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OF THE VARIOUS

Public Officers and Institutions

FOR THE YEAR

—❧ 1886 ❧—

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,

AT

BATH, ME.

1885.



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OFFICERS.

COL. CHARLES B. MERRILL, *President.*

WM. H. WATSON, *Secretary.*

H. A. DUNCAN, *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES:

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HORATIO A. DUNCAN, Bath.

S. T. SNIPE, Bath.

JOHN G. RICHARDSON, "

W. H. WATSON, "

JAMES A. HALL, Damariscotta.

DAVID R. WYLIE, "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

S. T. SNIPE,

W. H. WATSON,

J. G. RICHARDSON.

COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION AND DISPOSAL OF CHILDREN:

Hon. J. G. RICHARDSON.

Matron: Mrs. A. STETSON.

LADY VISITORS:

Mrs. Z. H. TRUFANT, Bath.

Mrs. E. P. DONNELL, Bath.

" THOS. H. RICH, Auburn.

" IRA P. BOOKER, Brunswick.

" ELLEN F. CARPENTER,

" JULIA D. LAZELLE, Rockland.

Portland.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Honorable Governor and the Executive Council of the State of Maine:

GENTLEMEN :—At the close of another year it becomes my duty to submit to you the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, and with it, I have the honor to transmit the reports of the Treasurer and Lady Visitors for the year 1885, to which is added a copy of the amended charter, as made by the last Legislature, and a complete register of the children, inmates of the Home during the past year.

The broad and liberal view taken by the Legislature, as manifested in the recent amendments to the charter, has enlarged the sphere of usefulness of the Institution, and the result has justified the action of the Trustees in asking for the changes made.

At the close of the year 1884, we had fifty-two (52) children, inmates of the Home, while to-day we have sixty-seven (67) under our care. During the year 1884, the number of children was eighty-six (86), while during the past year, we have had one hundred (100), with an average of fifty-nine (59). The increase in the number of beneficiaries is the result of the advanced position taken by the State in opening wide the doors of the Asylum, so that her fostering care is now extended, not only to the children, “orphans of those who fell in battle” or died from wounds or disease contracted in the military or naval service of the United States, on the quota of Maine “during the war for the suppression of the

Rebellion," but also to the children of those who, *since* the war, are "from age, poverty or disease unable to rear, maintain and educate such children."

Many of the present inmates have been gathered from homes of want and penury, and from "poor houses" of "town farms."

The pledges of the State given to her sons during the dark hours and exigencies of the civil war have been redeemed, and the broad mantle of her maternal love shields and protects all the children of her defenders who periled life, health and property for the general welfare.

Under the blessing of Providence, the year just passed has been crowned with health and happiness to the members of the Asylum. The watchful care and devotion of the Matron and her assistants, has won the love of the children, and received the acknowledgment and approbation of the Trustees. The professional skill of the physician in charge, Dr. Briry of Bath, manifested in his daily visits and his kind ministrations to the little ones under his care, merit the thanks of all.

To Dr. L. W. Pendleton, of the medical staff of the Maine General Hospital at Portland, and to Dr. Charles A. Packard of Bath, our acknowledgments are due for professional services gratuitously rendered on various occasions.

From C. A. Coombs, Superintendent of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad, and from the Manager of the Eastern Steamboat Company, the children have received many kind attentions, and it is with pleasure that we acknowledge the indebtedness of the Institution to them.

Particularly to be remembered by the Trustees, is Payson Tucker, Manager of the Maine Central Railroad, whose patient kindness and large-hearted generosity has so often responded to requests in behalf of the children. At the time of the session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, when the "wards of the State" were

assigned a place in the grand parade of the veterans at Portland, Manager Tucker furnished a special car for their comfort and convenience, carrying them to Portland and back to Bath gratuitously. Very few persons know how constant and unvarying his kindness has been towards the children of the Home, nor of the extent and number of calls made upon him in their behalf. The Maine Central and its connections, extending over such a large portion of the State, and in so many directions, are necessarily the means of conveyance by which the children are brought to Bath and thence taken to new homes. When it is borne in mind that this work of transportation has, for several years, been done by the kindness and generosity of the management of this great corporation, without compensation, it will be seen that the orphans at the Bath Asylum have no truer friend nor kinder benefactor than Manager Tucker.

During the past year extensive repairs, for which an appropriation was made by the Legislature, have been completed, and a detailed account of the expenditures made is given in the Treasurer's report hereto appended.

The improvements in the steam apparatus, made under the practical supervision of Trustee Wylie, foreman of the Iron Works of Gen. Hyde, at Bath, have enhanced the comfort of the inmates of the "Home," and will, as an economic measure, more than justify the outlay.

The Trustees would also call attention to the "fire escapes" of iron, which have been erected on both the east and west sides of the main building, on the exterior, so that in case of fire the inmates can easily descend from either story to the ground without using the ordinary stairway.

An artesian well, 200 feet in depth, has been sunk upon the premises, so that by the aid of a windmill an ample supply of water is forced into a tank in the upper story, for distribution for culinary and sanitary purposes, but we regret to add that for drinking purposes it is not so much of a success.

The old stable upon the rear of the lot has been renovated and made into a "play-house," for use in inclement weather, affording separate rooms for boys and girls.

The grapery and conservatory has been taken down, the Trustees being of the opinion that if grapes or flowers were to be furnished to the Asylum, it would be more economical to buy than to raise them, and that the ground upon which the old building stood could be better occupied by the play-house.

In explanation of the larger number of children remaining in the Home, the Trustees desire to call attention to the fact that the peculiar conditions of life in which many of them have lived, in poverty and destitution and without school or educational advantages, have rendered a longer residence necessary, that the objects of the Institution may be better carried out—"that they may be reared and educated in the common branches of learning and ordinary industrial pursuits, or put in the way of learning some useful trade or occupation, or otherwise providing for them, till they have attained a suitable age to take care of themselves."

The generosity of the people of Bath is worthy of particular notice, in that this municipality, weighed down, hampered and oppressed beyond measure by financial burdens, has for so many years ungrudgingly furnished school privileges to the children of the Asylum, the same as to her own sons and daughters, without money and without price.

The Trustees desire the most rigid scrutiny of their management by the State authorities, and particularly request that the accounts of the officers may be properly audited, and they also respectfully suggest that regular quarterly visitations be made to the Asylum by a "committee from the Governor and Council."

In behalf of the Trustees.

CHARLES BEN' MERRILL,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association:

The Treasurer respectfully reports that the total receipts from all sources within the year have been \$13,101.65, viz:

From State Treasurer for current expenses	\$7,000 00
“ “ “ “ extraordinary repairs,	2,000 00
“ other sources	4,101 65
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	\$13,101 65

The expenditures have been as follows:

Balance due Treasurer last year	\$ 592 00
Current expenses of 1885	8,297 74
Extraordinary repairs	3,339 48
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	12,229 22
Balance in hand	<hr/>
	\$872 43

Accounts current are herewith submitted, showing particulars of receipts and expenditures.

The average cost of maintenance per child for the past year has been \$133.83.

There is an insurance on the buildings of \$8,500 and on furniture of \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted.

H. A. DUNCAN, *Treasurer.*

BATH, January 4th, 1886.

H. A. DUNCAN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

GENERAL AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

DR.

1885.			
April 30.	To received of State Treasurer.....	\$3,000 00	
June 26.	“ “ “ “	1,500 00	
Oct. 17.	“ “ “ “	1,500 00	
Nov. 25.	“ “ “ “	1,000 00	
			\$7,000 00
	Back interest on New Orleans bonds.....	-	3,484 69
	Central Church donation.....	-	5 00
	Interest on invested fund.....	-	440 00
	Other sources,	-	171 96
			\$11,101 65
1886.			
January 1.	Balance brought down.....	-	2,211 91

CR.

1885.			
January 5.	Balance due Treasurer from last year...	-	\$592 00
Dec. 31.	Expenditures of 1885, help, viz:		
	Matron	\$501 43	
	Housekeeper	276 57	
	Cook	201 67	
	Sewing and nursing.....	399 75	
	Laundry.....	338 93	
	House-girl.....	195 28	
	Gardener and extra labor.....	245 67	
		\$2,159 30	
	Medical attendance.....	147 13	
	Travelling expenses of children	44 72	
	Freight, trucking, express, &c	36 45	
	Provisions and groceries	2,669 32	
	Books and stationery	72 81	
	Boots and shoes.....	527 04	
	Clothing and bedding.....	1,111 71	
	Travelling expenses, trustees.....	52 80	
	Millinery.....	53 84	
	Crockery and kitchen utensils	137 55	
	Fuel.....	243 15	
	Gas.....	129 85	
	Furniture and general repairs.....	662 32	
	Not classified.....	249 75	
			8,297 74
	Balance carried down	-	2,211 91
			\$11,101 65

H. A. DUNCAN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS.

DR.

1885.		
April 30.	To received from State Treasurer.....	\$2,000 00
	balance due Treasurer.....	1,339 48
		<u>\$3,339 48</u>

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1885.			
Dec. 31.	By paid for special repairs, viz:		
	Painting	\$346 52	
	Water supply and plumbing.....	927 12	
	Heating and repairs on house.....	1,145 64	
	Repairs on play-house.....	695 98	
	Fire escape.....	224 22	
			<u>\$3,339 48</u>
	Balance due Treasurer.....	-	<u>\$3,339 48</u> 1,339 48

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Orphan Asylum, Bath, Maine:

SIRS:—I have been honored by your appointment to the place of lady visitor to the "Home."

My visits have not been perfunctory, simply, but I have been interested in the children. I will not say homeless ones, for Mrs. Stetson is like a mother to them, and it pleased me that they recognize her motherly feeling, and call her by the endearing name, mamma. I found at my last visit that many needed improvements had been made during the year. Allow me to say that the Matron has not all the conveniences that I have seen in other similar institutions. A private dining-room seems quite necessary, and I hope it may be possible for it to be built the coming season. I think a bath-room connected with the Matron's private room would add to her usefulness, as well as comfort, for, with her great care, she needs to take very good care of herself. The children are well clothed and their food is not dealt out stintingly. They enjoy a freedom as nearly like a home as it is possible with so many of such a tender age.

Respectfully submitted.

I am yours,

MRS. THOMAS HILL RICH.

AUBURN, ME., December 30, 1885.

To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—We have made the visits required of us this year. The building is kept in the most thorough order in all its departments. Mrs. Stetson is, in our judgment, a model matron; and she has a most efficient housekeeper in Miss Campbell. The improvements in and about the Home, which have been made this year, are great helps in the care and management of the children, and are much to be commended. The children seem happy and are certainly cared for as well as any in the city. We attended both the May Day and New Year's festivals, and were very much pleased with the exercises, which showed a great deal of patient training on the part of the Matron, and of obedience and aptness on the part of the children.

Our State may well be proud of the Institution, and the Trustees are fortunate in having such helpers in the management of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. D. TRUFANT,
M. E. DONNELL.

BATH, January 2, 1886.

BRUNSWICK, January 2, 1886.

To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—I have made my usual visits to the Home and have had opportunity to inspect all parts of the house, and it gives me pleasure to say that, in my opinion, Mrs. Stetson continues to fill the very important office of matron very satisfactorily. My visits are necessarily brief, but, from the observations they allow, I conclude that the present Matron has the faculty to give and does give as much of that most desirable home-like character as can be expected in a family so large and comprising such variety of individuals as are here gathered.

I suggest, whenever the fund will warrant the expenditure, that the dressing-room of the Matron be furnished with bath-tub and other toilet conveniences, and that floors be laid in the present bath-rooms, of such character that no carpet will be required, as they can then easily be kept in a cleanly and proper condition. If it can be conveniently arranged, it seems desirable to have a dining-room separate from that occupied by the children, for the house officers, for reasons that will readily suggest themselves to the visitors. There is a great amount of very hard work in the bread-making for this large family. Is there not some simple mechanical aid procurable to lighten that work?

Yours,

MRS. I. P. BOOKER.

To the Secretary of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum:

DEAR SIR:—Since my appointment on the Visiting Committee, I have visited the Orphan Asylum three times, viz., in March, February and November of the present year. At each visit I was well satisfied with the condition of things. The children seemed well clothed, well fed and happy. Their behavior reflected great credit on Mrs. Stetson.

The Asylum seemed to be in a flourishing condition, and shows plainly how well a noble purpose can be carried out.

Respectfully,

MRS. JULIA D. LAZELL.

ROCKLAND, December, 1885.

Record of Children who have been Inmates of the Home
sometime in 1885.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	Soldier.	Service.
Bonney, Sarah.....	1 Portland.....	11	A. G. Bonney.....	12th Maine.
“ George.....	2 “.....	6	“ “	“ “
Barnum, Charles P... 3	Auburn.....	13	A. G. Barnum.....	12th “
“ George H... 4	“.....	11	“ “	“ “
Bean, Flora A..... 5	Danvers.....	14	William R. Bean ...	7th Battery.
“ Huldah M..... 6	Bradford.....	6	Charles C Bean	15th Maine.
*Brown, Vesta A... 7	Benton.....	14	W. A. Brown.....	3d “
*Brawn, Alice A... 8	Milford.....	14	Hiram B. Brawn	2d and 20th Me.
* “ Lydia F... 9	“.....	13	“ “	“ “
* “ Joseph H...10	“.....	11	“ “	“ “
“ Mary E.....11	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
* “ Willie E...12	Oldtown.....	14	Ephraim L. Brawn...	1st Artillery.
* “ George L...13	“.....	12	“ “	“ “
*Coombs, George H...14	Mattawamkeag	13	Hannibal H. Coombs,	6th Maine.
* “ Ella M... 15	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
“ Harry E... 16	“.....	4	“ “	“ “
Clark, Mabel A... 17	Oldtown.....	14	Samuel A. Clark....	11th “
“ Harry..... 18	“.....	12	“ “	“ “
“ Blanche E... 19	“.....	10	“ “	“ “
“ Arthur B... 20	“.....	6	“ “	“ “
Davis, Charles..... 21	Howland.....	5	Charles H. Davis ...	9th “
*Dill, Flora..... 22	Pittston.....	12	C. W. Dill.....	24th “
* “ Nellie J... 23	“.....	10	“ “	“ “
* “ Jennie..... 24	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
Dennis, Edwina M... 25	Rockland.....	9	Edwin B. Dennis....	11th “
“ Ellis L... 26	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
Daily, Fred..... 27	Lewiston.....	10	John C. Daily.....	11th “
“ William L... 28	“.....	7	“ “	“ “
Ellis, Edmund H... 29	Belfast.....	9	Edwin B. Dennis ...	26th “
Forster, Ralph E... 30	Monmouth.....	8	Llewellyn Forster...	30th “
“ Bertie E... 31	“.....	14	“ “	“ “
Frost, Ada..... 32	Calais.....	11	Benjamin P. Frost... 6th	“
Gilpatrick, Elmer... 33	Lisbon.....	11	Almon L. Gillpatrick,	12th “
“ Bertie... 34	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
Griffin, Mary..... 35	Readfield.....	15	“ “	14th “
Hawes, Angie..... 36	Belgrade.....	15	Wilson Hawes.....	9th “
“ Stella... 37	“.....	8	“ “	“ “
*Hunt, George F... 38	Gardiner.....	15	George W. Hunt.....	28th “
* “ Freeman F... 39	“.....	11	“ “	“ “
“ Herbert L... 40	“.....	9	“ “	“ “
Harlow, Fred..... 41	Turner.....	8	Wallace Harlow	9th “
*Johnson, Florence 42	Bowdoinham ..	12	Levi D. Johnson....	24th “
“ John H... 43	“.....	5	“ “	“ “
*Jones, Sarah E... 44	Brunswick ...	13	Thomas C. Jones....	11th “
*Johnson, Cora M... 45	Stowe.....	9	William Johnson ...	10th & 29th Me.
“ Perley..... 46	“.....	7	“ “	“ “
“ Frank E... 47	“.....	4	“ “	“ “
“ Eliza J... 48	Richmond.....	11	Levi L. Johnson....	24th Maine.
Kenniston, Fred... 49	Palermo.....	5	C. W. Kenniston....	3d “
Lowell, Morris R... 50	Phipsburg.....	10	John Lowell.....	9th “
“ Elisha L... 51	“.....	6	“ “	“ “
“ Clarence E... 52	Bath.....	11	Emery E. Lowell ...	2d Cavalry.
*Larrabee, Charles L. 53	Munroe.....	11	Rufus A. Larrabee...	24th Maine.
*Lord, Fred L... 54	Easton.....	14	Edward L. Lord.....	27th Maine.
* “ Leonard..... 55	“.....	11	“ “	“ “

Record of Children—Concluded.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	Soldier.	Service.
Lord, Josie B. 56	Easton	8	Edward L. Lord	27th Maine.
" Freeman E. 57	"	6	"	"
*Lawrence, Oscar ... 58	Carmel	13	Henry Lawrence	7th "
" Martin ... 59	"	12	"	"
" Merta ... 60	"	7	"	"
*Mortley, Rufus. 61	Bath	10	Charles Mortley	3d Vermont.
McKay, Lizzie. 62	"	12	Hugh McKay	32d Maine.
" Ada ... 63	"	9	"	"
McKague, Wallace ... 64	Gardiner	12	John McKague	31st "
" William ... 65	"	11	"	"
McGowen, William H. 66	Portland	15	James McGowan	31st "
*Nichols, Charles A. 67	Augusta	10	Charles A. Nichols ...	13th "
" Hiram A. ... 68	"	8	"	"
Patten, Nellie R. 69	Oldtown	12	Alonzo Patten	1st Cavalry.
*Page, Harry ... 70	Chelsea	13	Isaac K. Page	19th Maine.
*Reynolds, Electa E. 71	Burnham	15	Gilman H. Reynolds,	20th "
" Mark W. ... 72	"	12	"	"
" Lottie M. ... 73	"	6	"	"
Rowe, Frank ... 74	Skowhegan ...	-	James F. R. Rowe ...	9th "
Rollins, Alfred W. ... 75	Augusta	12	John Rollins	17th "
" Rosa M. ... 76	"	9	"	"
" Daisey C. ... 77	"	7	"	"
Sweat, John A. 78	Howland	10	Albion B. Sweat	31st "
*Sawtelle, Frank ... 79	Augusta	8	Charles E. Sawtelle ...	1st H. Artill'ry.
*Salsbury, Everett ... 80	Ellsworth	14	Benj. B. Salsbury ...	8th Maine.
" Harvey B. ... 81	"	8	"	"
Sheehan, Louisa ... 82	Lewiston	10	Daniel Sheehan	1st and 9th Me.
Stover, Charles W. ... 83	Sullivan	11	George D. Stover	6th Battery.
Smith, Mabel ... 84	Etna	15	Llewellyn Smith	9th Maine.
" Alden ... 85	"	12	"	"
* " Ola ... 86	"	8	"	"
" A. deForrest. 87	Belgrade	10	Allen Smith	15th "
" Arthur W. ... 88	"	8	"	"
* " Scott E. ... 89	"	6	"	"
*Trott, Winnie ... 90	Woolwich	21	Thomas Trott	3d Maine.
*Thompson, Harry ... 91	Portland	11	Edw. W. Thompson ..	1st Battery.
" Frank ... 92	"	9	"	"
" Mary ... 93	"	7	"	"
" Sarah ... 94	"	5	"	"
Welch, Henry ... 95	Auburn	8	Henry D. Welch	9th Maine.
Wilson, Julia M. ... 96	Edgecomb	11	Charles E. Wilson ...	26th "
" Jennie L. ... 97	"	11	"	"
" Annie ... 98	"	8	"	"
Welch, Georgie E. ... 99	Hampton, Va. .	6	Thomas Welch	6th "
" Thomas P. ... 100	"	4	"	"

One hundred different children have been in the Home sometime during the year.

Thirty-three children have been removed in the year.

Sixty-seven children remain in the Home December 31st, 1885.

The children who have been provided with homes or removed by parent or friends, have a star (*) prefixed to their names.

Sixty-two is the average number of inmates for the year.

J. G. RICHARDSON, *Com. on Children.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

An Act to amend "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. Section one is amended as follows, by striking out all after the word "the," in the eighth line, and the word "and," in the eleventh line, and inserting the words following, namely: 'military or naval service of the United States government on the quota of Maine, during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and have died subsequently, or who from age, poverty or disease are unable to rear, maintain and educate any of such children,' so that the section, as amended, shall read:

'Section 1. John Patten, Geo. 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 the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, for the purposes 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 military or naval service of the United States government, on the quota of Maine, during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and have died subsequently, or who from age, poverty or disease are unable to rear, maintain and educate any of such children, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of like corporations in this state.'

Section 2. Section five is hereby amended, by adding the following: 'The president, clerk and treasurer, shall act as a board of guardians of all the children who are members of said asylum, and shall have all the powers and authority granted by law to guardians, and shall be authorized to bind out, indenture, or give away for adoption, with the consent of their parents, any of the children under their custody, when in their opinion and judgment, it is deemed for the advantage and benefit of said children,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 5. The trustees shall annually elect 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. The president, clerk and treasurer shall act as a board of guardians, of all the children who are members of said asylum, and shall have all the powers and authority granted by law to guardians, and shall be authorized to bind out, indenture or give away for adoption, with the consent of their parents, any of the children under their custody, when in their opinion and judgment it is deemed for the advantage and benefit of said children.'

BY-LAWS

OF

Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

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, by a vote of the association to that effect.

ART. 3. This association shall meet annually on the first Monday in January, 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 six lady visitors, not more than *two* (2) to be resident of the same town or city, 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 seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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 January. 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 belong-

ing 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.

ART. 9. All by-laws inconsistent or conflicting with the above are hereby repealed.

The above are as amended and adopted at the annual meeting of the association, January 7, 1884.

W. H. WATSON, *Secretary.*

By-Laws of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 1. The board of trustees shall meet on the first Monday in January of each year, for the purpose of organization. Stated meetings of the board shall occur monthly, on the first Monday of each month, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Special meetings shall be held upon written request of three or more trustees, by call of the president, or in his absence, of the secretary.

ART. 2. At each annual meeting the board shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary and treasurer, an executive committee of three of its members, and a committee of one or more on reception and disposal of children, which committees shall continue to perform the duties charged upon them until their successors are elected. The executive committee shall have in charge all the interests of the asylum which are not otherwise provided for in these by-laws; shall make all necessary purchases, engage or dismiss assistants employed in the institution, see that needed repairs are made, and report their doings at each monthly meeting of the board, for its action thereupon. All bills against the asylum, with accompanying vouchers where possible, shall be required to be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee or by vote of the board at a meeting, before being paid by the treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Reception and Disposal of Children to entertain any and all propositions which may be made for receiving such orphans or half-orphans to the asylum as are entitled to its privileges, and to admit them to the institution, subject to the approval of the board at its next meeting. This committee shall also receive applications from parties desiring to adopt children who are full orphans, or to furnish homes for half-orphans, to investigate the character of the applicants, and if found satisfactory, to so report at the next subsequent meeting of the board, when, if objection is not made by the surviving parent, the board may direct that such half-orphans be placed in the proffered homes. No child shall be received to or removed from the asylum, except by approval of this committee or of the board of trustees, nor shall any half-orphan be received or removed except upon the approval of its surviving parent.

ART. 3. 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. The report or

statement shall be made in writing, dated and signed by the visitor or visitors.

ART. 4. 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 approval of the Executive Committee. 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. 5. 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. 6. These by-laws shall take effect from their adoption by the board. They may be altered or amended at a stated meeting by vote of a majority of the full board, notice having been given of the proposed alteration at a previous meeting.

ART. 7. Previously adopted by-laws, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed; and amendments to such by-laws, conflicting with these, are declared void.

ART. 8. These by-laws, together with those of the association, and the statement of duties of employees, and regulations for government of the asylum, shall be read at each annual meeting of the board of trustees. They shall be conspicuously entered in the book of records, on pages set apart for them, and amendments or alterations shall be entered immediately after adoption, on pages reserved for that purpose following the entry of the by-laws.

The foregoing are as amended and adopted October 1, 1883.

W. H. WATSON, *Secretary.*

Duties of Employees, and Regulations for the Government of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

THE MATRON

shall be recognized as the head of the family, which will be understood as including the orphans of the asylum and its employees. Under the advice and direction of the trustees, she shall have control of all that appertains to the welfare of the inmates.

She shall keep, in a book used for that sole purpose, a record of each child received to the asylum; of its age, full name, previous residence, military or naval service of its father, and any other information she may be able to obtain respecting its previous history, that may be likely to be of future worth to such child. She shall also keep a record, of form available to the Trustees, of all children removed from the asylum to other homes, giving name, age and parentage, and the name and residence of the persons who receive them. In case of the return of children who have been placed in other homes, she shall learn from the Committee on Reception and Disposal of Children, the alleged reasons for their return, and record them with re-entry of the child's name.

She shall keep a true account of the time and wages of employees, whose bills for services shall be audited by her before they can be paid.

She shall cause all children whose health permits, to attend some church and the Sunday school connected therewith at least once on each Lord's day. The previous religious training of the children shall be respected. They shall attend these services in charge of an employee or inmates of the asylum, to be designated by the Matron, or of some person selected therefor by the church at which the children attend.

She shall have power to temporarily suspend any employee for misdemeanor or disobedience of instructions, reporting such suspension at once to the Executive Committee, who alone shall have authority to make final disposition thereof.

In her temporary absence she may designate any employee to take her place, and such person will be the Acting Matron, and governed by the foregoing rules.

THE HOUSEKEEPER

shall be responsible to the Matron for the general cleanliness and order of the house; for the purchase, care and preparation of the food; for the proper performance of the laundry work, and for the conduct of the servants.

THE STEWARD AND GARDENER

shall have general oversight of the grounds and buildings; the care of the boilers and of the live stock, and of the out-door work, consulting with and being directed by the Matron and the Executive Committee.

As need may require, and the number of inmates may warrant, a detail of boys shall be made by the Matron to assist him and be instructed by him. These boys shall be under his order during the time designated by the Matron, and any insubordination or impropriety on their part will be promptly reported to her by him. In no case will he be permitted to administer punishment to any child.

OTHER EMPLOYEES

will perform their respective duties as defined by the Matron, their right being recognized to state grievances or complaints directly to any member of the Executive Committee.

Employees will not be allowed at any time to absent themselves from the Home, without first receiving the consent of the Matron, and they will always, when leaving the asylum, leave the keys of apartments in their charge with the Matron. They are not permitted to receive visitors at the asylum, except upon permission of the Executive Committee. This regulation is not to be construed as forbidding them to receive occasional callers.

It is a condition of engagement of employees, that they are to devote their entire time and attention to the duties required of them, and so much of these regulations as define those duties shall be read to them before they enter upon their work.

NO INMATES

of the asylum, except the Matron, Housekeeper, and Steward and Gardener, are permitted in the garden or stable except as before provided for the detail of boys, unless by the consent of the Matron or Gardener.

Doors will be locked and lights extinguished by 10 o'clock P. M., save by special permission otherwise, given by the Matron, and approved by the Executive Committee.

Boisterous play, or loud conversation inside, or with persons outside the house is positively forbidden.

PUNISHMENT.

While for the maintenance of proper discipline, punishment of some sort may be necessary, it should not be resorted to until kindly methods have been fully tried and found unavailing. And in any case, the Matron shall, on assuming her duties, receive instructions from the Executive Committee as to methods of punishment to be followed.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES,

of a character approved by the Executive Committee, shall be held at least once daily, under direction of the Matron, and shall be attended by all children not excused because of sickness or other absolutely necessary cause.

NEGLECT OF THESE DUTIES

or want of conformity to these regulations on the part of any employee of the asylum, and persistence therein, will be regarded as sufficient cause for dismissal.

THESE RULES

shall go into effect from the date of their adoption by the Board of Trustees, and every employee shall be at once made acquainted with their requirements.

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Secretary of State.*