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SENATE.

No. 9.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, MAINE.

1875.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum beg leave to submit the following eighth annual report of this Institution ending December 31, 1875.

It is highly gratifying to the Trustees to be able to assure your honorable body that, in their judgment, the Asylum never presented a more prosperous and encouraging condition, and never, since its establishment, seemed so fully to carry out the purposes of the State in founding it, as at the present time.

Under the assiduous oversight of an able and faithful board of lady managers, together with the intelligent and kindly care of the Matron, Miss Goodale, and the ready co-operation of the subordinates, the internal affairs of this institution are highly satisfactory.

The sanitary condition of the children at the present time is very good. While many members of the family, have, in the course of the year, passed through the several diseases incident to childhood, such as *scarlatina*, *measles*, *mumps*, *chicken-pox*, &c., yet all have gone through them safely and fully recovered, and the unity of the family, though severely threatened in one or two instances, has been preserved unbroken.

The order and harmony that uniformly prevails among the children, in their social relations, is worthy of special consideration. It could hardly be hoped that children springing from such a variety of parentage, and inheriting the conflicting evil tendencies of perverse human nature, could be brought into so close a relationship and live in entire and continuous harmony, without occasional collisions and outbreaks; but here discord and strife rarely occur. The children are constantly taught to respect each other's rights, and with wonderful facility they adapt themselves to this requirement. But for an account more in detail of the internal

condition of the Asylum you are referred to the accompanying excellent report of the lady managers.

By the report of the Treasurer and accompanying vouchers, which are herewith transmitted, you will learn the present financial condition of the institution, and about the annual cost to the State in supporting it.

The expenditures for the year 1875 have amounted in the aggregate to about \$9,341.45. These may not be the exact figures, for there doubtless are a few small bills of the present year which have not yet come into the Treasurer's hands, but probably not more in amount than were left over last year, and which have been paid out of the present year's appropriation, and appear in the present year's account. According to a carefully classified and tabulated statement of the Treasurer, the funds of the institution for the present year have been used in the following manner, to wit: There has been paid to the Matron the sum of \$480; to housekeeper, \$384; for sewing, \$531.13; for cooking, \$359.95; work in laundry, \$247.50; cleaning and other house work, \$305.08; nursing, \$24.00; medical services, \$200.00; expenses paid to procure servants, \$20.60; travelling expenses on account of children, \$47.77; gardener, \$288.12; furniture and carpets, \$514.59; tools, introduction of gas, repairs, painting, &c., \$1,636.39; housekeeping implements, \$117.15; coal and wood, \$561.69; groceries and provisions, \$1,861.58; boots, shoes and mending, \$421.85; clothing, cutting and making \$884.84; stationery, postage, books and advertising, \$45.03; express charges, freight and carting, \$5.53; hay, pasturage, feed, &c., \$116.74; bill for gas, \$41.60; hair cutting, \$3.91; hauling water \$25.00; expense paid on burial lot, \$24.35; trees (ornamental) and planting same, together with grape vines, \$20.25; flag-staff and erecting same, \$15.30; drain tile and work for laying same, \$64.10; purchase of cow, \$85.00. Thus after deducting the cost of improvements, repairs, introduction of gas, furniture, carpets, &c., it will be seen that the running expenses of the Asylum is but a little more than \$7,000. But it would hardly be safe to make the running expenses for support of the family the present year a guide for the ensuing year, for annual repairs and improvements more or less extensive will be considered necessary to keep the house and premises up to a desirable standard.

There are three large cisterns in the cellar of sufficient capacity to hold water enough for the ordinary uses of the house; but

never as yet have we been able to get water enough from the tops of the buildings to carry us through a drought of much continuance, especially in the winter, as at this season of the year more water is needed than at any other on account of our steam-heating apparatus. We are therefore obliged, on these occasions, to have water hauled at considerable inconvenience and cost; moreover, this deficiency, in case of fire, would leave the house and family in a very critical condition. In view of this, therefore, the Trustees would suggest the importance of, and recommend a special appropriation for the construction of a reservoir on the premises to supply this need which cannot be so well supplied in any other way; and a more complete safety of the family and the premises requires that a hand engine or fire extinguisher should be provided. It is said that an approved extinguisher may be had for \$300; and a *reservoir*, connected with the house by pipe, would cost about \$700.

Exclusive of the sums above named for the purchase of a fire *extinguisher* and the construction of a *reservoir* for the safety of the premises, it is the unanimous opinion of the Trustees that an appropriation of nine thousand dollars will be required to support the Asylum the coming year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

WM. E. PAYNE, *President of the Board.*

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHAN ASYLUM, }
December 31, 1875. }

P. S.—At the present time there are 62 children in the Asylum, and 8 employees, making a family of 70 persons.

LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN:—The completion of another year calls upon the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home again to make report to your honorable body concerning the conduct of the internal affairs of the Home during the year, in its various departments and relations, and its present state.

The whole number of children, who have at any time during the year been members of the family is seventy-three. Of this number, fourteen have been removed in various ways, as follows: one having graduated at the High School is now pursuing her studies with the view of fitting herself for the business of teaching—applying her pension under the direction of her guardian to that object; six have been placed in good homes; six have been given up to their friends, and one ran away and has not been heard from. He was a bad boy, and his influence with the other boys in the family was most pernicious. As he was not a soldier's child, after having several times recovered him from his truancies, and tried in vain to find a home for him, we thought it best to let him go. The number of children now in the family is fifty-nine; nineteen have been admitted during the year. You will find in connection with this report a list of the names of the children, with a summary of the information we have been able to obtain in regard to them. You will find, also, a list of the names of those who have left the Home during the year, with definite information in regard to the disposal made of them.

The health of the family was very good indeed, almost uninterrupted up to the middle of November, since which time we have had one very severe case of illness, and several others less severe; all are now happily recovered, or in a fair way of recovery. The ventilation of the building, accomplished last year, has had, no doubt, a very favorable influence on the health of the family. The greater purity and sweetness of the air in the house is perceived by all who enter it.

The generous provision which the State makes for the Institution, and the judicious care employed in providing for the daily wants of the family, secure an abundance of wholesome food in sufficient variety.

The Lady Managers have kept in mind the suggestions of the Legislative Committee, and your advice, gentlemen, in regard to the clothing of the children—that it should be always neat and tidy in appearance, and adapted to the changing seasons, especially to our severe winters; and we feel some assurance that on examination the result of our efforts will be as satisfactory to you as it is to ourselves.

The training, discipline, and home instruction of the children during the year has been, as far as we have been able to observe, all that we could reasonably ask. We have seen them orderly and happy at their meals, quiet and reverent at family devotions, patient with each other and mindful of each others' rights in their plays; and in our goings and comings here as Managers we have occasionally a glimpse which gives us great satisfaction, of the unwearied care with which their sleeping and waking, their working and playing, their studying and their outside associations, are watched over by those in charge of them. The more responsible positions, those of Matron, Assistant Matron, and Seamstresses, are still filled by the ladies whose names were mentioned in our last report, and it is to be hoped that nothing will soon occur to render necessary a change.

We steadily discourage, and have nearly abolished the practice of having the children visit their friends at their old homes during the summer vacation. It is full of evils of various kinds. It necessitates the sending of children on long journeys by railroad, with no protection except what their helplessness attracts; it involves no small destruction of their clothing; and worse than all, it breaks up the quiet and teachable state so desirable in the family, and they return after one of these visits to struggle back through weary weeks of trial to themselves and the Matron, into the state of order and obedience which alone can make them happy members of this large family. But they are not left to pass the long vacation so full of pleasure to other children in any monotonous round of duties or sports. Last summer they enjoyed three excursions—one with the Sabbath school to which they belong, one with the Baptist society, and one through the kindness of the proprietors of the excursion steamer Sasanoa. Besides,

and perhaps even better than these excursions, they have often those little picnics with their Sabbath school class and teacher, and impromptu family entertainments—tea under a spreading tree in the yard on a warm afternoon, or dinner in the woods, simple pleasures, which every one knows make the sweetest associations that link mature years with the home of happy childhood.

In conclusion permit us to say that we feel a good degree of satisfaction in the review of the year's work at the Home, and in its present condition; and we earnestly hope that it will in due time yield a good return for the fostering care of the State in upright, intelligent and religious men and women.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Lady Managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*

INMATES OF THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Abby Brann	Chelsea	19	Daughter of Robert Brann, 11th Regiment.
Reuben Frank Sawyer,	Bath	11	Son of Reuben Sawyer, 3d Regiment.
Isabel B. Cromwell ...	Westport		} Children of S. R. Cromwell, private in the First Artillery.
Horace Cromwell.	do	12	
Augusta O. Reynolds.	Burnham	14	} Children of G. H. Reynolds. 20th Regiment Maine Vols.
Christopher Reynolds.	do	12	
William Hayes	Portland	10	
Charles McKusick ...	Dover, Me	13	Son of Charles McKusick, 20th Regiment.
Thomas T. Brown	Winthrop	14	Son of S. E. Brown, 21st Regiment.
William Lane Cook . .	Bridgton	13	Son of A. J. Cook, 25th Regiment.
William E. Young ...	Gouldsboro' ..	9	Son of A. Young, 28th Regiment.
Alfred B. Linscott ...	Palermo	14	} Children of O. H. Linscott, 1st Regiment.
Amanda M. Linscott..	do	12	
Anson Lee Linscott...	do	10	
Ella Cole.	Houlton	15	Daughter of James S. Cole, 31st Regiment.
Oscar Russell	Topsham	12	
Charles Edward Ham..	Portland	10	Son of John H. Ham, 5th Regiment.
Oscar T. Prescott....	Plymouth.....	13	Son of Charles M. Prescott, 11th Regiment.
Mary W. Crocker	Bath	14	
Effie M. Trask	Fayette	12	Daughter of James Trask, 11th Regiment.
Mary Flagg.....	Rockland.....	12	Daughter of Micah Flagg, 19th Regiment.
Frederick Leathers ...	Brooks	10	} Children of S. S. Leathers, 4th Regiment.
Emma Leathers	do	8	
Bertha Webber	Readfield.....	13	
Russell A. Newton ...	Peru	9	} Sons of S. Newton, 16th Regiment.
Winfield P. Newton ..	do	7	
Leslie True	Yarmouth		} Sons of William H. True, 5th Regiment.
Harry True	do		
William Black	Lewiston	12	
Alice Trott	Woolwich	11	
Winnifred Trott	do	12	
Lizzie F. Mitchell....	Portland	8	} Children of J. D. Mitchell, 1st Artillery and navy.
Susan Clara Mitchell..	do	6	
William L. Townsend,	do	7	Step son of Walter Townsend, 30th Regiment.
Angeline Cooledge....	Chesterville ...	8	} Children of J. S. Cooledge, 12th Vols.
Maria Cooledge	do	6	
Albert Cooledge.....	do	5	
John Jacobs	Lewiston		} Children of John Jacobs. Served in the navy during the war
Frederick Jacobs.	do		
George B. Stevens	Augusta.....	7	Son of C. M. Stevens, 3d Artillery.
Frederick C. West....	Searsport.....	9	Son of Joseph West, 14th Regiment.
William Jarmain.....	Bath	10	} Children of J. Wakely, 4th Regiment.
William Wakely	Rockland.....	10	
Agnes Wakely	do	8	
James Wakely.....	do	6	} Children of J. Wakely, 4th Regiment.
Jane Wakely	do	4	
Hattie Ann Moore....	Bath.....	9	Daughter of Thos. T. Moore, 21st Cav. Co. C.
Georgiana Lee Butler,	Forest City ...	4	} Children of J. S. Butler, 11th Regiment
Frederick T. Butler ..	do	3	
William Pullen	Liberty	3	
Ida Pullen	do	5	
Frank H. Gilchrist ...	Dixfield.....	6	} Sons of B. F. Gilchrist, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry.
Guy I. Gilchrist.....	do	3	
James Blake.....	Augusta.....	8	Son of James Blake, 5th Regiment.

Inmates of the Home during the year—Concluded.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Henry Forest	Hallowell.....	7	Son of — Forest, 19th Regiment.
John E. Colley.....	Portland.....	9	Son of Charles H. Colley, 1st Cavalry.
Charles P. Rideout...	Winthrop.....	5	Son of Luke Rideout, 18th Mass. Regiment.
Mabel Fletcher	Farmington ..	10	} Children of Daniel Fletcher, 13th N. H. Regiment.
John Fletcher.....	do	7	
Howard Page.....	Dennysville....	9	Son of David Page, 1st Artillery.
Clara McKay.....	Bath.....	6	
Blanche McKay	do	4	
Joel Meshoe.....	Augusta.....	2	
Avis Skillen.....	Lewiston.....	9	} Daughters of Frank M. Skillen, 15th Reg. Co. H.
Geneva Skillen	do	7	
Albert Watson.....	Friendship ...	13	
Bertha Snow.....	Bath	10	
Frank A. Gray.....	Augusta	11	Son of F. E. Gray, 8th Regiment.
David Brown.....	Harmony	8	Son of Philip Brown, 2d Cavalry.
Ida May Reynolds....	Burnham.....	10	
Abby L. Reynolds....	do	8	} Children of Joshua Reynolds.
Charles B. Morrell...	Chester ville....	11	
Horace Kaherl.....	Belgrade.....	7	Son of William O. Kaherl, 12th Regiment.

CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

Names.	How disposed of.
Isabel B. Crowwell...	Connected with Wellesly College, Mass.
Christopher Reynolds,	Placed with Mr. Abbott, Shapleigh, Me.
Mary Flagg.....	Placed with Mr. Pullen, South Livermore, Me.
William Wakely.....	Placed with Mrs. David Reed, Perkins, Me.
Joel Meshoe.....	Returned to his mother.
Avis Skillen.....	} Returned to their mother.
Geneva Skillen.....	
Albert Watson.....	Placed with Mrs. Pinkham, Augusta, Me.
Bertha Snow.....	Returned to her mother.
Frank A. Gray.....	Returned to his mother.
David D. Brown.....	Adopted by Dea Charles Conant, Shapleigh, Me.
Ida M. Reynolds.....	Placed with Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Somerville, Me.
C. B. Morrell.....	Given to uncle, Stephen Morrill, Harpswell, Me.
William Jarman.....	Run away.

DONATIONS.

- Mr. J. O. Shaw, large box of toys.
Melcher & Brown, box boots and shoes.
A. D. Stetson, two little chairs, three brackets, two little wheelbarrows.
C. T. Greenleaf, two loaves cake.
Mrs. G. M. Patten, six bound volumes "Children's Hour."
Mr. Adams, Candy and nuts for "New Year's."
Mrs. E. C. Hyde, pair mittens.
Mrs. M. A. Tobey, three boxes stationery, five bottles perfumery.
Miss Thompson, neck-tie, five pounds sage cheese, one jar of raspberry jam.
Mrs. Manson, box stationery.
Miss Richardson, box stationery.
Mrs. J. D. Robinson, neck-ties, collars, handkerchiefs.
Mrs. J. T. Howland, basket toys.
Miss Emma Patten, book.
Miss Anna Brown, book.
Mrs. Jacobs, sled and toys.
Mrs. Townsend, sled and toys, scarf and mittens.
Mrs. N. S. Perkins, scarf, mittens, knife and candy.
Mr. Upton, one pair boy's shoes.
Mrs. Potter, two pairs stockings.
Mrs. E. Merrill, Portland, "Young People's Bible History."
Mrs. Emery, vegetables.
Mrs. Larrabee, jelly and gifts for children.
Capt. John Patten, two turkeys and four chickens for Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Dr. Hill, Augusta, Confectionery and nuts.
J. W. Grassy, Confectionery, &c.
Mrs. Haines, Augusta, one large engraving, (omitted in last year's acknowledgements.)
Lincoln County Bible Society, twenty-five bibles, (omitted in last year's acknowledgements.)
Preble & Dunton, barrel apples.

Mr. Park, a family sleigh ride.

Mr. Henry Swanton, excursion to Squirrel Island.

Baptist Society, excursion to Jefferson.

Central Society, excursion to Capital Island.

The following magazines and newspapers have been received regularly at the Home from the respective publishers :

Youth's Companion, Christian Mirror, Farmington Chronicle, Waterville Mail, Lewiston Journal, Gospel Banner, Portland Press, Rockland Gazette, Brunswick Telegraph, Arthur's Home Magazine.

DONATIONS OF MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN.

Mrs. G. C. Goss, \$5.00.

Mrs. E. C. Hyde, 50 cents.

Mr. Sawyer, \$10.00.

Mr. Edward Smart, Portland, \$1.00.

A friend, Lewiston, \$2.00.

Mrs. T. G. Stockbridge, \$3.40.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 21, 1876.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.