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One of the Hill Farm Dormitories



Boys at Work

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

Maine School for Feeble-
Minded

AT WEST POWNAL

FOR THE

Years Ending September 30, 1910



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TRUSTEES.

HARTLEY C. BAXTER, Brunswick, President.
WILLIAM G. MEANS, Machias, Secretary.
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HON. ORAMANDAL SMITH, Litchfield, Auditor.
MRS. MARGARET A. BARKER, Bangor, Visitor.

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MRS. ELIZABETH H. BLISS, Gen. Matron.
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MISS ELIZABETH PARSONS, Stenographer.
MRS. LUELLE ELWELL, Matron at Hill Farm.
MISS LUELLE C. GORDON, Matron at Valley Farm.
MISS MARY A. SMITH, Matron at Girls' Home.
MRS. ELLEN B. TRAFTON, Matron at Central Kitchen.
M. M. MUZZY, Foreman at Hill Farm.
HARRY H. SHAILER, Foreman at Valley Farm.
CLIFFORD E. GOULDING, General Construction and Carpenter Foreman.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency, the Governor, and the Executive Council of the State of Maine:

As the report of the Treasurer for the School for Feeble-Minded gives in detail the present condition of the institution, we will simply give a brief account of the founding of the school and of our stewardship since we took charge of its affairs.

The first bill for establishing a School for Feeble-Minded was introduced in 1905 and was defeated, but in 1907 a bill was passed and \$60,000.00 was appropriated. Approximately one-half of this sum was expended for the purchase of land with the buildings thereon, and the balance was used to build one Farm Colony, to repair and furnish one of the buildings for a home and office for the Superintendent, for sewers and water supply, for the purchase of stock and farming tools, for general repairs to such of the old buildings on the premises as could be utilized, and for running expenses.

The first Board of Trustees, composed of H. C. Baxter (Chairman), Albert Peirce, W. G. Means, C. N. Blanchard and Mrs. Margaret Barker was appointed June 23, 1908; and the present Board is the same, excepting that Oramandal Smith has succeeded Mr. Peirce, who resigned. Work was commenced Sept. 7, 1908, the services of Dr. Geo. S. Bliss, formerly connected with the school at Waverley, Mass., having been secured as Superintendent.

In 1909 the Legislature appropriated a further sum of \$200,000.00 with which we have built another Farm Colony, including water supply and sewers, two modern fire-proof brick buildings with furnishings, also a laundry and sewers. We have also put in repair two sets of old buildings for nurses' houses. More stock and farm equipment have been provided to meet the growing demands of the Institution, and we have erected and equipped a temporary boiler house with permanent

conduits which are of sufficient size to meet the demands of the Institution for many years to come. The sewers have also been built with the same object in view.

We can now take care of fifty boys in each of the two Farm Colony Groups, also thirty girls in two of the old buildings. In addition to this, the new buildings, which will shortly be completed, will care for ninety girls (including the thirty now in the old buildings) and thirty boys—giving accommodation in all, on the premises to ninety girls and one hundred and thirty boys.

We believe that the appropriations have been judiciously used, and we trust that such a worthy cause will receive liberal support from the next administration.

Respectfully submitted,

HARTLEY C. BAXTER,

WILLIAM G. MEANS,

CYRUS N. BLANCHARD,

ORAMANDAL SMITH,

MRS. MARGARET A. BARKER.

Trustees of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT—1909.

To the Trustees of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded:

I have the honor to submit the first annual report of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded.

Since the first of October of last year there has been constructed at the southern end of the tract of land purchased for the School a Farm Colony Group consisting of a dormitory and wash building for fifty boys, all new construction. Besides this, the farm-house on the property has been renovated and an addition, thirty by forty feet, built on for a dining-room for these fifty boys. The farm-house is used as a home for the women attendants, a kitchen, a dining-room for attendants, and storerooms. This has been done at a cost of \$15,614.31. This place we have called the Hill Farm.

Here we have a farm colony for older boys where the boys live the simple outdoor life of a farmer's boy, caring for the farm stock, and crops, improve the fields by clearing out stones, bushes and stumps, getting up their own wood for heating these buildings and working up the same. This last has been done by the very lowest grade boys we have, the boys so defective mentally as to be of very little use in the garden and other farm work. We have had seven acres under cultivation at this place cared for by the boys and one attendant. We have raised all the green vegetables we could use this summer including radishes, beets, turnips, squash, cucumbers, carrots, parsnips, onions, corn and early potatoes, besides three acres of beans. The boys have cleared about one-half mile of road of bushes besides a large field just below the garden, and we expect by winter to plow and completely clear and seed down this land.

They have done quite a piece of grading about their dormitory and the farmhouse, and cleared the land of bushes where the new buildings are being built.

We have repaired a set of farm buildings and installed here twelve feeble-minded girls. These girls do the sewing for the school, the washing for themselves and the women employees.

They are of all grades, four of them almost helpless from their defect. They seem very happy and contented in their new home.

There were eight sets of farm buildings on the place, two only in good repair. One of these was at the Hill Farm where the boys are located and the other at the northern end of the property. One of the older buildings has been renovated and repaired for an administration building and superintendent's cottage, and the others put in good repair for boarding-houses, homes of employees, etc. One barn we have made into a storehouse and another into a carpenter shop.

We now have under construction another farm colony similar to the Hill Farm. This is located in the valley at the northern end of the property.

We have under contract two brick fireproof buildings to accommodate fifty children each, and a sewer system. Besides this we expect to build a laundry and a temporary kitchen.

We have now room for sixty-two patients.

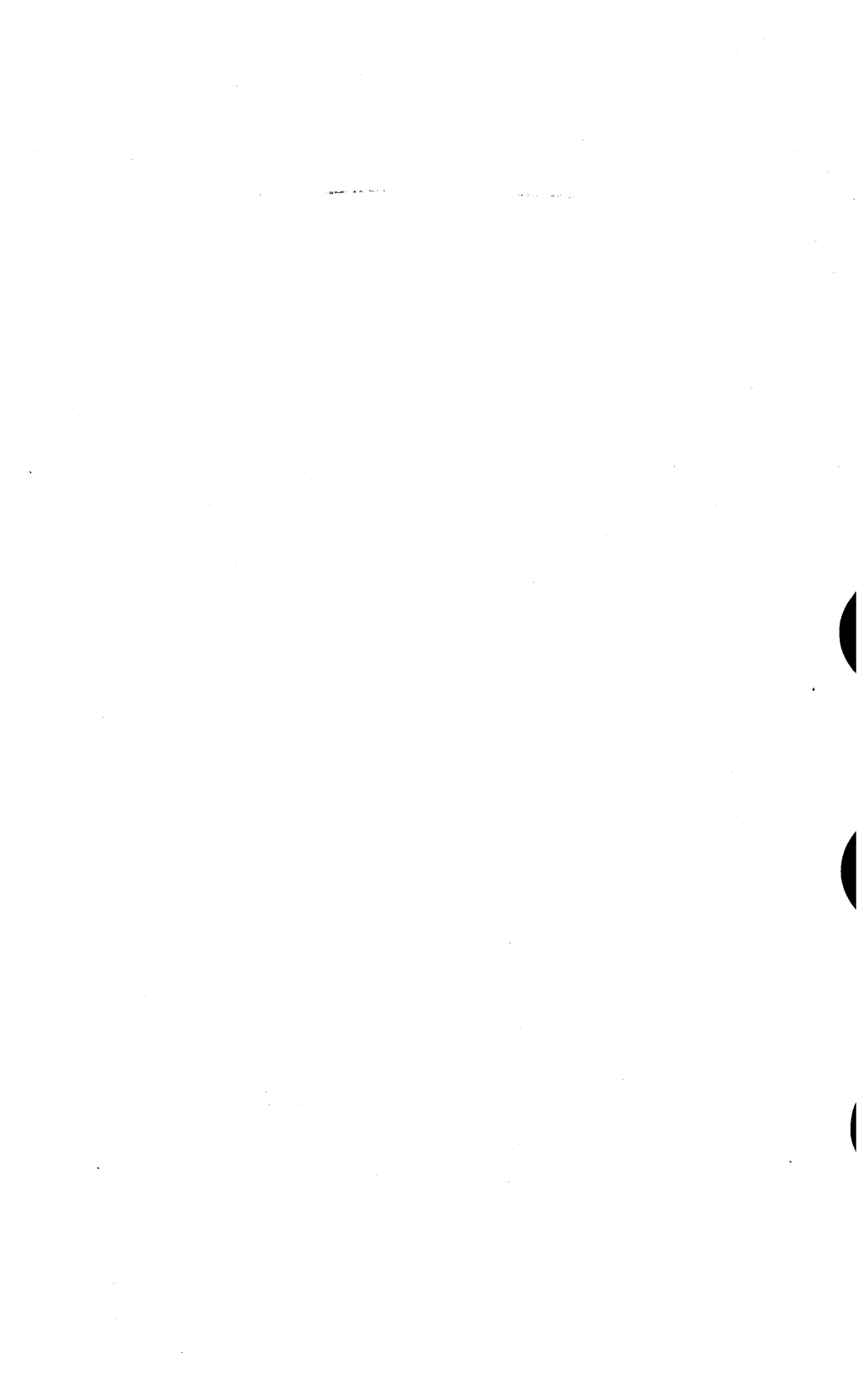
The new buildings when completed will provide for between one hundred and fifty and two hundred more and we have on the waiting list one hundred and seventy-five applications, many of them extremely urgent cases.

I cannot close this report without expressing my appreciation of the cordial support and good advice the Board has given me in this first year of our work together.

I am very respectfully yours,

GEORGE S. BLISS, M. D.

Superintendent.





Valley Farm Group



Some of the Willing Helpers

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT—1910.

To the Trustees of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded:

The second complete year of the existence of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded has passed quickly by. It has been marked by an increase of population from 62 to 135, due largely to the opening of the other Farm Colony Group in process of construction last year at the other end of our grounds. We call this the Valley Farm, as the other was called the Hill Farm.

We have also completed our laundry and nearly completed 2 brick dormitories for girls and women, capable of accommodating 60 inmates each. With the completion of these buildings we shall be able to care for 220 inmates.

There have been 4 deaths the past year, 2 of epilepsy, 1 of pneumonia, and 1 of nephritis. There has been but little sickness except a small epidemic of measles early in the spring. There were no fatal cases.

All of our boys and girls have shown marked improvement physically and mentally. The regular hours, steady occupation under careful and intelligent supervision, and encouragement to do their best, have worked wonders with some of these unfortunates.

We now have on the waiting list over 300 applications. When the new buildings are all full there will still be over 200 left unprovided for. If we are to furnish adequate provision for these poor unfortunates, we shall need at least \$200,000.00 besides our running expenses for 1911 and 1912.

GEORGE S. BLISS, M. D.
Superintendent.

FARM PRODUCE 1909.		FARM PRODUCE, 1910.	
Apples,	293 bu.	Apples	502 bu.
Beets,	69½ bu.	Beets,	80 bu.
Beet Greens,	15½ bu.	Beets Greens,	43½ bu.
Beans, Shell,	3½ bu.	Beans,	104¼ bu.
Beans, String,	4½ bu.	Beans, String,	36½ bu.
Butter made,	300 lbs.	Beans Shell,	10 bu.
Cucumbers,	38 bu.	Butter made,	1,020½ lbs.
Corn,	221 doz.	Cucumbers,	1,206½ doz.
Carrots,	51½ bu.	Corn,	167½ doz.
Cabbage,	1,311 head	Cabbage,	3,976 head
Cider,	2 bbls.	Carrots,	38 bu.
Calves	9	Corn Fodder,	1 ton
Cream sold	2,233 lbs.	Cider,	3 bbl.
Dressing	26 loads	Calves	7
Eggs	80 doz.	Eggs,	48 doz.
Hay,	136 tons	Hay,	165 tons
Hogs killed	8	Hogs killed,	22
Lettuce,	½ bu.	Lettuce,	23 bu.
Milk,	40,841 lbs.	Milk,	76,233½ lbs.
Onions,	10 bu.	Onions,	15 bu.
Peas,	9 bu.	Peas,	24 bu.
Potatoes,	705 bu.	Potatoes,	1,473 bu.
Pumpkins,	2 tons	Pumpkins,	6½ tons
Parsnips,	15 bu.	Radishes,	10½ bu.
Pigs,	5	Rhubarb,	740 lbs.
Radishes,	16½ bu.	Squash,	1,935 lbs.
Rhubarb,	4½ bu.	Turnips,	324 bu.
Squash,	1 ton	Tomatoes,	208 bu.
Turnips,	177½ bu.	Turnip Greens,	31 bu.
Tomatoes,	51 bu.	Vegetable Tops,	2 tons
Wood,	240½ cords	Wood,	126 cords
Fodder,	10 tons		

Articles Made by the Girls in the Sewing-Room.

	1909.	1910.
Blankets Hemmed	251	162
Chemise		32
Couch Covers		2
Drawers		30
Dresses'	16	3
Garter Tips	110	110
Holdes		34
Jumpers	15	18
Laundry Bags		38
Nightshirts	34	177
Overalls		24
Over Shirts		99
Petticoats	15	20
Pillow Slips	374	387
Sheets	474	454
Shirts	99	
Suspenders	42	78
Table Napkins Hemmed	313	480
Ticking Aprons	25	57
Towels	534	659
Work Aprons	22	59

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAINE SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MIEDED, WEST POWNAL.

Statement of Operating Expenses and Income to Sept. 30, 1909.
Salaries:

Salaries of officers	\$2,728 81	
Pay roll of employees	4,401 63	\$7,130 44

Supplies:

Fuel, coal	124 88	
Fuel, wood	388 18	
Groceries	1,598 09	
Butter, eggs and milk	1,308 03	
Meats	753 00	
Fish	72 03	
Hats, caps and clothing	386 99	
Dry goods and millinery	114 02	
Boots and shoes	248 52	
Rubber goods	103 50	5,097 24

Furnishings:

Kitchen utensils and crockery.....	79 29	
Books and periodicals	76 75	
Medicine and attendance	103 76	
Miscellaneous supplies	437 67	
Storehouse	2 18	
Household furnishings	1,114 98	
Storehouse equipment	16 90	
Laundry furnishings	40 70	
Entertainment for children	30 27	1,902 50

Repairs to buildings and grounds	6,075 19	
Construction tools, etc.....	117 73	6,192 92

Farm:

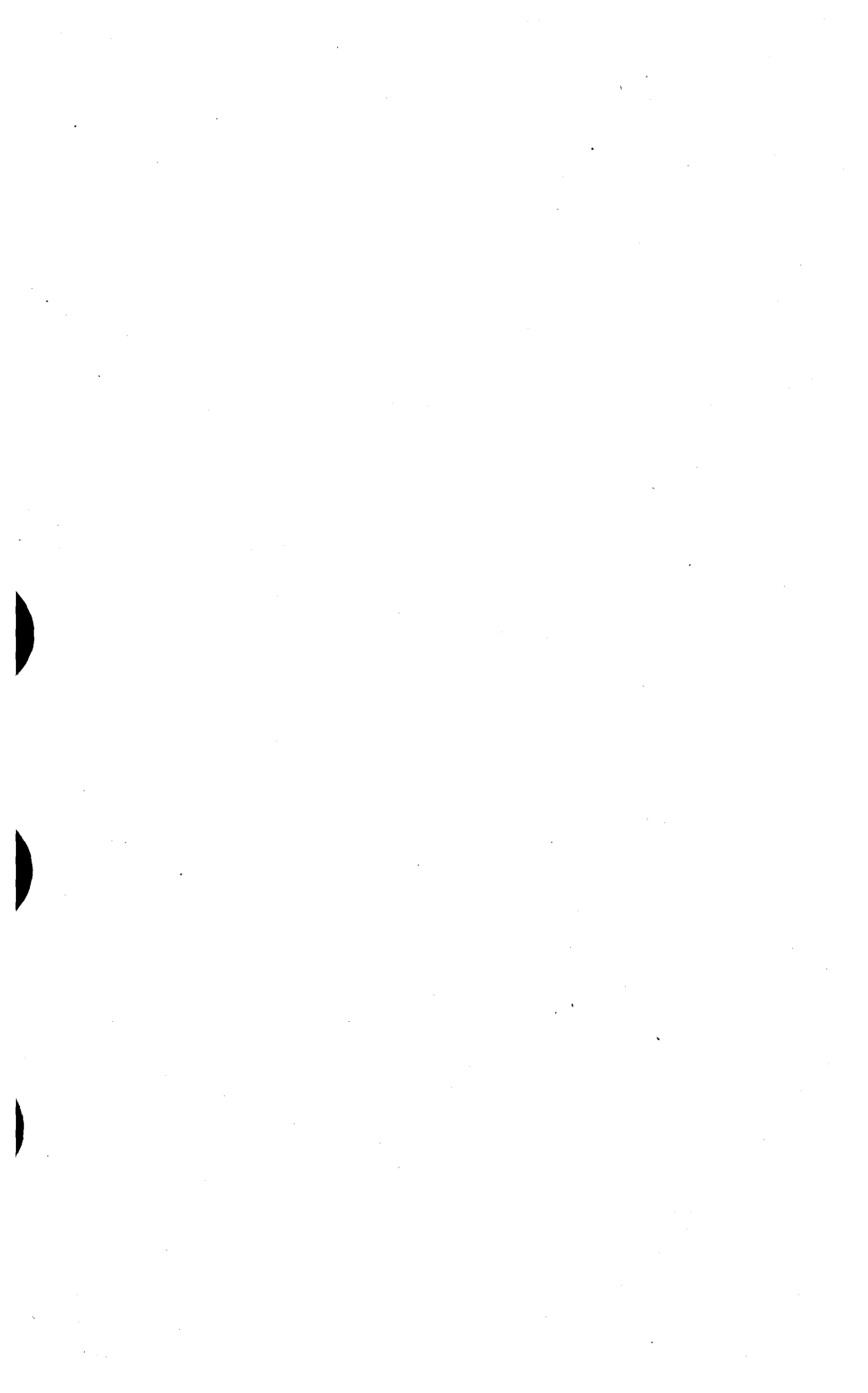
Equipment	440 66	
Repairs and renewals of equipment....	162 13	
Horses	1 80	
Feed	1,669 63	
Hay	373 35	
Labor	1,761 70	
Miscellaneous	1,120 86	5,530 13



Girls' Home



The Two Girls' Buildings



Office:

Telephone	288 27	
Postage, stationery and printing	531 87	
Traveling expenses	525 32	
Freight and express	6 89	
Office furnishings	13 74	
Sundry expenses	123 37	1,489 46

Expense Location:

Per diem and expenses of councillors,	455 69	
Per diem and expenses of trustees ...	950 84	
Expense examining titles	348 06	
Expense purchasing site	508 95	
Expense of survey	1,302 76	3,566 30

Expense of water supply	62 36	62 36
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Total expenses		\$30,971 35
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Farm	\$5,544 10
Interest and discount	80 10
Cattle	414 10
Hogs	256 67
Hens	8 00

Total credits	6,302 97
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Net expenses	\$24,668 38
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Trial Balance After Closing Accounts, Sept. 30, 1909.

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Inventories:		
Fuel, coal	\$581 60	
Fuel, wood	300 00	
Groceries	678 95	
Hats, caps and clothing	325 47	
Dry goods and millinery	1,067 11	
Boots and shoes	140 82	
Rubber goods	50 00	
Kitchen utensils and crockery	577 78	
Medicine and attendance	105 17	
Miscellaneous supplies	319 31	
Household furnishings	3,693 60	
Repairs to buildings and		
Grounds	1,093 95	

Farm equipment	2,723 30	
Cows	1,361 00	
Horses	2,265 00	
Hogs	190 00	
Hens	19 00	
Hay	1,800 00	
Office furnishings	936 05	
Laundry furnishings	551 40	
Entertainment for children ...	74 63	
Construction tools.....	474 63	
Storehouse equipment.....	101 96	\$19,430 73

Plant Accounts :

Water supply system	7,120 08	
Farm Colony Group No. 1..	11,285 93	
Ryther Place	7,964 23	
Lane Place	9,123 88	
Shailer Place	2,878 25	
Muzzy Place	954 66	
Hutchins Place	665 36	
Wilson Place	1,486 19	
Dow Place	8,372 83	
Morse Place	6,835 22	
Storehouse building	127 23	
Water power	7,801 46	
Boys' and girls' dormitories..	5,412 47	
Valley Farm dormitory	4,014 75	
Laundry	710 57	
Sewers	59 81	
Boiler house	184 80	74,997 72

Cash	135 78	
State of Maine.....	62,246 46	
Appropriation		\$62,246 46
Audited vouchers		21,594 04
Profit and loss		72,970 19
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		\$156,810 69 \$156,810 69

GEORGE S. BLISS, *Treasurer.*

Assets and Liabilities Sept. 30, 1910.

ASSETS.

Inventories:

Fuel, coal	\$1,016 00	
Fuel, wood	330 00	
Groceries	1,559 89	
Hats, caps and clothing	497 67	
Dry goods and millinery	1,526 31	
Boots and shoes	274 76	
Rubber goods	48 40	
Kitchen utensils and crockery.....	657 32	
Medicine and attendance	105 03	
Miscellaneous supplies.....	288 21	
Household furnishings	6,786 18	
Repairs to buildings and grounds...	5,225 77	
Farm equipment	3,822 47	
Cattle	2,564 00	
Horses	2,700 00	
Hogs	512 00	
Hens	28 50	
Hay	2,250 00	
Office furnishings	992 30	
Laundry furnishings.....	599 42	
Entertainment for children	94 13	
Construction tools	461 17	
Storehouse equipment	118 06	\$32,457 59

Plant Accounts:

Water supply system	\$11,393 59	
Farm Colony Group No. 1.....	11,285 93	
Rhyther Place	8,155 79	
Lane Place	10,609 59	
Shailer Place	4,913 85	
Muzzy Place	960 33	
Hutchins Place	668 06	
Wilson Place	1,486 19	
Dow Place	8,495 30	
Morse Place	8,808 70	
Storehouse building	127 23	
Water power	7,801 46	
Girls' and boys' dormitories	43,971 59	
Valley Farm dormitory.....	17,431 48	
Laundry construction	9,075 07	
Sewerage construction	2,640 11	
Boiler house	6,021 44	
Boiler house equipment.....	135 81	
School industrial equipment.....	10 00	
New power house	375 00	
Electrical equipment	1,448 75	\$155,815 27

Geo. S. Bliss, Superintendent	40 00
State of Maine	39,780 44
Patients account	10 80
Cash balance	933 56
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	\$229,037 66

LIABILITIES.

Audited vouchers	\$23,791 89
Appropriation	39,780 44
Profit and loss (balance surplus)	165,465 33
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	\$229,037 66

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Sept. 30, 1910.

EXPENSES.

Salaries and Supplies:

Salaries of officers.....	\$2,610 00	
Pay roll of employees.....	8,763 09	
Fuel, coal	812 94	
Fuel, wood	458 50	
Groceries	5,059 30	
Butter, eggs and milk	3,269 94	
Meats	1,663 41	
Fish	294 41	
Hats, caps and clothing.....	872 64	
Dry goods and millinery	263 45	
Boots and shoes	270 18	
Rubber goods	66 50	
Kitchen utensils and crockery.....	104 41	
Books and periodicals.....	7 50	
Medicine and attendance	185 73	
Miscellaneous supplies	386 82	\$25,088 82
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Maintenance:

Household furnishings	113 64	
Repairs to buildings and grounds.....	1,798 65	1,912 29
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Farm:

Equipment	526 95	
Repairs and renewals of equipment....	140 97	
Horses	124 75	
Feed	4,476 23	
Labor	114 73	
Miscellaneous	1,143 52	6,527 15
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Miscellaneous Expenses:

Telephone	\$395	50	
Postage, stationery and printing.....	325	52	
Travelling expenses.....	335	18	
Freight and express	124	69	
Office furnishings	25	48	
Sundry expenses	194	35	
Expenses examining titles.....	6	45	
Laundry furnishings	285	39	
Entertainment for children.....	96	00	
Construction tools	78	07	
Expenses of survey	4,468	17	
Water supply expense	75	38	
Storehouse equipment.....	20	13	\$6,430 31
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Total expenses			\$39,958 57
Profit and loss (balance surplus for year)....			92,495 14
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			\$132,453 71

INCOME.

<i>State of Maine, appropriation.....</i>			\$122,466 02
<i>Interest and discount.....</i>			27 31
<i>Board of patients.....</i>			151 00
Farm:			
Cattle	\$865	05	
Hogs	286	00	
Hens	1	70	
Hay	326	05	
Farm (farm products)	8,330	58	9,809 38
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			\$132,453 71

GEORGE S. BLISS, *Treasurer.*