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OF THE VARIOUS

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FOR THE YEAR

1877.

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VOLUME II.

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AUGUSTA:

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1877.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

BATH, MAINE.

1876.



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# OFFICERS.

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PRESIDENT :

WILLIAM E. PAINE.

SECRETARY :

GEORGE E. MORSE.

TREASURER :

MICHAEL F. GANNETT.

LADY MANAGERS :

Mrs. J. D. ROBINSON,

“ WM. F. MOSES,

“ J. T. PATTEN,

“ G. C. GOSS,

“ T. G. STOCKBRIDGE,

Mrs. JOHN SHAW,

“ J. T. HOWLAND,

“ B. C. SEWALL,

“ M. F. GANNETT,

Miss O. MANSON.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Another year of the duties pertaining to the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum—the ward of the State—has passed away, and the Trustees and Lady Managers come before you to report their proceedings.

The Treasurer's account and vouchers, which are herewith submitted, will show in detail the sum expended during the year 1876.

It will be perceived by this account, that the gross amount is \$9,514.80—\$7,000 of which came from the legislative appropriation of last year, \$706.31 from coupons of State and municipal bonds, and the balance from amount on hand at the close of the current account of the previous year, 1875.

With due observance of economy, and the comfort and respectable appearance of the children, it has not seemed possible to keep the expenditures below this sum, notwithstanding the supplies have been obtained mainly at wholesale rates. The family of children has been larger during the year than ever before since the foundation of the Home, some parts of the year reaching 90 in number, exclusive of the necessary employees, and at the present time 70 children, who, with the employees, bring the family up to 78 persons.

The year 1875 closed with a balance in hand of \$2,711.86; but owing to the limited appropriation of last year, the present balance, to carry the Institution along till the next available appropriation, is only \$903.27; and this sum has been retained only by leaving undone several things which the interests of the Institution demanded.

In looking over the Treasurer's account an item of \$55.40 for water and hauling will be noted. This necessity occurs in the time of every drouth of much continuance; and no way can be devised to obviate it, but by constructing a *reservoir* on the premises, which, according to estimates obtained, would cost

about \$750. The sum paid for this scanty supply of water, during the dry seasons, would more than pay the interest on the cost of a reservoir, besides a reservoir would afford additional security against fire, which is a matter of much importance.

There is also needed a play-room for the children, especially for stormy weather. A building for this purpose might also have in connection with it a kind of work-shop, where the older and more ingenious boys could by practice acquire a knowledge of the use of tools, which doubtless would prove useful to them in after life. These two things, a reservoir and building for play-room and work-shop, are much needed, and probably could be procured for fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars.

For a knowledge of the internal condition of the Orphans' Home, in its several departments during the year and at the present time, you are referred to the accompanying report of the Lady Managers, to the correctness of which we cheerfully bear testimony. The statement fully accords with our observations in every particular. In our judgment the Lady Managers perform their duties with good judgment and signal devotion to the various interests of the Institution, allowing nothing to escape their notice and care which can work for the benefit of the orphans of the soldiers who laid down their lives in defence of the integrity of our beloved country.

In view, then, of the increased number of the family, and the growing needs incident to advancing age, together with the provision of means necessary to provide water, play-room and work-shop for the children, it is the unanimous opinion of those of the Trustees who were present at the closing meeting of the year, that ten thousand dollars will be required to support the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum the ensuing year in a way creditable to the State, and in accordance with the pledges given the fathers of these helpless children when they went forth to struggle with the enemies of our common country, and the Trustees confidently appeal to the State to appropriate this sum.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees.

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

MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM, }  
Bath, December 31, 1876. }

## LADY MANAGERS' REPORT.

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*To the Trustees :*

GENTLEMEN :—At the close of the last year, we reported to you the names of fifty-nine children then composing the family at the Home. To this number thirty-one have been added during the year, making the whole number who have been in the family during the year, ninety. Of this number twenty have been removed in various ways, as follows : seventeen have been returned to their friends, and three have been placed in good homes. You will find in connection with this report a list of the names and ages of the children who have been in the family at any time during the year, with a summary of the information we have obtained 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.

During the first half of the year now closing, the domestic life of the family went along in its accustomed channels, the details from day to day being sometimes more and sometimes less satisfactory to those having the charge. But in the latter half of the year we were unexpectedly deprived of the services of our Matron and Assistant Matron, both endeared to us by years of associated care and labor. To fill these two important positions in such a manner as to secure the highest good of our large and helpless family, and the wise and economical use of the income and privileges pertaining to the Institution, has been the effort of the Lady Managers, and we hope that we have made such arrangements as will accomplish in some good degree these great ends. The removal, almost at once, of the two ladies at the head of the family, had, as may be supposed, an unfavorable effect, for the time, on the order and discipline of the family ; but under the wise and efficient control of Mrs. Partridge, who entered on the duties of Matron Nov. 4th, there is already manifest improvement in these important respects.

The question how to dispose of the children as they grow up,

is a constant source of anxiety to the Managers. Two of the girls, who were received when children into the home, are now employed in the family, one in the laundry and one in the sewing-room. They receive besides their board, very small wages, and enjoy the protection of the Institution, the care of the Matron, and many other privileges. We have frequent opportunities to place both girls and boys, between the ages of eight and twelve years, in good homes, when their mothers or other friends will by no means consent; but after they have reached the age of fourteen there is not often any such opening for them.

The health of the family has been as a general thing very good during the year; but among so many children there is, of course, almost daily need of the watchful care of the physician, and this constant care they receive. Cases of scarletina, and other diseases incident to childhood, as well as fevers, have readily yielded to treatment, so that there has been no severe illness among the children this year.

Our children are still as heretofore admitted freely to the public schools, and books are furnished to them as to others at the expense of the city. We have several in the Grammar schools, making good progress, but the majority are in the Primary schools. They are still enjoying all the benefits and pleasures in connection with the Central Church and Sabbath school that have been reported to you in previous years.

In regard to their home life, its pleasures and sorrows, its work and play, all that has been said in former years may be said now. As we have passed along in the year, we have found frequent occasion to congratulate ourselves on most important results secured; and again, from some other point of view, we note very desirable objects not yet attained. In the discharge of their responsible and frequently complicated and perplexing duties, the Lady Managers have endeavored to keep constantly in mind the interests of the State whose bounty they dispense, and the highest good of the children committed to their care by the State. How far their labors have tended to secure these ends, it is for you, Gentlemen, to determine.

Respectfully submitted for the Lady Managers.

SARAH B. GANNETT, *President.*



## MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ANY PART OF THE YEAR.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Abby Brann.....	Chelsea.....	20	Daughter of Robert Brann, 11th Regiment.
Reuben Frank Sawyer,	Bath.....	12	Son of Reuben Sawyer, 3d Regiment.
Horace Cromwell.....	Westport.....	13	Son of S. R. Cromwell, 1st Artillery.
Augusta O. Reynolds.	Burnham.....	15	Daughter of G. H. Reynolds, 20th Regiment.
William Hayes.....	Portland.....	11	
Charles McKusick....	Dover, Me.....	14	Son of Charles McKusick, 20th Regiment.
Thomas T. Brown....	Winthrop.....	15	Son of S. E. Brown, 21st Regiment.
William Lane Cook....	Bridgton.....	14	Son of A. J. Cook, 25th Regiment.
William Edgar Young,	Gouldsboro'....	10	Son of A. Young, 28th Regiment.
Alfred B. Linscott....	Palermo.....	15	} Children of O. H. Linscott, 1st Regiment.
Amanda M. Linscott..	do.....	13	
Anson Lee Linscott...	do.....	11	
Ella Cole.....	Houlton.....	16	Daughter of James S. Cole, 31st Regiment.
Oscar Russell.....	Topsham.....	13	
Charles Edward Ham.	Portland.....	11	Son of John H. Ham, 5th Regiment.
Oscar T. Prescott....	Plymouth.....	14	Son of Charles M. Prescott, 11th Regiment.
Mary W. Crocker....	Bath.....	15	
Effie M. Trask.....	Fayette.....	13	Daughter of James Trask, 11th Regiment.
Mary Flagg.....	Rockland.....	13	Daughter of Micah Flagg, 19th Regiment.
Frederick Leathers....	Brooks.....	11	} Children of S. S. Leathers, 4th Regiment.
Emma Leathers.....	do.....	9	
Frank Cunningham....	Stetson.....	16	
Bertha Webber.....	Readfield.....	14	Daughter of W. H. Webber, 3d Regiment.
Russell A. Newton....	Peru.....	10	} Sons of S. Newton, 16th Regiment.
Winfield P. Newton..	do.....	8	
Leslie True.....	Yarmouth.....	7	
Harry True.....	do.....	9	} Sons of William H. True, 5th Regiment.
William Black.....	Lewiston.....	13	
Lizzie F. Mitchell....	Portland.....	9	} Children of J. D. Mitchell, 1st Artillery.
Susan Clara Mitchell.	do.....	7	
William L. Townsend.	do.....	8	
Angeline Cooledge...	Chester ville...	9	} Children of J. S. Cooledge, 12th Regiment.
Maria Cooledge.....	do.....	7	
Albert Cooledge.....	do.....	6	
John Jacobs.....	Lewiston.....	10	} Sons of John Jacobs, served in the navy.
Frederick Jacobs.....	do.....	8	
George B. Stevens....	Augusta.....	8	
Frederick C. West....	Searsport.....	10	Son of Joseph West, 14th Regiment.
Agnes Wakely.....	Rockland.....	9	} Children of J. Wakely, 4th Regiment.
James Wakely.....	do.....	7	
Jane Wakely.....	do.....	5	
Georgianna L. Butler.	Forest City....	5	} Children of J. S. Butler, 11th Regiment.
Frederick T. Butler..	do.....	4	
James Blake.....	Augusta.....	9	
Anna Mary Jacques...	Brunswick....	12	} Father served in Mass. Reg't during war. Is } dead. Children placed in home temporarily.
James F. Jacques....	do.....	8	
Jennie Jones.....	Hallowell.....	10	
Anna Jones.....	do.....	8	} Father, Thomas C. Jones, 11th Regiment.
Effie May Crocker....	Farmington...	5	
Augusta Bancroft....	Dixfield.....	12	Father, Daniel Bancroft, died in rebel prison.
Frank H. Gilcrease...	do.....	7	} Father, B. F. Gilcrease, 1st, Mass. Cavalry, } Co. I. Was living in Boston when he en- } listed. Died in Dixfield, Me.
Guy Irving Gilcrease.	do.....	5	
Walter Gilcrease.....	do.....	3	

## MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY—Concluded.

NAME.	Residence.	Age.	REMARKS.
Myron P. Butters ....	Lewiston .....	9	} Father, Rinaldo Butters, 15th Reg't. Died of consumption contracted in the army.
Frederick Butters ....	do		
Martha J. Robbins....	Biddeford .....	12	} Father, A. F. Robbins, 5th Regiment.
Albert F. Robbins....	do	10	
Alvin A. Robbins....	do	10	} Died in 1875, from effects of a sunstroke received in the army.
James F. Robbins....	do	8	
Walter E. Choate ....	Portland .....	8	Father, H. E. Choate, 3d Regiment.
Herbert Ellis Page ..	Chelsea .....	10	} Children of Isaac L. Page, 19th Regiment, Co. H. Both parents dead.
Lottie May Page....	do	8	
Reuben F. Page.....	do	6	} Children of Isaac L. Page, 19th Regiment, Co. H. Both parents dead.
Harry Ernest Page...	do	3	
Everett Irving Page..	do		
Ida Pullen .....	Liberty .....	6	} Father, A. W. Pullen, 9th Regiment, Co. B.
William Pullen .....	do	4	
Herbert Woodward ..	Brunswick ....	6	} Father, William H. Woodward, 17th Regiment, Co. C.
Ethel May Woodward,	do	3	
Johnson Brady .....	Lewiston .....	8	} Father, — Brady. Served in the 17th Regiment, lost his right arm, and enlisted in the Veteran Reserve Corps.
Anna Brady .....	do	5	
William Brady .....	do	3	} Father, Kennedy Stewart, 20th Regiment, Co. D. Served 4 years. Died 4 years ago.
Mary Amy Stewart...	Houlton .....	8	
Francis M. Stewart...	do	10	
Alice Bertha Trott...	Woolwich .....	12	} Father, James Trott, 3d Regiment, Co. D.
Winnefred T. Trott...	do	13	
Anna P. Trott .....	do	7	} Father, James Trott, 3d Regiment, Co. D.
Albertina O. Trott...	do	6	
Blanche G. Trott ....	do	3	} Father, Thos. T. Moore, 21st Cavalry, Co. C. Supposed dead.
Frederic Moore .....	Bath .....	7	
Lula R. Moore.....	do	14	} Father, Thos. T. Moore, 21st Cavalry, Co. C. Supposed dead.
Hattie Ann Moore ...	do	10	
Henry Forest.....	Hallowell .....	8	Father, William Forest, 19th Regiment.
John Edward Colley..	Portland .....	10	Son of C. H. Colley, 1st Cav. Parents dead.
Charles P. Rideout...	Winthrop .....	6	Father, Luke Rideout, 18th Mass. Regt; dead.
Mabel Fletcher .....	Farmington ...	11	} Father, Daniel Fletcher, 13th N. H. Regiment. Dead.
John Fletcher .....	do	8	
Howard Page.....	Dennysville ...	10	Father, David Page, 1st Art. Parents dead.
Abby L. Reynolds ...	Burnham .....	9	} Father, William O. Kaherl, 12th Regiment. Supposed dead.
Horace Kaherl... ..	Belgrade .....	8	

## CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THE HOME DURING THE YEAR.

Names.	How disposed of.
Charles McCusick . . . .	Returned to his mother.
Augusta O. Reynolds . . .	Returned to her friends.
Amanda M. Linscott . . .	Placed in the family of Mr. Seiders, Union, Me.
William Black . . . . .	Returned to his father.
Elizabeth F. Mitchell . .	} Returned to their father.
Susan Clara Mitchell . . .	
Jane Wakely . . . . .	Adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Bath.
Anna M. Jacques . . . . .	} Returned to their mother.
James F. Jacques . . . . .	
Jennie Jones . . . . .	} Returned to their mother.
Anna Jones . . . . .	
Martha J. Robbins . . . . .	Placed in the family of Mr. J. H. Convers, Newcastle.
Albert F. Robbins . . . . .	} Returned to their mother.
Alvin A. Robbins . . . . .	
Walter E. Choate . . . . .	Returned to his friends.
Blanche G. Trott . . . . .	Returned to her mother.
Frederic Moore . . . . .	Returned to his mother.
Charles P. Rideout . . . .	Returned to his mother.
Thomas T. Brown . . . . .	Returned to his mother.
William Lane Cook . . . .	Returned to his friends.

## DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL, JAN. 1, 1876.

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Box of shoes, slippers, toys, &c., from Melcher & Brown.  
Box of toys, books, &c., from J. O. Shaw.  
Package of books, purses, &c., from Mr. Pendexter.  
Family of dolls and three sleds, from Mrs. J. T. Patten.  
Scarfs, neck-ties and handkerchiefs, from Mrs. G. C. Goss.  
Maple syrup and maple candy, from Miss O. R. Thompson.  
One pair crutches for a lame child, from Mr. Donnell.  
" " " " Mr. Tarr.  
One dollar, from Mr. Crockett, Rockland.

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Through the kindness of the respective publishers, the following periodicals have been regularly received at the Home during the year :

Farmington Chronicle.	Lewiston Journal.
Dexter Gazette.	Waterville Mail.
Gospel Banner.	Arthur's Magazine.
Portland Transcript.	Brunswick Telegraph.
Portland State Press.	Bath Daily Times.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN COUNCIL, January 26, 1877.

One thousand copies ordered to be printed.

Attest:

S. J. CHADBOURNE,

Secretary of State.