Child of Charles H. Watson, 3d Me.
Webber, Bertha . . . . .	Readfield . . . . .	17	Child of William H. Webber, 3d Me.
Woodward, Herbert . . . . .	Brunswick . . . . .	8	} Children of W. H. Woodward, 17th Me.
Woodward, Ethel . . . . .	Brunswick . . . . .	6	
Young, William E. . . . .	Gouldsboro' . . . . .	12	Child of A. Young, 28th Me.

**CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THE HOME DURING  
THE YEAR.**

NAMES.	DISPOSITION OF THEM.
Brady, William .....	} Returned to their parents.
Brady, Johnson .....	
Brady, Annie.....	
Coolidge, Maria .....	In the family of John Curtis, Bowdoin.
Cromwell, Horace.....	Taken by his sister, Portland.
Cunningham, Frank.....	Sent to Insane Hospital.
Clark, Thomas J.....	Taken by his aunt, Mrs. Johnson, Augusta.
Flagg, Mary .....	In the family of Augustus Alden, Union.
Farwell, William H.....	} Taken by their mother, Augusta.
Farwell, Minnie B.....	
Jacobs, John .....	In the family of Mrs. E. Trask, West Bath.
Jacobs, Fred .....	Taken by his mother.
Linscott, Anson Lee .....	In the family of Mr. Belmont, Vassalboro'.
McCormick, Alexander.....	Taken by his mother.
Moore, Lulu R .....	In the family of A. J. Lowell, Bath.
Page, Howard .....	In the family of S. J. Gilpatrick, Lyman.
Reynolds, Abby L .....	In the family of Mrs. A. Wentworth, Vassalboro'.
Reynolds, Jane.....	Taken by Miss Lucy H. Philbrook, Bath.
Trott, Alice B .....	In the family of Isaac H. Cotton, Bowdoin.
True, Leslie.....	Returned to his mother.
Trask, Effie M.....	Taken by her mother.
Watson, Roscoe .....	Returned to his father.
Wakely, Jane .....	In the family of Mrs. Alice Benner, Woolwich.
Walker, Carrie Bell.....	Taken by her mother.
Webber, Bertha.....	Employed in the sewing room.
Woodward, Herbert.....	} Taken by their mother.
Woodward, Ethel M.....	
Young, Wm. Edgar .....	Taken by his sister, Ellsworth.

C. A. COOMBS,  
*Committee on Children.*

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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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.

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ARTICLE 1. The Board of Trustees shall meet on the second Monday in May for the purpose of organization. Stated meetings of the Board shall occur monthly on the first Monday in each month at 9 o'clock A. M.

ART. 2. At each monthly meeting or oftener the Lady Visitors may make a report or statement to the Trustees in reference to the Asylum, and such action may be taken thereon as seems best.

ART. 2. 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 the Association at their annual meeting.

ART. 4. 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. 5. 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.

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ARTICLE 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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 twelve Lady Visitors, not more than *three* (3) to be resident of the same town or city.

ART. 4. 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. 5. 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, and also in board of Lady Visitors, during the remainder of the year, and make all needful by-laws and regulations, and three members shall constitute a quorum.



ART. 6. 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. 7. The Lady Visitors are expected to visit the Asylum from time to time, and carefully observe the condition and internal management thereof, reporting annually, in writing, to the Trustees, on or before the 15th of December, the result of their inspection, and at any other time when they shall deem it desirable for the interest of the Institution.

ART. 8. 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.

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IN COUNCIL, Dec. 31, 1878.

On motion of Mr. HATCH, five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Attest: S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Secretary of State.*