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# FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Augusta, March 1, 1870. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Report of the Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, with the Report of the Managers of the same. I have already expressed my cordial approval of the objects and efforts of those who are endeavoring to give this Institution a permanent establishment.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

OF THE

## Bath Military and Naval Asylum---1869.

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*To his Excellency the Governor of Maine,  
and the Executive Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Asylum, beg leave to submit the following Annual Report :

When the \$15,000, voted by the Legislature at the last session were at their disposal, the condition, namely, that \$5,000 should be contributed elsewhere, having been complied with, they purchased after careful examination of different locations, the family mansion and grounds of Hon. Wm. Rogers for \$10,000, and deeded the same to the State. These included a fine orchard, garden, grapery, out-buildings, and some two and a half acres of land in a commanding and healthy position, in one of the best parts of the city. The house was in good repair, and though large, could accommodate scarcely fifty inmates.

Enlargements and alterations for the suitable accommodation of 150 children were at once undertaken after the plans gratuitously furnished by F. H. Fassett, Esq. \*

The family, now thirty besides the matron and assistants, moved in. The work was mainly done by contract. The main building was raised and a French roof put on, and a large ell added ; cooking and ventilating facilities were provided, and the whole building heated by steam. This work has continued through the winter, and is now nearly complete.

The following financial exhibit gives the amounts necessary to pay bills already contracted, and to complete the building, and finish the work outside :

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received—Appropriation.....	\$15,000 00
Donations in Bath and elsewhere.....	6,079 60
On account of yearly support of orphans from the State .....	2,000 00
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	\$23,079 60
Paid—For lot and buildings.....	\$10,000 00
On account of improvements and repairs.....	8,498 96
“     “     running expenses.....	2,524 49
Balance, cash on hand reserved for running ex- penses .....	2,056 15
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	\$23,079 60
Due—Amount of bill on improvements and repairs.....	\$5,732 37
“     “     running expenses.....	202 21
Amount required for completing building, furnish- ing, fencing, other outside work, burial lot, as per estimate.....	6,360 00
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	\$12,294 57

It has not been practicable to increase the number of children much during the year, owing to the want of room. When the building is completed it is thought a short time will suffice to fill it to its extent from the numerous destitute orphans in the State, and to bring under influence of good over 100 children.

The present inmates are under the best of discipline, in spite of the confusion about them the year past. They attend the public schools, and take a good stand, and are happy under the singularly good management of their matron, Mrs. Mayhew.

It is designed in their training, to direct each child to the use he may seem best fitted by nature to fill, and their present progress gives good promise for the future.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN PATTEN, *President.*

THOMAS W. HYDE, *Secretary.*

### Lady Managers' Report of the Orphans' Home—1869.

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*To the Trustees of the "Orphans' Home":*

GENTLEMEN:—The year now closed has been one of growth and development to this institution. At the commencement of the year, as may be seen by reference to the previous reports, the number of its beneficiaries was 14; it now has 30. These have been received at different times during the year, and from various parts of the State. These frequent additions to the family of little ones, strangers to its order and discipline, and, in many cases, utterly uncultivated at home, would of itself have made a difficult task to keep the family up to the standard of order—good manners and good morals—to which it had attained at the time of our last report. When to this is added the confusion inseparable from the enlarging of the building and remodeling of the interior while it is still occupied by the family, no one surely would be surprised at some appearance of disorder in the domestic arrangements. In these important respects, however, we are sure there is no real deterioration, but only an appearance of it, arising from the want of opportunity to bring into every day life those principles of domestic order and family courtesy so constantly and patiently instilled into the minds of these children.

The managers are happy to say that they still retain the services of Mrs. Mayhew as matron, and in this department have nothing more to ask. May she long continue the judicious, patient and godly mother to the orphan children of Maine. During the summer Miss Farnham's health failed to such an extent that she felt compelled to relinquish the position of housekeeper which she had filled with acceptance from the opening of the institution. After some time the services of Miss Lema Ricker of Augusta, were secured in this department, and it is evident that the best interests of the Home have been consulted in this arrangement. An assistant in the housekeeping department is still needed, as the burden of labor and care is too great for one. In the minor details of the kitchen Miss Ricker has quite an efficient helper in one of the

orphan girls, the first one received to the institution, whose faithful diligence has been thought worthy of some small compensation. Indeed all the children of the family are systematically taught to work as preparation for future usefulness.

The health of the family has been good up to the close of the year, only two cases of severe illness having occurred.

The institution owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Payne, Homeopathic Physician, of this city, who has ever since the opening of it promptly answered every call, and attended with unwearied assiduity every case of illness without compensation.

The children are constant attendants on the public schools of the city, and their progress in the various branches of learning compares favorably with that of other pupils.

Two of the girls, belonging to the family at the the time of our last report, have been for several months absent from it, one in Portland, the other in Augusta. Both have had the opportunity to make for themselves good homes by fulfilling the conditions required, but both have failed and will probably soon be returned upon our hands. What shall be done with them? One of them has already reached the age of fourteen, beyond which it is not proposed to allow the advantages of the Home, except in cases where there might be willingness and ability to render service commensurate with the benefits received.

We append for your information a brief descriptive catalogue of all the children admitted to the Home since its opening.

Respectfully submitted for the managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*

NAME.	When received.	From what place.	When born.	REMARKS.
Abby Brann.....	Nov. 19, 1866,	Chelsea.....	July 15, 1856,	} Children of Robert Brann, Co. F, 11th Me.; parents both dead.
William Brann.....	" "	Chelsea.....	Sept. 1, 1860,	
Julia Sawyer.....	" "	Bath.....	.....	} Children of Capt. R. Sawyer, Co. A, 3d Me.; died in service Nov. 8, 1863; mother died since.
Reuben Frank Sawyer.....	" "	Bath.....	.....	
Watson Brewer.....	May 13, 1867,	Boothbay.....	Aug. 12, 1858,	} Adopted child of Frank H. Brewer, Co. C, 14th Me.; died in service; [father supposed lost at sea.
Myra Cromwell.....	June 20, 1867,	Westport.....	January, 1855,	
Isabel Cromwell.....	" "	Westport.....	March 12, 1859,	} Children of S. R. Cromwell; died in <i>Andersonville</i> ; mother died since.
Ferdinand Cromwell.....	Aug. 17, 1867,	Westport.....	May 6, 1861,	
Horace Cromwell.....	" "	Westport.....	July, 1863,	
Anna Bliss.....	Feb. 3, 1868,	Brunswick.....	June 12, 1857,	} Children of George S. Fowle; died in <i>Andersonville</i> ; mother died since.
Mary Weltha Crocker.....	April 18, 1868,	Woolwich.....	June 8, 1861,	
Lizzie Fowle.....	July 12, 1868,	Newcastle.....	June 6, 1860,	} Children of George S. Fowle; died in <i>Andersonville</i> ; mother died since.
Jennie Fowle.....	Aug. 6, 1868,	Newcastle.....	April 21, 1857,	
Charles McKusick.....	Aug. 3, 1868,	Foxcroft.....	1861,	Child of Charles H. McKusick, 20th Me.
Alfred Fowle.....	Sept. 22, 1868,	Newcastle.....	Aug. 12, 1855,	Removed by his uncle.
Augusta O. Reynolds.....	Dec. 19, 1868,	Burnham.....	Dec. 30, 1860,	} Children of Gilman H. Reynolds, Co. A, 20th Me.; died in service; } mother died since.
Christopher Reynolds.....	" "	Burnham.....	May 13, 1863,	
Frank H. Stimpson.....	Jan. 15, 1869,	Westport.....	Feb. 19, 1863,	Father private 3d Me.; mother dead.
William H. Church.....	April 2, 1869,	Canaan.....	July 15, 1859,	} Children of Chandler K. Church, Co. A, 20th Me.; died of disease in } 1865; mother died in 1868.
Chandler K. Church.....	" "	Canaan.....	Sept. 23, 1862,	
George Tibbetts.....	May 24, 1869,	Wiscasset.....	Nov. 9, 1861,	Received from the overseers of the poor of Wiscasset; soldier's orphan.
Winnie N. Estes.....	May 27, 1869,	Portland.....	August 1, 1862,	} Child of Colburn Estes, fireman U. S. Navy; died in service; mother } [since died.
Melvin Reynolds.....	May 29, 1869,	Burnham.....	May 1, 1855,	
Mary Elliot.....	June 5, 1869,	Portland.....	July 14, 1857,	} Children of Moses A. Elliot, Co. B, 17th Me.
Moses Elliot.....	" "	Portland.....	1862,	
Daniel W. Frye.....	June 15, 1869,	Fryeburg.....	Sept. 26, 1858,	Child of Stephen S. Frye, Co. A, 11th Me.; died in service; mother dead.
Anna A. Sanborn.....	June 23, 1869,	W. Baldwin.....	.....	Child of Reuben Sanborn, Co. I, 30th Me.; died in service.
Abby A. Scott.....	" "	Portland.....	Feb. 16, 1858,	} Children of John Scott, Co. G, 15th Me.; died at New Orleans, 1863.
Mary A. Scott.....	" "	Portland.....	June 30, 1862,	
Arthur J. Reynolds.....	July 21, 1869,	Burnham.....	April 22, 1859,	} Children of Hiram A. Bowen, Co. D, U. S. Engineers; died of disease } contracted in service.
Charles Bowen.....	August 4, 1869,	Portland.....	June 10, 1866,	
Fanny R. Bowen.....	" "	Portland.....	May 27, 1868,	
Allen F. Gray.....	Aug. 30, 1869,	Plymouth.....	1863,	Child of Franklin E. Gray, Lieut. Co. D, 8th Me.; killed.
Charles H. Beverly.....	Sept. 17, 1869,	Orono.....	June 3, 1862,	Child of Joseph W. Beverly, Co. C, 17th Me.; wounded; died in hospital.
Lizzie Church.....	Oct. 4, 1869,	Burnham.....	.....	

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 1, 1870.

Read, and on motion of Mr. LANE, laid on the table and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying Reports.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*