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FOR THE YEARS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1907.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Maine and the Honorable Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present the annual report of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum for the year ending December 31, 1907.

On January 1, 1907, there were sixty-three children in the home. During the year 24 have been admitted, making the number who have been inmates for the year 87. Of these 19 have been taken by parent or guardian, or homes found for them by the trustees, leaving the present number as inmates 68. Of these 22 are children and 44 are grandchildren of soldiers or sailors of the Civil War, and 2 great grandchildren. There are 34 girls and 34 boys.

The health of the inmates has been remarkably good during the year, there being no serious illness or epidemic, and the children appear happy and contented.

The trustees have often congratulated themselves on their good fortune in securing and retaining the valuable services of the present matron, Miss Eliza F. Brown, also of her efficient assistant, Miss Nathalie Brown.

For three years in succession it has been my unpleasant duty to report our loss on the board by the death of one of its members. Two years ago that of Mr. John M. S. Hunter of Farmington; one year ago that of Mr. John O. Shaw of this city, and now it is my sad duty to report the death of Charles H. Greenleaf which occurred in November.

It is also with sorrow I report the death of Mrs. C. A. L. Sampson, which occurred December 16th. Mrs. Sampson died in Washington, D. C., and was buried at the National Cemetery at Arlington. She might well be called the mother of this home. She was its founder, and by her exertion it was maintained and perpetuated until it became a State institution.

The "New Year's tree" and entertainment on New Year's eve was attended by many of our citizens, who testified by their presence their interest in the home. After prayer by the Rev. D. B. Holt, the following program was rendered by the children:

Song, Sweet Be Thy Slumbers,	By the Children
Recitation, A Christmas Gift,	Grace Marr
Song, With Joy We Sing,	By Children
Recitation, Best of All,	Ernest Ames
Dialogue, Christmas Gifts,	
Ella Houlton, Eleanor Robbins, Gertrude McCurdy and Levara Burgess.	

Song, Slumbering Still,	By Children
Recitation, If You're a Little Boy,	Shirley Smith
Song, In the Manger,	By Children
Recitation, Hanging up My Stocking,	Edward Doughty
Recitation, Christmas Questions,	Florence Smith
Recitation, A Catastrophy,	Agnes McCurdy
Song, The Christ Child,	By Children
Recitation, The Russian Santa Claus,	Alice Hasey
Recitation, My Stocking,	Charles McMann
Song, Christmas Bells,	By Children

Each child was remembered by useful presents from friends as well as those furnished by the trustees. Also Bosworth Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. of Portland sent a present for each child and Sedgwick Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. of this city contributed to the happiness of the children.

It was not only on this occasion the children were remembered and I take pleasure in behalf of the trustees to express our appreciation for courtesies received from G. C. Greenleaf, Agent Eastern Steamship Co., F. J. Hinckley, Agent Popham Beach Steamboat Co., and the superintendent of the L. B. & B. St. Ry. Co., for free excursions during the summer.

It is a satisfaction to the trustees to know this institution is considered worthy of your attention, and the frequent visits during the year of one of the members of your Honorable Council, Hon. Thos. G. Libby, and his timely suggestions, is a request we have often made in the past but seldom complied with.

In behalf of trustees,

SETH T. SNIPE, *President.*

REPORT OF TREASURER, 1907.

H. A. DUNCAN, Treasurer, in account with Bath Military and
Naval Orphan Asylum Maintenance Account, (1907).

1907.	DR.		
January 1,	To balance in hand from last year.....		\$1 19
April 20,	cash from State Treasurer.....	\$3,000 00	
August 28,	cash from State Treasurer.....	2,000 00	
December	cash from State Treasurer.....	3,500 00	8,500 00
			\$8,501 19
	CR.		
December 31,	By bills paid for maintenance of Home as per vouchers 1 to 177 on file with State Auditor and classified as follows:		
	Pay roll.....	\$2,739 50	
	Medical attendance and medicines.....	131 85	
	Freight, trucking and backing.....	20 60	
	Provisions and groceries.....	2,098 22	
	Milk and produce.....	770 04	
	Boots and shoes.....	393 02	
	Books and stationery.....	72 02	
	Dry goods and clothing.....	789 88	
	Traveling expenses children, trustees and lady visitors.....	67 70	
	Water.....	75 00	
	Light.....	202 84	
	Fuel.....	554 10	
	Kitchen ware, furnishings and repairs.....	62 14	
	Furniture.....	42 50	
	Ordinary repairs.....	94 51	
	Miscellaneous.....	183 19	\$8,297 11
	Balance to next year.....		204 08
			\$8,501 19

Bath, Maine, January 6, 1908.

H. A. DUNCAN, TREAS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, 1907.

Names of Children that have been in the Home during the Year 1907.

Those prefixed with a * have been taken by relatives or provided with homes.

NAME.	AGE.	Admitted.	RESIDENCE.	FATHER OR GRANDFATHER.	SERVICE.
Alexander, Wm. F.*	13	Sept., 1898	Togus	Wm. Alexander	15th Maine Infantry.
Ames, Ruth H.	13	Nov., 1904	Southport	John F. Ames, grandfather	20th Maine Infantry.
Ames, Ernest E.	12	Nov., 1904	Southport	John F. Ames, grandfather	20th Maine Infantry.
Adams, Edwin M.	11	Mar., 1904	Portland	Willard R. Merrill, grandfather	1st Maine Cavalry.
Black, Flora	14	June, 1897	Richmond	Daniel Black, grandfather	1st and 3d Maine Infantry.
Black, Annie	16	June, 1897	Richmond	Daniel Black, grandfather	1st and 3d Maine Infantry.
Bailey, Franklin P.	9	Feb., 1903	Wiscasset	Leroy M. Young, grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Brown, Ralph C.*	12	Oct., 1906	Farmington	Jethro Brown, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Berry, Ira Earl*	7	Nov., 1906	Weeks Mills	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
Berry, Meta Evelyn*	6	Nov., 1906	Weeks Mills	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
Burgess, John S.	6	Nov., 1907	Bath	Albert Davis, great grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Burgess, Laura	7	Nov., 1907	Bath	Albert Davis, great grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Coleman, Jos. A.	12	Aug., 1900	Bowdoinham	M. C. Shepard, grandfather	17th Maine Infantry.
Cary, James F.	11	Mar., 1905	Bath	John F. Cary, grandfather	17th Maine Infantry.
Clark, Annie O.	14	1905	Hallowell	T. Clark	7th Maine Infantry.
Cofren, John A.	12	June, 1905	Phillips	Wm. Cofren	11th Maine Infantry.
Coffin, Percy	12	Dec., 1901	Brunswick	W. H. Coffin, grandfather	1st and 16th Maine Infantry.
Dugan, Jas. Wm.*	14	Oct., 1897	Richmond	Jas. Dugan, grandfather	Navy.
Dunn, Minnie T.	14	Oct., 1899	Augusta	John A. Dunn	1st Sharp shooters.
Dunn, Eben*	13	Oct., 1899	Augusta	John A. Dunn	1st Sharp shooters.
Doughty, Edw. J.	11	Mar., 1900	Dresden	F. Dinsmore, grandfather	30th Maine Infantry.
Davis, Marshal D.	14	Oct., 1898	Portland	John Davis	6th Massachusetts Infantry.
Davis, Lester A.	14	Aug., 1907	Oldtown	Saml. A. Clark, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Duffy, Jas. F.	11	Sept., 1907	Machiasport	J. H. Duffy	15th Maine Infantry.
Elliott, Lilly	15	Aug., 1905	Turner	Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, James	14	Aug., 1905	Turner	Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, May	12	Aug., 1905	Turner	Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, Flossie	11	Aug., 1905	Turner	Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Eastman, Meta E.	10	Nov., 1907	So. Thomaston	John M. Eastman, grandfather	Navy.
Eastman, Ethel M.	8	Nov., 1907	So. Thomaston	John M. Eastman, grandfather	Navy.

Follett, Helen	14	Jan., 1897	Portland	Wm. E. Follett	29th Maine Infantry.
French, Jas. L. *	9	Apr., 1906	Bath	David M. French, grandfather	19th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Olive E.	11	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Raymond	8	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Georgianna	6	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Hasey, Alice	17	July, 1895	Westbrook	Washburn Hurl, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.
Hasey, Lillian	15	Oct., 1899	Westbrook	Washburn Hurl, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Walter B.	10	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenlief Hayden, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Annie May	10	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenlief Hayden, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Ernest	7	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenlief Hayden, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Sumner	6	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenlief Hayden, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Houlton, Malinda	14	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Rose E.	10	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Chester	8	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Florence	5	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Kennedy, Fred G. *	12	Oct., 1900	Topsham	Benj. Sedgley, grandfather	3d Maine Infantry.
Manchester, John *	12	Jan., 1900	Windham	Edw. Manchester	1st Heavy Artillery.
McKeen, Inza	11	July, 1902	Phillips	Ezra McKeen	1st Maine Cavalry.
McCreslin, Amaziah *	13	July, 1905	Millbridge	Warren McCreslin	12th Maine Infantry.
McMann, Chas.	4	Sept., 1904	Bath	Thos. B. McMann, grandfather	9th Maine Infantry.
McCorrison, Earl *	13	Apr., 1906	Kenduskeag	Jas. McCorrison	6th Maine Infantry.
Marr, Grace Paul	14	Apr., 1906	Bath	John W. Card, grandfather	21st Maine Infantry.
Marr, Jas. Wm.	13	Apr., 1906	Bath	John W. Card, grandfather	21st Maine Infantry.
McCurdy, Agnes B.	12	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
McCurdy, Gertrude M.	9	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
McCurdy, Guy L.	7	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
McCurdy, Edward	5	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
McCurdy, Geo. L. *	13	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th and 1st Heavy Artillery.
Mitchell, Lester W.	5	Apr., 1907	Camden	Leroy S. Davis, grandfather	9th Maine Infantry.
Mitchell, Leroy S.	4	Apr., 1907	Camden	Leroy S. Davis, grandfather	9th Maine Infantry.
Mitchell, Corine A.	8	Apr., 1907	Camden	Leroy S. Davis, grandfather	9th Maine Infantry.
McElroy, Maynard *	9	Aug., 1907	Phippsburg	Hugh McElroy	Navy Spanish War.
Palmer, Mary E.	11	June, 1903	Princeton	Geo. W. Gates, grandfather	6th Maine Infantry.
Pullen, Edward	9	June, 1903	Palermo	Alfred W. Pullen	9th Maine Infantry.
Preston, Chas.	9	June, 1905	Bowdoin	Chas. Preston, grandfather	24th Maine Infantry.
Runnells, Florence *	19	Jan., 1897	Bath	W. J. Runnells, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Runnells, Etta Pearl	13	Jan., 1897	Bath	W. J. Runnells, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Eleanor M.	10	May, 1905	Bath	Rufus Robbins, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Henry	7	May, 1905	Bath	Rufus Robbins, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robinson, Henry S. *	4	Nov., 1906	Bath	John Robinson, grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Robinson, Albert S.	6	Nov., 1907	Bath	John Robinson, grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Sherman, Leo H. *	13	Dec., 1893	Calais	John Sherman, grandfather	15th Maine Infantry.

Names of Children that have been in the Home during the Year 1907—Concluded.

NAME.	AGE.	Admitted.	RESIDENCE.	FATHER OR GRANDFATHER.	SERVICE.
Steadman, Alice	13	Nov., 1894	Lewiston	Geo. F. Steadman	20th Maine Infantry.
Spearing, Helen T.	15	June, 1899	So. Gardiner	Hollis Spearing, grandfather	19th Maine Infantry.
Spearing, Marshal	12	June, 1899	So. Gardiner	Hollis Spearing, grandfather	19th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Florence	11	Feb., 1907	Canton	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather	10th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Shirley R.	9	Feb., 1907	Canton	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather	10th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Alorodeen W.	6	Feb., 1907	Canton	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather	10th Maine Infantry.
Thorn, Verner A. *	12	June, 1905	Bath	W. L. Fogg, grandfather	14th Maine Infantry.
Thorn, Lenora *	10	June, 1905	Bath	W. L. Fogg, grandfather	14th Maine Infantry.
Thorn, Alice D. *	9	June, 1905	Bath	W. L. Fogg, grandfather	14th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Lena G.	14	Oct., 1904	Augusta	Chas. F. Williams	19th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Martha	10	Oct., 1905	Augusta	Chas. F. Williams	19th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Ralph H. *	13	June, 1904	Bowdoin	Henry F. Williams	19th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Goldie E.	5	July, 1905	Searsmont	Danl. R. Williams	19th Maine Infantry.
White, Wm. G.	11	Sept., 1907	Belfast	Leonard C. White	61st Massachusetts Infantry.
White, Wesley	9	Sept., 1907	Belfast	Leonard C. White	61st Massachusetts Infantry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, 1907.

To the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association:

In making my report for the year 1907, it does not vary materially from former years, with the exception that the number of grand-children increases, while the children of veterans decrease, so that the grandchildren are now in the majority. In one case, the first in the history of the home, two great-grandchildren were by vote of the trustees admitted.

To one who has for many years been familiar with the institution there is a very noticeable difference in the grade of children coming under our care than in years past, which is to be partly accounted for by our State having no school for the feeble minded, which we hope is soon to be provided and which will relieve us of that class of unfortunates of which we have a number. Another class of which we have an increasing number of children are those whose parents have either thoughtlessly, foolishly, or wickedly married and, on the strength of being children of veterans, are more than willing to throw their offspring upon the charity of a State institution that by its act of incorporation and its amendments furnishes with a home. Often these children are not a desirable class, but must be provided for, or become inmates of the almshouses. Of course no desirable families care to take such children into their homes so that we are obliged to keep them year after year.

It is not to be understood by the above that we do not have desirable and interesting children, for they are in the large majority, and whom it is a pleasant duty to care for. That they are well cared for by the matron and her assistants is manifest to all who will visit the home.

Accompanying this is the list of names with age, date of admission, residence, etc., that have been in the home during the year of 1907.

The number is as given by President Snipe, viz., January 1, 1907, 63, admitted, 24, making 87; sent out, 19, leaving January 1, 1908, 68.

Of the 87 who have been in the home in 1907, 28 were children of veterans; 56 grandchildren of veterans; 2 great-grandchildren of veterans; 1 child of Spanish war sailor.

Of the 68 remaining in the home January 1, 1908, 22 are children of veterans, 44 are grandchildren of veterans, 2 are great-grandchildren of veterans. Equally divided, 34 boys, 34 girls. Average age, 10.30 years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WATSON,

Chairman Committee on Children.

BATH, January 6, 1908.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS, 1907.

CHINA, ME., December 16, 1907.

*To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
Bath, Maine:*

GENTLEMEN:—I am pleased to report two official visits made to the home during the past year. I have made a thorough and careful inspection of every department, and have found the institution in perfect working condition. The children are exceptionally well cared for under the able and intelligent supervision of the matron, Miss Brown, who seems exceptionally well qualified for the position.

Great credit is due the board of trustees and the matron who, by careful and consistent management, make the home a source of pride and gratification to our State.

With best wishes for future success in this important work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FLORENCE M. WALLACE.

FARMINGTON, MAINE, January 4, 1908.

Trustees of Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, Bath, Maine:

DEAR SIR:—I have had the pleasure of making one visit to the home the past year. That was in the month of May. I was happy to find everything in its wonted good order—the children well and the institution admirably fulfilling its purpose.

I saw nothing of importance to criticize, and much to commend. I trust the same satisfactory conditions have continued and will continue to exist the year to come.

The institution is one of which any native of our State may well be proud. It has done a noble work in the past and the good people of Maine, I have no doubt, will gladly maintain it till war and those results of war that make such an institution needful cease to be known.

With great interest for the Asylum and with much esteem for those who so faithfully and judiciously administer its affairs, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HATTIE E. P. KEYES.

BATH, December 14, 1907.

*To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
Bath, Maine:*

GENTLEMEN:—In making a report for the year 1907, I will say I have visited the home several times during the year and I have always been most cordially received and I have found the home in perfect order.

I think the children are very fortunate in having such a home and being so tenderly cared for by the matron, Miss Brown.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. A. B. HAGGETT.

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME., December 24, 1907.

*Mr. Seth T. Snipe, Chairman Trustees Bath Military and Naval
Veterans' Orphans' Home:*

MY DEAR SIR:—At an earlier date when I should have made my report I was called to Toledo, Ohio, by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic upon important business, hence my delay with report.

Because of serious illness of myself and family I have not made as many visits to the home as has been my custom, but have kept in touch with all done there, and feel that everything has been conducted in the same honest and faithful manner as in years past. The home and the children always being found

scrupulously neat and always ready for inspection. I am deeply interested in the home and its managers, and feel the children thus provided for enjoy the comforts of a true home and can but reflect credit upon the generosity of the Old Pine Tree State, whose pride it is to help the orphans and dependents of those who, in time of need, did all they could to keep the star of Maine afloat in the flag of our Union.

Sincerely yours,

CLARA N. SAWYER.

P. S. No bill of expense on my part has been rendered, as I am pleased to donate such to the use of the home this year, as in the past years I have served on your board of visitors.

Sincerely,

CLARA N. SAWYER.

OAKLAND, MAINE, December, 1907.

*To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
Bath, Maine:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith make to you my annual report.

I have made four visits to the home during the year. These visits were made without giving the matron any intimation, thus precluding the possibility of her making any special preparation for guests.

On all these occasions everything was found in the best possible condition. Miss Brown seems to be the right person for the place. Under her management the buildings are kept wholesome and clean while the children have all the comforts of a home, in fact as well as name. The most careful observation and inquiry failed to find any evidence of discontent among these wards of the institution.

So far as the writer has been able to discover, the home is fulfilling all the hopes of its founders and friends.

I am sincerely yours,

ALICE S. GILMAN.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1908.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Maine, and the Honorable Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The close of another year finds the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath in good financial condition; the children as well and happy as it is possible to be when separated from their parents or natural guardians.

It has been the aim of the trustees to make the institution more like a home than like an asylum. The children who are committed here are not of the criminal class, but of the unfortunates who have been bereft of one or both parents, or who through poverty or sickness have been unable to provide suitable homes for them.

They are not only clothed, fed and housed here, but they have all the advantages of the public schools of this city and in their studies a majority of them compare favorably with other children. In addition to this the moral instruction they receive from those under whose care they are placed is of great value to them after they leave the home. It is of peculiar pleasure to the trustees to have a young man or a young woman call upon them and say, "I was once an inmate of the Orphans' Home," and express their gratitude for what had been done for them by the State in their childhood.

When the time comes for them to leave the institution, it is not always possible to provide them with as beautiful and comfortable a home as they have here, but a taste for the refined and cultivated makes a deep and lasting impression that will abide with them in later years.

We are fortunate in having as matron of the institution one so well qualified by her ability, her disposition and intelligence to train those who are committed to her care. The discipline

they receive, the care for their health, as well as their mind, is a proof of her fitness for the responsible position she fills. We therefore desire to express our appreciation to Miss Eliza F. Brown, the matron, and also to her assistant, Miss Nathalie E. Brown, for their faithful service the past year.

The good health of the children for the year just closed is in a large measure due to their watchful care and the faithful service of the home physician, Dr. Chas. A. Packard.

The annual entertainment on New Year's eve, given by the children, was attended not only by the trustees and their friends but also by many of our citizens, who testified by their presence the interest they have in these children, who were it not for the wise provision made by the State would be without suitable homes.

The following programme was rendered after prayer by Rev. D. B. Holt of Wesley M. E. Church.

While the Christmas Stars are Shining,	Song by the Children
Merry Christmas,	Cora Robbins
'Tis Christmas in all the World,	Martha Spencer
Joy, Peace and Love,	

	Eleanor Robbins, Vera Burgess, Ella Houlton
Playing Santa Claus,	Shirley Smith
The Birds Christmas Carol,	Mabel Welch
A Little Song,	Song by the Children
A Small Boy,	Albert Coffren
Five Little Evergreens,	By Six Children
In a Manger so Low	Hazel Tibbetts
Holly, Snow and Mistletoe,	Edward Doughty, William White
Little Snowflake,	Florence Smith
The Star of Bethlehem,	Charles McMann
The Star Drill,	Agnes McCurdy
Oh! We are Sleepy Children,	Song by the Children

This was followed by the distribution of useful presents to all the children. One pleasant feature connected with this festival was the fact that fifty dollars worth of these presents was received by the generosity of the citizens of Bath.

There can be no higher commendation of any institution than to know that those who know the most about it speak the highest in its praise, and when their words are emphasized by substantial gifts.

During the summer free excursions were given by the Pop-
ham Beach Steamboat Co., the Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville
Street Railway Co., which were enjoyed and appreciated by the
children, and we wish to express to the managers of this com-
pany our thanks for these favors.

The report of the committee on children will give the num-
ber, name and age of each child and from where admitted.

Will refer you to the report of the treasurer, Mr. H. A. Dun-
can, which gives a classified account of the receipts and
expenditures for the past year. Having considered the subject,
and judging from past years, we are of the opinion that the
sum of \$8,500 a year for running expenses and \$500 a year for
repairs will be required for the years 1909 and 1910.

In behalf of the trustees,

SETH T. SNIPE, *President.*

January 4, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1908.

H. A. DUNCAN, Treasurer, in account with Bath Military and
Naval Orphan Asylum, Dr.

Maintenance Account.

	Dr.		
1908.			
Jan. 1.	To balance from last year.....		\$204 08
Mch. 2.	Received from State Auditor.....	\$3,000 00	
Aug. 7.	Received from State Auditor.....	3,000 00	
	Received from State Auditor.....	500 00	
1909.			
Jan. 2.	Received from State Auditor.....	1,995 63	8,495 63
			\$8,699 71
	Cr.		
	By bills of maintenance paid as per vouchers Nos. 1 to 159 inc. lodged with the State Auditor and classi- fied as follows:		
	Pay roll.....	\$3,131 27	
	Medical attendance and medicines.....	135 65	
	Freight—trucking.....	3 25	
	Provisions and groceries.....	2,097 50	
	Milk and produce.....	801 65	
	Boots and shoes.....	434 92	
	Books and stationery.....	64 90	
	Dry goods and clothing.....	674 41	
	Traveling expense children, trustees and visitors (lady).....	31 25	
	Water.....	75 00	
	Light.....	139 62	
	Fuel.....	586 25	
	Kitchen ware, furnishings and repairs.....	56 30	
	Ordinary repairs.....	60 09	
	Insurance.....	218 00	
	Miscellaneous.....	189 65	8,699 71
1908.	REPAIR ACCOUNT.		
Mch. 2.	To received from State Treasurer appropriation 1907	\$500 00	
	To received from State Treasurer appropriation 1908	500 00	
Dec. 31.	Cr. by bills for joiner work, masonry, plumbing, roof- ing, lumber, paint, stock and painting, as per vouchers deposited with State Auditor.....		\$967 37
	Balance in hand.....		32 63
		\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

H. A. DUNCAN,
Treasurer.

Bath, Me., Jan. 4th, 1909.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN—1908.

Names of Children that have been inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum during the Year 1908. Those prefixed with a * have left during the year.

NAME.	Present Age.	When Admitted.	RESIDENCE.	FATHER OR GRANDFATHER.	SERVICE.
Ames, Ruth H. *	14	Nov., 1904	Southport	John F. Ames, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.
Ames, Ernest E. *	13	Nov., 1904	Southport	John F. Ames, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.
Adams, Edwin M.	13	Mar., 1904	Portland	Willard R. Merrill, grandfather	1st Maine Cavalry.
Black, Flora	15	June, 1897	Richmond	Daniel Black, grandfather	3rd and 4th Maine Infantry.
Black, Annie *	17	June, 1897	Richmond	Daniel Black, grandfather	3rd and 4th Maine Infantry.
Bailey, Franklin P.	10	Feb., 1903	Wiscasset	Leroy M. Young, grandfather	20th Maine Infantry.
Burgess, John	7	Nov., 1907	Bath	Grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Burgess, Laura	7	Nov., 1907	Bath	Grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Coleman, Jas. A.	13	Aug., 1904	Bowdoinham	M. C. Shepard, grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Cary, Jas. F. *	12	Mar., 1905	Bath	John F. Cary, grandfather	19th Maine Infantry.
Clark, Annie O. *	15	Mar., 1905	Hallowell	T. Clark*	7th Maine Infantry.
Coffren, John A.	13	June, 1905	Phillips	Wm. Coffren*	11th Maine Infantry.
Coffin, Jas. Wm. *	13	Dec., 1901	Brunswick	Wm. H. Coffin, grandfather	1st and 10th Maine Infantry.
Dunn, Minnie T. *	15	Oct., 1899	Augusta	John A. Dunn*	1st Sharpshooters.
Doughty, Edward J.	12	Oct., 1900	Dresden	F. Dinsmore, grandfather	30th Maine Infantry.
Davis, Marshal D. *	15	Oct., 1898	Portland	John Davis*	6th Massachusetts Infantry.
Davis, Lester A. *	14	Aug., 1907	Oldtown	Samuel A. Clark, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Duffy, Jas. F.	12	Sept., 1907	Machiasport	Jas. H. Duffy	15th Maine Infantry.
Elliott, Lilly	16	Aug., 1905	Turner	Wm. T. Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, James	15	Aug., 1905	Turner	Wm. T. Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, May	13	Aug., 1905	Turner	Wm. T. Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Elliott, Rose	12	Aug., 1905	Turner	Wm. T. Elliott	40th Massachusetts Infantry.
Eastman Meta E.	11	Nov., 1907	South Thomaston	John M. Eastman, grandfather	Navy.
Eastman Ethel M.	9	Nov., 1907	South Thomaston	John M. Eastman, grandfather	Navy.
Follett, Helen *	15	June, 1897	Portland	William E. Follette	29th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Olive E.	12	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Raymond	9	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Groves, Georgianna	7	Oct., 1907	Portland	Thos. C. Jones, grandfather	11th Maine Infantry.
Hasey, Alice *	18	July, 1898	Westbrook	Washburn Hurd, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.

Hasey, Lillian*	17	Oct., 1899	Westbrook	Washburn Hurd, grandfather	13th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Walter B.	11	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenleaf Hayden, grandfather.	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Annie May	11	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenleaf Hayden, grandfather.	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Sunner	7	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenleaf Hayden, grandfather.	11th Maine Infantry.
Hayden, Ernest	8	May, 1906	Hallowell	Greenleaf Hayden, grandfather.	11th Maine Infantry.
Houlton, Malinda	15	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Rose	11	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Chester	9	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Houlton, Florence	6	Mar., 1907	Woodland	Wm. Houlton	1st Maine Cavalry.
Holt, Gladys M.	12	Oct., 1908	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th Maine Infantry.
Holt, Eunice J. E.	12	Oct., 1908	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather	17th Maine Infantry.
McKeen Inza	12	July, 1902	Phillips	Ezra M. McKeen	1st Maine Cavalry.
McMann, Chas.	5	July, 1905	Bath	Thos. B. McMann, grandfather	9th Maine Infantry.
*Marr, Grace P.	15	April, 1906	Bath	John W. Card, grandfather.	21st Maine Infantry.
*Marr, Jas. Wm.	14	April, 1906	Bath	John W. Card, grandfather.	21st Maine Infantry.
McCurdy, Agnes	13	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather.	17th Maine Infantry.
McCurdy, Gertrude M.	10	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather.	17th Maine Infantry.
McCurdy, Guy L.	8	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather.	17th Maine Infantry.
McCurdy, Edward	6	Oct., 1906	Hallowell	John A. Rollins, grandfather.	17th Maine Infantry.
Mitchell, Lester W.	6	April, 1907	Camden	Leroy G. Davis, grandfather.	9th Maine Infantry.
Mitchell, Leroy S.	5	April, 1907	Camden	Leroy G. Davis, grandfather.	9th Maine Infantry.
Mitchell, Corine	9	April, 1907	Camden	Leroy G. Davis, grandfather.	9th Maine Infantry.
Miller, Grace G.	9	Sept., 1908	Rockport.	Alfred Miller grandfather.	26th Maine Infantry.
Miller, Alfred H.	8	Sept., 1908	Rockport.	Alfred Miller, grandfather.	26th Maine Infantry.
McDermott, Henry L.	8	Feb., 1908	Monson	John McDermott, grandfather.	31st Maine Infantry.
McDermott, John W.	11	Feb., 1908	Monson	John McDermott, grandfather.	31st Maine Infantry.
McDermott, Fern L.	12	Feb., 1908	Monson	John McDermott, grandfather.	31st Maine Infantry.
McDermott, Clara E.	14	Feb., 1908	Monson	John McDermott, grandfather.	31st Maine Infantry.
Falmer, Mary E.	12	June, 1903	Princeton.	Geo. W. Gates, grandfather.	6th Maine Infantry.
*Fullen, Edward	10	June, 1903	Palermo	Alfred W. Pullen	9th Maine Infantry.
Freston, Chas.	10	April, 1905	Bowdoin	Chas. Preston grandfather	24th Maine Infantry.
*Runnells, Etta Pearl	14	Jan., 1887	Bath	W. J. Runnells, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Eleanor M.	11	May, 1905	Bath	Rufus Robbins, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Henry	8	May, 1905	Bath	Rufus Robbins, grandfather	4th Maine Infantry.
Robinson, Albert S.	7	Nov., 1907	Bath	John Robinson, grandfather	28th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Wm. E.	10	Mar., 1908	Rockland	Wm. O. Kaherl, grandfather	12th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Jos. E.	4	Mar., 1908	Rockland	Wm. O. Kaherl, grandfather	12th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Cora	4	Aug., 1908	Rockland	Wm. O. Kaherl, grandfather	12th Maine Infantry.
Robbins, Edith	6	Aug., 1908	Rockland	Wm. O. Kaherl, grandfather	12th Maine Infantry.
Roderick, Leslie C.	4	July, 1908	Phippsburg.	Albert A. Roderick	Navy, Spanish War.
Sherman, Leo H.*	14	Dec., 1903	Calais	John Sherman, grandfather	15th Maine Infantry.
Steadman, Alice*	14	Nov., 1904	Lewiston	Geo. F. Steadman	20th Maine Infantry.
Spearing, Helen F.	16	June, 1899	South Gardiner	Hollis Spearing, grandfather.	19th Maine Infantry.

Names of Children that have been inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum during the Year 1908—Concluded.

NAME.	Present Age.	When Admitted.	RESIDENCE.	FATHER OR GRANDFATHER.	SERVICE.
Spearing, Marshal.....	13	June, 1899	South Gardiner.....	Hollis Spearing, grandfather.....	19th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Florence J.....	12	Feb., 1907	Canton.....	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather.....	10th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Shirley R.....	10	Feb., 1907	Canton.....	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather.....	10th Maine Infantry.
Smith, Alorodeen.....	7	Feb., 1907	Canton.....	Lowell B. Smith, grandfather.....	10th Maine Infantry.
Tibbitts, Hazel D.....	11	July, 1908	Portland.....	John Lakin, grandfather.....	20th Maine Infantry.
Tibbitts, Christine M.....	10	July, 1908	Portland.....	John Lakin, grandfather.....	20th Maine Infantry.
Tibbitts, Hildreth L.....	8	July, 1908	Portland.....	John Lakin, grandfather.....	20th Maine Infantry.
Tibbitts, Leon H.....	6	July, 1908	Portland.....	John Lakin, grandfather.....	20th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Lena G.....	15	Oct., 1904	Augusta.....	Char. F. Williams.....	19th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Martha.....	11	Oct., 1905	Augusta.....	Chas. F. Williams.....	19th Maine Infantry.
Williams, Goldie.....	6	July, 1905	Searsmont.....	Danl. R. Williams.....	19th Maine Infantry.
White, Wm. G.....	12	Sept., 1907	Belfast.....	Leonard O. White.....	61st Massachusetts Infantry.
White, Wesley.....	10	Sept., 1907	Belfast.....	Leonard O. White.....	61st Massachusetts Infantry.
Wakefield, Roy*.....	8	Jan., 1908	Bath.....	Danl. H. Wakefield, grandfather.....	8th Maine Infantry.
Wakefield, Arthur*.....	5	Jan., 1908	Bath.....	Danl. H. Wakefield, grandfather.....	8th Maine Infantry.
Welch, Mabel A.....	13	Feb., 1908	Wilton.....	Jos W. Welch, grandfather.....	32d Maine Infantry.
Welch, Susan.....	8	Feb., 1908	Wilton.....	Jos W. Welch, grandfather.....	32d Maine Infantry.

The number of children January 1, 1908, 68; admitted and readmitted during 1908, 21; total for 1908, 89; provided with homes or taken by relatives, 19; number present January 1, 1909, 70; 33 boys, 37 girls; average age nearly 10 years; 17 children of veterans; 52 grandchildren; one child of Spanish War sailor.

BATH, January 1, 1909.

W. H. WATSON,
Chairman Committee on Children.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, 1908.

To the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association,

GENTLEMEN:—One year ago we had in the Home sixty-eight (68) children. There have been admitted and re-admitted twenty-one (21) making the whole number cared for during the year eighty-nine (89). Of this number nineteen (19) have been taken by relatives or guardians, or provided with homes in private families, leaving seventy (70) now in the Home—thirty-three (33) boys and thirty-seven (37) girls. Seventeen of those remaining are the children of veterans of the war of the rebellion, fifty-two (52) grandchildren and one child of a Spanish war sailor.

The average age of those present is nearly 10 years. The average number of children for the year has been somewhat larger than usual being about seventy. This may be accounted for by the number of children coming to us for whom it is difficult to find homes in suitable families and several that have come to us in the past for the simple reason that there was no other place provided for them, their proper place being in a school for Feeble-Minded. Now that our State is about to establish such a school, we hope soon to be relieved of this class of unfortunates.

The health of the family has been remarkably good, no serious cases of sickness having occurred during the year.

Through the liberality of Mr. Chas. T. Jackson, the Popham Steamboat Co. and Electric Railway Company the family enjoyed free excursions to Popham Beach and Lake Auburn during the summer vacation.

In the summer we learned that in some sections of the state reports were in circulation that children other than the descendants of veterans were being admitted to the Home to the detriment of those for whom the Institution was founded. Of this

I will only say that the record of the children is open to the public at all times and if any one is interested enough to read the list of names that accompany this report and reports of the past, they will find not only the names, ages, residences of all the children, but the name of the father or grandfather and his service in the army or navy.

While we are allowed by a late amendment to the Act of Incorporation to take the orphans of any citizen of Maine when the capacity of the Home will permit, thus far there has been no opportunity to take advantage of it. This matter was fully looked into by Hon. Thos. G. Libby, of the Governor's Council and Woodbury K. Dana, Dept. Commander of the G. A. R., which will probably set at rest a report that had no foundation.

W. H. WATSON,

Chairman Committee on Children.

Bath, Jan'y 4, 1909.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS, 1908.

CHINA, Dec. 27, 1908.

To the Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to many duties, I have been unable to visit the "Home" but once this year—in the early part of July.

My visit was made in the morning hours and was unexpected, and after a thorough inspection of the house I am pleased to report that I found every part of it in the usual excellent condition characteristic of the management of this model "Home." It should be a source of gratification and satisfaction to you all.

Thanking you for the appointment and assuring you of my pleasure to serve, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FLORENCE M. WALLACE,

Lady Visitor for 1908.

BATH, MAINE, Dec. 28, 1908.

To the Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,

GENTLEMEN:—It has been my pleasant duty to visit the Home several times during the past year, and have found everything about the place in perfect order, whether expected or not, and the children seemed very happy and contented.

For Miss Brown, the Matron, I have nothing but words of praise.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. A. B. HAGGETT.

*To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
Bath, Maine.*

DEAR SIR:—I have had the pleasure and satisfaction of making two visits at the Orphans' Home the past year, once in

January, once in November. In both instances I found the children well, well cared for and apparently happy and making good progress in their studies. The daily life of the officers and the children under their care seems as much like the family life in a well-regulated Christian home as it is possible to make it. Evidently kindness, good judgment and a sincere devotion to the highest interests of the boys and girls are constantly exercised by the matron and her assistants. Under these conditions one cannot doubt the institution is doing a noble work and must feel that it can still rightfully expect the support of the State.

I think it would be well to broaden the claims of eligibility so as to include the children and grandchildren of those who have served in any of the country's wars. There seems to be no reason why there should be any distinction in this respect.

I have thought that a change in the heating plant, putting the boiler in an outbuilding instead of in the basement of the main house might be advisable. It would save the house from the annoyance of much dust and dirt and would lessen the danger from fire or other possible accident.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) H. E. P. KEYES.

Farmington, Jan. 14, 1909.

OAKLAND, ME., Jan. 1st, '09.

*To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
Bath, Maine,*

DEAR SIRS:—I have attended to my official duties as usual. I found everything in the interior of the building conducted in the same methodical manner as formerly, while the exterior is much improved by its recent coat of paint and the grounds by the trimming of trees and shrubbery.

One of my visits being at the noon hour, I had the opportunity of seeing the children file in to dinner. Their faces beaming with health and happiness gave evidence of better care than the majority of children have in their own homes.

Sincerely yours,

ALICE S. GILMAN.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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. 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 corporations 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 outbuildings, 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 investment 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 elect, annually, 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 incorporation, viz: the support and 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.

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, 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 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.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE.

An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section six of chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Section 6. Upon the final execution of the purpose herein specified as the object of this incorporation, viz: the support and 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, first, the descendants of veterans who resided and served on the quota of Maine in the late Civil War; second, the orphans or half orphans of veterans residing in the State although not serving on the quota of Maine.'

Approved February 17, 1893.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THREE.

An Act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-six is hereby amended by adding the following section:

'Section 7. The trustees are authorized and empowered, at their discretion, to admit to the Home, children or grandchildren of the veterans of the civil war when they have been deserted by either of their parents, also orphans or half orphans of veterans of the Spanish war who were residents of Maine, also orphans of any citizens of Maine, should the capacity of the Home, at any time, be more than sufficient to care for orphans eligible for admittance under the preceding section of this chapter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1903.

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 ways 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 the 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 belonging 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.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Article one amended May 13, 1889, to read as follows:

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

ART. 2. At each annual meeting of the board shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary and treasurer, and executive committee of three of its members, and a committee of one or more on reception and disposal of children, which committee 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 quarterly 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 amendment 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.

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, or 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 received them. In case of the return of the 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 inmate 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 livestock, 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 of 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 details of boys, unless by consent of the Matron or Gardener.

Doors will be locked and lights extinguished by ten o'clock, P. M., save by special commission 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 instruction 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.

Approved and adopted October 1, 1883.