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No. 5.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, MAINE.

1874.

# OFFICERS.

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PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM E. PAYNE.

SECRETARY:

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TREASURER:

GERSHOM H. PALMER.

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IRA D. STURGIS,

SELDEN CONNOR.

WILLIAM E. PAYNE,  
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GERSHOM H. PALMER,

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Mrs. J. D. ROBINSON,  
" WM. F. MOSES,  
" J. T. PATTEN,  
" G. C. GOSS,  
" T. G. STOCKBRIDGE,

Mrs. C. A. L. SAMPSON,  
" JOHN SHAW,  
" J. T. HOWLAND,  
" B. C. SEWALL,  
" M. F. GANNETT.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

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*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 corporation 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 investments 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, 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.

SECT. 6. Upon the final execution of the purposes herein specified as the object of this corporation, viz : the support and the 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.]

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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

The Trustees of the " Bath Military and Naval Orphans' Asylum," have the honor to submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1874.

This institution has prosperously continued in the exercise of the noble charity for which it was established by the State, affording a comfortable and pleasant home and intelligent and tender care to children who would else have been homeless and unfriended. The Trustees have only approval to express with regard to the management of the Asylum. Nothing has occurred during the year calling for special notice in this report, or suggestive of the recommendation of any change in the conduct of its affairs tending to further promote the usefulness of the institution or to a closer observance of economy.

The report of the Treasurer, and accompanying vouchers, exhibit in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year. The receipts, including the balance from 1873, amount to \$11,355.17, and the amount actually expended is \$9,046.02, leaving a balance of \$2,309.15 on hand. The Treasurer estimates that \$850 will be required to pay for repairs in process at the close of the year, for carpets, the purchase of which has been authorized by the Trustees, and to meet sundry small unpaid bills due in 1874, thus leaving an available balance of about \$1,459.15.

The report of the Lady Managers, with annexed tabular statements, will inform you of the internal affairs of the Asylum, of the number, parentage, sanitary condition, educational facilities and progress in learning of its inmates, and of the disposition made of those withdrawn within the year. But one death has occurred, and that from hereditary disease.

The Lady Managers have devoted themselves to their beneficent duties with a zeal and constancy that denote the earnestness of their interest in the young lives whose welfare is to so great an

extent dependent upon their efforts. Their guardianship is not confined to the Asylum, but follows those children who have been taken from it by persons who propose to adopt them if the relation should prove upon trial to be mutually desirable.

The Lady Managers' estimate of the value of the services of Miss Goodale, matron, and Mrs. Tobey, assistant matron, is heartily concurred in.

The Trustees are unanimously of the opinion that an appropriation by the State of nine thousand dollars is required to maintain the Asylum for the ensuing year, with due regard to the needs of its wards and the preservation of the building. They believe that, while the State honors itself by a generous provision for the bereaved children of the defenders of the Union, it will receive substantial benefit therefrom in the increased usefulness to society of the men and women who will owe their preparation for the duties of life to its bounty.

In the absence of Dr. Payne, President of the Board, the undersigned, designated by the Trustees, respectfully submits the foregoing in their behalf.

SELDEN CONNOR, *Trustee.*

## LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

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*To the Trustees :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Orphans' Home has now completed the seventh year of its existence, and the Lady Managers beg leave to submit you the following report in regard to the management of its domestic affairs during the past year, and its present internal condition.

At the time of our last communication to you, the institution had just met with a severe loss, in the removal of Mrs. Mayhew and Miss Baker from positions of great responsibility ; and Miss White was filling temporarily the office of Matron, while the Managers made diligent efforts to obtain a permanent incumbent. This arrangement continued until May, and Miss White's success during these six months in controlling and directing the children, and guiding all the affairs of the house, showed her to be eminently adapted to the situation ; and it was with extreme reluctance that the Managers were constrained to acquiesce in her decision, that her health was not sufficient for the severe labor required. On the 20th of May, Miss E. W. Goodale entered upon the duties of Matron, which position she still occupies, very satisfactorily to the Managers. She brings to the work a true and earnest love for the children under her care, and such wisdom and energy in the adaptation of means to the promotion of desired ends, as cannot fail to secure a good measure of success. Early in January, Mrs. M. A. Tobey took the place of Assistant Matron and House keeper, and still discharges the varied and toilsome duties of this department with ability and success.

In the Sewing Room, under the supervision of an efficient committee of the Managers, and in the hands of interested, energetic and experienced seamstresses, the work of clothing the family has gone forward with promptness and despatch. Mindful of your suggestions on this point, the Managers have kept in view in clothing the children, a somewhat higher standard than heretofore,



and we believe that, taking into consideration the entire wardrobe of the children, they are better clothed than ever before.

The service that we have been able to procure in the departments of cooking, laundry-work and house-cleaning, has been of a character tolerably satisfactory; but the management of these important affairs requires the constant and vigilant supervision of the Matron and Housekeeper.

The number of children in the family at the commencement of the year was fifty-seven. To this number, eighteen have been added during the year, and twenty have been removed in various ways, as follows: fifteen have been returned to their mothers; four have been adopted by good and responsible people, as we believe after faithful inquiry; one has died.

The Managers have prepared and published blank forms, expressing the obligations assumed by the Institution in regard to all children who are placed entirely under its control; these, when duly filled and signed, to be left with the parties from whom the children are received. They have also prepared forms to express the obligations assumed by those who take any of these children into their families by adoption, more or less complete, which, when filled, are to be in the keeping of the Institution.

The children still enjoy all the advantages of the public schools of this city, and are making some progress, a few, very good progress, in the various studies pursued. Forty-three of the children are in the various classes of the Primary schools, five are in the Grammar schools, and one in the High school. The family attends the worship of the Central Church, and the children are members of the Sabbath School.

The health of the family has been interrupted in a few instances during the year by severe sickness. One death occurred from consumption last January, and in August there were two cases of fever. Aside from these cases, there has been but very little sickness in the house.

Thanks are due to the publishers of the Nursery, Christian Mirror, Arthur's Home Magazine, Bath Daily Times, Waterville Mail, Portland Transcript, Gospel Banner, Rockland Gazette, Portland Press, Lewiston Journal, Brunswick Telegraph, for sending them regularly to the Home.

The family is again, as usual, indebted to Mr. Park for a very enjoyable sleigh ride.

In conclusion, the Managers would express to you their conviction that the work of the past year in the Home has been good and thorough, and we trust it will do something towards building up for the children trained in this Home good and useful characters.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Lady Managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*

**PRESENT INMATES OF THE HOME.**

<b>NAME.</b>	<b>Residence.</b>	<b>Age.</b>	<b>Parentage.</b>
Abby Brann,	Chelsea,	18	Robert Brawn, 11th Me. Regiment.
Reuben F. Sawyer,	Bath,	10	Reuben Sawyer, 3d Me. Regiment.
Isabel B. Crowell,	Westport,	15	S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
Horace Cromwell,	do	11	G. H. Cromwell.
Augusta O. Reynolds,	Burnham,	13	G. H. Reynolds, 20th Regiment.
Christopher Reynolds,	do	11	do
William Hayes,	Portland,	9	
Charles McKusick,	Cape Elizabeth,	12	Charles McKusick, 20th Regiment.
Frank A. Gray,	Augusta,	11	F. E. Gray, Lieut. 8th do
Thomas T. Brown,	Winthrop,	13	S. E. Brown, 21st do
William L. Cook,	Bridgton,	12	A. J. Cook, 25th do
William E. Young,	Gouldsboro,	8	A. Young, 28th do
Alfred B. Linscott,	Palermo,	13	O. H. Linscott, 1st Me. Battalion.
Amanda M. Linscott,	do	11	do
Anson L. Linscott,	do	9	do
Ella Cole,	Houlton,	14	James S. Cole, 31st Regiment.
David D. Brown,	Harmony,	7	Philip Brown, 2d Cavalry.
Oscar Russell,	Topsham,	11	
Oscar T. Prescott,	Plymouth,	12	Charles M. Prescott, 11th Regiment.
Charles E. Ham,	Portland,	9	John H. Ham, 5th Regiment.
Albert Watson,	Friendship,	12	
Abby L. Reynolds,	Burnham,	7	Joshua Reynolds.
Ida M. Reynolds,	do	9	do
Mary W. Crocker,	Bath,	13	Leonard Crocker.
Bernard Morrill,	Chester ville,	10	John Morrill.
Bertha Snow,	Bath,	9	Capt. — Snow, lost at sea.
Effie Trask,	Fayette,	11	James Trask, 11th Regiment.
Fred Leathers,	Brooks,	9	Stephen S. Leathers, 4th Regiment.
Bertha Webber,	Readfield,	12	William H. Webber, 3d Regiment.
Russell Newton,	Peru,	8	Scott Newton.
Winfield Newton,	do	7	do
Leslie True,	Yarmouth,	-	William H. True, 5th Regiment.
Harry True,	do	-	do do
William Black,	Lewiston,	11	David J. Black, 2d Cavalry.
Alice Trott,	Woolwich,	10	James Trott.
Winnie Trott,	do	11	do
Lizzie F. Mitchell,	Portland,	7	J. D. Mitchell, 1st Artillery and Navy.
Susan C. Mitchell,	do	5	do
Horace Kaherl,	Beigrade,	6	William O. Kaherl, 12th Regiment.
William L. Townsend,	Portland,	6	Walter S. Townsend, 30th Regiment.
Angeline Cooledge,	Chester ville,	7	James S. Coolidge, 12th Ct. Vols.
Maria Cooledge,	do	5	do
Albert Cooledge,	do	4	do
John Jacobs,	Lewiston,	8	John Jacobs, Navy.
Frederic Jacobs,	do	6	do
George B. Stevens,	Augusta,	6	Charles M. Stevens, 3d U. S. Artillery.
Fred C. West,	-	8	Joseph West, 14th Me.
William Germain,	Bath,	9	
William Wakeley,	Rockland,	11	James Wakeley, 4th Me.
Agnes Wakeley,	do	7	do do
Jane Wakeley,	do	3	do do
James Wakeley,	do	5	do do
Mary Flag,	do	11	
Hattie Moore,	Bath,	8	

## CHILDREN WHO HAVE LEFT THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

Names.	How disposed of.
Frank Cunningham,	Taken by his uncle, N. W. Perry, S. Easton, Mass., with a view to adoption.
Charles L. Maloon,	Returned to his mother, Chelsea, Mass.
Mabel Fletcher,	} Returned to their mother, Augusta, Me.
John Fletcher,	
Herbert Huxford,	} Returned to their mother, Houlton, Me.
Sophia M. Huxford,	
Hattie Huxford,	
Jane Reynolds,	Taken by Mrs. Church, Augusta, Me., with a view to adoption.
Emma Brazier,	Adopted by P. Parker, Chesterville, Me.
Fanny Robinson,	} Returned to their mother, Lewiston, Me.
Nellie Robinson,	
Emma Leathers,	Returned to her mother, Brooks, Me.
Edith E. Ellis,	Returned to her mother, Portland, Me.
Angeline Hawes,	} Returned to their mother, Augusta, Me.
Ada Hawes,	
Ella Libby,	} Returned to their mother, Augusta, Me.
Robert Libby,	
Elizabeth Turner,	Died at the Home, of consumption, February 5th.
William Turner,	Adopted by A. A. Newbert, Waldoboro', Me.
Tina Trott,	Returned to her mother, Bath.

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE CHILDREN'S  
FESTIVAL, JAN. 1, 1874.

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Mrs. T. G. Stockbridge, \$5.00.  
Dr. William E. Payne, \$2.00.  
Rev. Mr. Hart, \$5.00.  
Mr. John T. Howland, barrel of apples.  
Melcher & Brown, box of boots and shoes.  
Mrs. Robinson, refreshments.  
Mrs. Moses, refreshments.  
Mrs. Gannett, refreshments.  
Miss S. E. Gannett, dressing gown.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Capt. John Patten, three turkeys and six chickens.  
Mr. N. A. Farwell, Rockland, a generous Christmas dinner.  
Miss O. R. Thompson, four cans maple syrup.  
Mrs. M. A. Tobey, twelve pounds sage cheese.  
Mrs. Osgood, two loaves bread and cake.  
Mr. Sturgis, Augusta, two barrels apples.  
Mrs. Stirling, Rockland, bundle of old linen, and a game.  
Miss Dix, Washington, books and pictures.  
Mr. N. C. A. Jenks, two boxes mineral soap.  
Mr. S. L. Goodale, Saco, plants.  
Mr. J. T. Howland, eighteen plated forks.  
Miss O. R. Thompson, maple candy.  
Mr. James H. Robinson, ice through the summer.

DONATIONS IN MONEY IN 1874.

Miss Dix, Washington, \$10.00.      Miss L. H. Philbrook, \$2.00.  
Mrs. Fuller, \$2.00.                      Miss Smith, \$1.00.

### AGREEMENT.

In consideration of obtaining a good home for \_\_\_\_\_ we hereby engage, of our own free will, to give up \_\_\_\_\_ to the officers of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, located at Bath, Me., to be retained in the above-mentioned institution, or to be placed out for adoption in a good family, as they may judge best. In case of the latter, we now engage that we will not seek to molest or to deprive them of \_\_\_\_\_ but that we will rely upon the officers of the Home to dispose of \_\_\_\_\_ as they may judge best for the good of the child. And we now agree to give \_\_\_\_\_ up to them fully and unreservedly.

Witness,

Remarks.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME, BATH, ME.

Officers of the Home—Dr. Wm. E. Payne, Prest. Board Trustees.

Mrs. M. F. Gannett, Prest. Board Lady Managers.

### AGREEMENT.

We, the undersigned, agree to receive into our family \_\_\_\_\_ born in \_\_\_\_\_. We pledge ourselves not to take \_\_\_\_\_ merely for purposes of profit, but to treat \_\_\_\_\_ in all respects as a child of our own. We agree suitably to provide for, educate and kindly care for \_\_\_\_\_ in sickness and in health, until \_\_\_\_\_ arrives at the age of majority. \_\_\_\_\_ is to receive a good common school education, to attend church and Sunday school. We promise to give or cause to be given to the officers of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, located in Bath, Me., particular written information, at least once in six months, relative to the conduct, health, character and well being of said \_\_\_\_\_. We agree not to dispose of \_\_\_\_\_ in any way without the consent of the above-mentioned officers. If we do not wish to retain the child, we promise to return the same to the above-named institution at our own expense, if required. Should circumstances arise which should make our home unsuited to the wants of the child, or on proof being brought forward that the child is not properly treated or cared for, \_\_\_\_\_ will surrender \_\_\_\_\_ to the officers of the Home on their requisition, at \_\_\_\_\_ expense.

In consideration that \_\_\_\_\_ can have the full and entire control of the above-named child until of age, \_\_\_\_\_ cheerfully subscribe to the above conditions.

Witness,

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the undersigned, being personally acquainted with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and family, cheerfully recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as suitable persons to be entrusted with the welfare of any child.

[To be signed by the pastor of the church attended, and two responsible citizens.]



# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 28, 1875.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on  
Military Affairs.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*