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OF THE

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AT

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FOR THE YEARS

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BATH MILITARY

AND

NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM

REPORTS OFFICERS AND LADY
VISITORS FOR 1915



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum for the election of three local trustees and six lady visitors is one of local interest. It carries us back to the days of the Civil War when the City of Bath furnished two full companies of men, as its contribution to the 3rd Maine regiment. There were patriots in those days, who for love of country and the paltry sum of twelve dollars per month for service, were willing to undergo privation, broken health and death that the Nation might live. The fires of patriotism burned on the hillsides and in the valleys throughout New England. Living in the city of Bath was a large-hearted patriotic woman, the wife of one of Bath's volunteers, who, forecasting human suffering, offered her services as an Army nurse for the 3rd Maine Regiment, and accompanied them to the field of battle, sharing their victories and defeats.

At the close of the Civil War, she returned to her native city, with a full realization of the sacrifices which the war had produced. She looked over our city and beyond finding fatherless children—families with no visible means of support. It touched the heart of Sarah Sampson, energetic, kind hearted, and in her dream she saw the vision of a home, and made it plain in the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum. She interested philanthropic citizens in providing funds for its maintenance. Originally it was a local institution, but the benefits of the home were so apparent and the applicants for admission throughout the State so numerous, the management deemed it wise to seek recourse to the State for financial assistance, and that Maine's soldiers' orphans of the Civil War should be eligible for admission. That was fifty years ago. Today the grandchildren of the Civil War are eligible for shelter under its roof. Mrs. Sampson sleeps that quiet sleep that kisses down the eyelids still, in the Nation's cemetery at

Arlington among the honored dead, and the home she founded bears silent testimony that simple acts of kindness are the deeds that live.

During the year the sanitary conditions have been improved through the installation of modern flush closets in the basement of the ell of the home with connection to the street sewer and and steam heat protection as very much needed improvement.

The Secretary's report will give you the statistics as to the physical condition of the children, and much valuable information. For more than thirty years he has rendered valuable service in his office, and we trust that he may be spared to us to continue his good work.

Our Treasurer, Mr. Duncan, is a veteran in the service, an audit of his accounts attests their accuracy, and an examination of the investments shows them in evidence in a safety deposit box in the Bath Savings Institution.

The Trustees have been careful not to exceed the income; increased prices have been an obstacle to overcome. Economy has been the watchword.

I desire to express the confidence the Trustees have in Miss E. F. Brown, the matron, and those associated with her, whose long service in the Home has promoted harmony in all departments.

The following corporations have made the children happy in providing free transportation for excursions on trolley lines and boats.

1. By L. A. & W. R. R., excursion to Lake Auburn.
2. Bath & Popham Steamboat Co., excursion to Fort Popham.
3. Eastern Steamship Co., excursion to Pemaquid.
4. Kennebec Yacht Club, excursion and lunch up the Kennebec.
5. People's Ferry Co., excursion to Woolwich.
6. The Loyal Order of Moose, through the courtesy of Wm. Mann, provided free entertainment at their carnival.
7. Our moving picture friends have been exceedingly kind, affording much pleasure to the children.
8. Mrs. Charles P. Wetherbee through her contribution of books suitable for children, has done much to promote their happiness.

9. A victrola has been purchased from the savings of the past and present children. It has proved a valuable source of entertainment.

I desire to express my appreciation of the friendly relations which have existed between me and my associates. They have been exceedingly pleasant.

Among the contributors to the Christsmas tree were Mrs. Mary B. Price of Richmond, box of candy; Anna A. Gould Tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, Portland, records and gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. LOWELL,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association:

GENTLEMEN:—In making up my annual report for the year past, I have omitted the usual list of names, ages, etc., as it seemed merely a repetition, and have given only the names, ages, etc., of those admitted and re-admitted during the past year.

Children admitted for the first time	12	
Children re-admitted	5	17
	—	
Children in the Home Jan. 1, 1915		59
		—
		76

Thus a total of seventy-six children have been cared for during some portion of the year. Of those admitted, eleven were grandchildren of soldiers of the War of the Rebellion and one a child of a Spanish War veteran.

Twenty-one children have been provided with homes or taken by relatives, and two have died, leaving the number in the Home Jan. 1, 1916, fifty-three.

With the exception of the two deaths from hereditary causes, the health of the family has been remarkably good, only the ailments common to children having occurred. The watchful care of the Matron and her assistants and Dr. Snipe is fully appreciated by those in charge of the Institution.

The sanitary improvements in the children's toilets the past season have been completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Fire drills have been continued and every precaution used for the prevention of fires.

The children have all attended the city schools as usual, and are well up in their classes of the different grades with the average scholars. They also attend church and Sunday Schools.

During the vacation season they have been highly favored with free excursions, and entertainments mentioned by President Lowell in his report, and which were fully appreciated by the management.

Now as the inmates of the Home are largely made up of grandchildren of the Veterans of the War of '61 to '65, who do not take in the meaning of or for what this institution was founded, and as many of their parents are only too willing to shirk all responsibility of caring for their offspring and many of our towns are glad to rid themselves of individual dependents, it would seem that the time was near when, if it is to be continued, it should be as a general orphanage and the name Military and Naval Orphan Asylum is no longer applicable.

Since this home was first opened in a small way through the efforts of Mrs. C. A. L. Sampson, a devoted worker in the interest of the soldiers and sailors and their families, between 900 and 1,000 children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter period.

The annual New Year's tree and entertainment by the children was held at the Home Dec. 31, each child receiving many presents from their many friends which were distributed from the handsomely decorated trees by the trustees and enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Alexander of Brunswick also gave the children a few recitations suitable to their years and very pleasing to all who were there.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WATSON,

Chairman Committee on Children.

ADMITTED AND RE-ADMITTED FOR THE YEAR 1915.

Jan., Ulric Hislor, 13 yrs., Augusta, Wm. P. Curtis, 1st Mass. Cav., G. F.

Jan., Ralph Owens, 9 yrs., Augusta, Chas. W. Stoddard, 1st Me. Hy. Art., G. F.

Jan., Weston Owens, 10 yrs., Augusta, Chas. W. Stoddard, 1st Me. Hy. Art., G. F.

May, Irvin Curtis, 13 yrs., Bangor, Calvin L. Curtis, Span. War, Father.

July, Gertrude Williams, 13, Bowdoinham, Stephen Williams,
15 Me. Regt., G. F.

July, Dora Williams, 8, Bowdoinham, Stephen Williams,
15 Me. Regt., G. F.

July, Julia Williams, 15, Bowdoinham, Stephen Williams,
15 Me. Regt., G. F.

July, Harold McNamara, 8, Hallowell, Rufus F. Lancaster,
14 Me. Regt., G. F.

July, Lewis Pooler, 12, Augusta, Lewis Murry, 31 Me.
Regt., G. F.

July, Ephraim Pooler, 10, Augusta, Lewis Murry, 31 Me.
Regt., G. F.

Sept., Kenneth Moris, 8, Canton, Seth G. Rose, 1st Me. Cav.,
G. F.

Sept., Bertha Moris, 6, Canton, Seth G. Rose, 1st Me. Cav.,
G. F.

Re-admitted, Clara Eaton, Harvey Berry, twice, Forest
Chase, and Elsie Wakefield.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Officers and Members of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association:

The treasurer respectfully reports that owing to the provisions of a recent State law now in effect, a change has been made in the method of settling the accounts of all State Institutions, whereby their bills are now paid from the State Treasury direct, instead of through the treasurers of the several institutions as heretofore. This requires the manifesting and forwarding of our bills monthly to the State Auditor by whom they are retained on file.

It is therefore necessary to somewhat change our form of report to conform to the present system and your treasurer instead of presenting a regular debit and credit account with himself, offers a financial statement for the year 1915.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

State Appropriation	\$ 9,500 00
Income from local invested fund, forwarded to the State Treasurer	750 00
Balance of 1914 account in your treasurer's hands, also forwarded to State Treasurer	69
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Total amount available for ordinary expenses	\$10,250 69
Cost of maintenance for year 1915 as per vouchers Nos. 1 to 322 both inclusive, on file with State Auditor	10,248 26
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Unexpended balance of appropriation	\$ 2 43

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

State appropriation for 1915	\$	500	00
Balance of 1914 account forwarded to State Treas.		18	38
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		\$518	38
Expenditures as per vouchers on file with State Auditor		509	25
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Balance unexpended	\$	9	13

Classification of Maintenance Bills made to conform to returns asked for by the State Board of Charities and Corrections on their prepared blank forms.

10 Personal services	\$	3,291	60
20 Food Supplies		3,426	78
30 Personal Clothing and Material for making same		1,334	94
40 Heat, light and power		987	93
50 Household furniture, equipment and supplies		82	92
*60 Repairs or maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds		1,076	52
70 General expenses		486	77
80 Farm, garden and stable		70	05
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		\$10,757	51
Total maintenance bills	\$10,248	26	
Total special repairs	509	25	10,757 51
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*Including special repairs.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

FARMINGTON, MAINE, Dec. 30, 1915.

Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphans' Asylum, Bath, Maine.

DEAR SIRs:—Permit me at your annual meeting soon to occur to make my report as lady visitor for the year 1915.

During this time I have made one visit at the institution. I went there on July 21, and remained over night. In the forenoon of the 22nd I visited every part of the main house, also the playhouse and the grounds, and was pleased to note several improvements in the way of athletic apparatus, storage rooms, etc.

The main house I found in good repair, both the buildings and the furnishings. Both stories of the playhouse were somewhat out of repair. It seemed to me that this part of the equipment might be made more attractive and more useful by putting it in good order and by supplying some accessories for practice of certain of the arts and crafts, such as children of the ages found at the Asylum could take up.

I was present in the family room during the evening and was pleased to see the interest taken in reading, sewing and the devotions. I also observed the children at the breakfast hour and was glad to see all well and happy.

Grateful always for the good work the State of Maine, the trustees and other officers of the institution are doing for descendants of the nation's defenders, I remain

Sincerely yours,

H. E. P. KEYES.

RICHMOND, MAINE, Dec. 31st, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN:—During the past year I have made one visit to the Home and this visit was made without previous notice to

the Matron. I found Miss Nathalie Brown in charge at the time and my guests and I were shown every courtesy.

The Home was certainly immaculate throughout and everything needful for the comfort of the children is apparently being done.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am

Respectfully yours,

MARY B. PRICE.

BRUNSWICK, MAINE, Dec. 27, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN :—It gives me great pleasure to report to you that I find the same conditions in the Home this year as have been reported in the past.

The house and grounds are kept in splendid condition. The bright faces and near appearance of the children certainly speak volumes of praise for the Matron and her assistant.

It certainly would be a blessing to our Country if many other children, not orphans, could have a home equally as good and receive the training which is being given to these.

For several years it has been my pleasure to be present at the New Year festivities and this is an occasion which is more than ordinary. To witness the splendid entertainment and the happy faces of the children as they receive their gifts, gives evidence that the managers of the Home must have a deep love and interest in these little ones.

Thank you for the honor conferred and I certainly wish you prosperity for the coming year.

Very sincerely,

MRS. ELSIE M. ALEXANDER.

21 LINCOLN ST., HALLOWELL, ME., Jan. 1, 1916.

*The Board of Management, Bath Military and Naval Orphan
Asylum.*

DEAR SIRS :—As one of the lady visitors of the Asylum for 1915, permit me to respectfully submit the following report: I had visited the "Home" not long before my appointment as a

visitor and have done so since. On both visits I was particularly impressed with its homelike appearance and uninstitutional bearing.

The feeling that it was the dwelling-place of a large congenial family, rather than an asylum for homeless orphans, was strong upon me. Miss Brown, the matron, has such kindly, motherly care for the children, and Mr. Duley seemed as much interested in their well-being as tho they were his own. In fact that feeling of interest and regard for the children was evident among those caring for them. In consequence, the children present a brighter, happier, less restricted appearance than do those in some similar institutions I have visited.

It was the children's dinner hour when my husband and I were at the "Home" last May, and we were taken to see them as they began the meal. A good nutritious one it looked and the spotless tables and general orderliness were certainly pleasing.

My impression is that the management are getting the best possible results in their work. Having the children attend public schools seems exceedingly wise, tending as it does, to bring these little ones up like the general run of Americans, be they more or less fortunate than these. It keeps them from being too much "institutionalized."

In homes of this kind the submerging of the individual in the interest of the mass cannot help being manifest. Therefore in influencing the Circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the interests of the children, I tried to get them to remember them as individuals rather than collectively. Miss Brown kindly furnished me with a list of the children with ages, last February. The Circles in Waterville, Foxcroft and Augusta took copies of this list and divided the names among their members, who sent valentines and cards to the children. I hope to interest other Circles in this for it seems to me in this way we can add to the happiness of the children.

I thank the Board for giving me the privilege of being one of the visitors the past year. May you have a prosperous Happy New Year and may the "Home" always continue its good work.

Sincerely yours,

MERTIE A. PERKINS.

YARMOUTHVILLE, ME., Dec. 31, 1915.

To the Officers of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the required duties of lady visitor I send this annual report.

I have visited the "Home" two times this year. The first time at the annual entertainment January first, and again in June. If anyone wishes to compare the ability, manners and appearance of these children with those under other environment and care of Father and Mother, let him or her visit this "Home" at the time of the annual tree—it will give them a greater insight into the methods and results of the institution, maintained by the bounty of the State, and under the care of efficient and trustworthy officers, than at any other visit.

Gentlemen, I thank you for my appointment as lady-visitor, which has given me the privilege of asking gifts for the children and attending their Tree. In June three officers of the Women's State Relief Corp accompanied me. Their words of praise were very flattering to the institution and the management.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA THOMAS.

Reports for the Year 1916

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum beg leave to submit the following statement of the condition of this institution for the year ending Dec. 31st 1916.

The physical condition of the children with a few exceptions has been good throughout the year.

Those who have had the management of the Home in charge have tried to conduct its affairs as nearly as possible with accord to the dictates of true benevolence and to make it a real home for the children. Under the watchful care of the Matron, the children have been trained in habits of industry and order and all the qualities necessary to make them useful and efficient members of society.

At present there are sixty-four children in the Home. The report of the Secretary, Mr. Wm. H. Watson, also Chairman of the Committee on Children, will give you full information regarding those who have been in the Home in the period covered by this report. I will also at this time refer you to the interesting reports of the Lady Visitors, who have visited the Home from time to time.

The Trustees desire to express their thanks to the following for courtesies received:—The L. A. & W. Street Railway Co., The Popham Beach Steamboat Co., The Eastern Steamship Co., The Kennebec Yacht Club and the Peoples' Ferry Co. for excursions; Mrs. C. P. Wetherbee for entertainment "Fifi," Mr. George F. Jackson for a generous supply of candy at Thanksgiving time. Through the generosity of Trustee Mr. Harry V. True, a new sanitary drinking-fountain has been installed for

the use of the children. At Christmas time a box of gifts was received from Bridgton Relief Corps.

The annual New Year's entertainment and tree took place Friday evening, Dec. 29. Each child received useful presents which were distributed by the trustees and lady visitors. The trustees have been able to make some much needed repairs and improvements the past year; several hardwood floors have been laid, new steel ceilings for sewing-room and baby room; electric irons have been installed in sewing room and laundry and the family room newly papered and painted.

The sanitary conditions have been improved by the installation of a new toilet on the third floor and a system of ventilation for the toilets on the second floor.

There is an urgent necessity for some additions to the convenience of the Home, especially for the care and comfort of the children. A new modern play-house should be provided which will call for an expenditure of at least \$2,500. The necessary repairs and additional improvements will require about \$2,000. A more full and complete statement of these conditions is set forth in the report of the Chairman of the Committee on House & Grounds. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Duncan, will exhibit in detail the receipts and expenditures during the past twelve months. The summary is as follows:—receipts from all sources \$10,734.33; expenditures, \$10,733.30. It appears by this financial statement that we have kept within our appropriation and there remains in the treasury a small balance.

The trustees are of the opinion that the sum of \$12,000 to be appropriated by the Legislature will be required each year for the next two years to meet the running expenses of the Home.

In behalf of the trustees,

WILLIAM R. KIMBALL,

President.

Jan. 1st, 1917.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN.

BATH, Jan. 1st, 1917.

Gentlemen of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum Association:

My report for the past year will probably be in part a repetition of those of the President and Treasurer.

The number of children in the Home Jan. 1st, 1916, was fifty-five. During the year twenty-three have been admitted or re-admitted, making a total of 78 for some portion of the year. One child has died and thirteen have been taken by relatives or provided with homes, leaving at the present time, sixty-four, of which number thirty-seven are boys and twenty-seven, girls.

With the exception of a few cases of measles, the family has been in good health and has attended schools of the different grades as usual. During the vacation season the children have enjoyed the annual excursions and entertainments provided for them by the L. A. W. Ry. Co., Eastern S. S. Co., Popham Beach Steamboat Co., Kennebec Yacht Club, and others for which our thanks are due, also to many friends for various donations during the year.

The need for which this institution was originally founded in 1866 for providing for the orphans and half orphans of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, has passed. Through the several amendments to the Act of Incorporation, it now provides for the admission of the descendants of Veterans and the orphans of the Spanish War, also for other dependant orphans not children of veterans, when there is room for them.

The present capacity of the institution is about seventy.

Since the supervision of the State Institutions by the State Board of Charities and Corrections, it seems to be the object of the Board to make this Home a sort of clearing house to take over the unfortunate children, not orphans, from smaller institu-

tions in their charge, but of unfortunate parentage, that are unwilling to care for their offspring or unable to support them, or indifferent to their welfare.

In case the State Board carries out its many suggestions of changes and alterations, considerable expense will be incurred and probably more help will be required in the near future.

The New Year children's entertainment was held Dec. 29th and was fully enjoyed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WATSON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

BATH, MAINE, Dec. 21, 1916.

Mr. W. H. Watson, Sec.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 13th, in regard to my offering any suggestion concerning the Orphans' Home.

I regret very much to say that I have made only one call in the past year, but have been at the door several times on different errands. Mr. Wetherbee and I called one Sunday afternoon and were taken all over the Home and from what we saw and what was told us, everything was as it should be. We had a delightful call and came away quite repaid.

However I have one little suggestion to make. In one of the girls' dormitories we were told that the children had nowhere to hang their clothes that were taken off preparatory to going to bed. So they put them across the foot of the bed. That of course is a mere detail, but I thought it might be more comfortable for the girls if the clothes were put elsewhere. Possibly that may be different now; as I remember, there were hooks for the clothes in the other rooms.

Hoping I haven't taken too much of your time,

Very respectfully,

KATHARINE WETHERBEE.

YARMOUTHVILLE, MAINE, December 28, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN:—It has been my pleasant duty to make two visits at the Home this year.

At each visit have been favorably impressed with the appearance and manners of the children. I have also been greatly

interested in listening to reports of the children as told by the Matron. Through the willing response from our State Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Veterans, it has been possible each year to have a box of gifts sent the children for their New Year's tree.

The drinking fountain, a gift from a former Home boy, has been a welcome addition.

My suggestions for other improvements would be along the line of industrial training.

I remain with sincere wishes for the best interests of all connected with the Home,

Very sincerely yours,

CLARA SMITH THOMAS.

FARMINGTON, MAINE, December 28, 1916.

Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphans' Asylum, Bath, Maine.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to report that I have made two visits at the Asylum during the past year. The first one was March 22 and 23; the second, November 10 and 11, remaining at the institution over night in each case. I was happy to find the children well and evidently well cared for, also developing well both physically and mentally.

I looked over the buildings and grounds with more or less care each time and found things in reasonably good repair. The playhouse while it has undergone some repairs, might, it appeared to me, be still further improved. What would be better yet, it seems to me, if funds sufficient are available, would be to build a bungalow or one story building for the girls near the main building. For many reasons this would be better than the present arrangement and room in the playhouse left unoccupied by the change could be utilized in some way, I presume.

I not only congratulate the trustees of this beneficent institution for the good work you have seen accomplished during your administration, but as a citizen of Maine I feel profoundly thankful for the faithfulness with which you have looked after the welfare of these little wards. I can but feel it will make a difference in the future citizenship of Maine.

For myself I can say that I feel an ever increasing interest in the children I find as I visit the Home from time to time.

Respectfully yours,

HATTIE E. P. KEYES.

BRUNSWICK, MAINE, December 27th, 1916.

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

DEAR SIRS—For a number of years I have been deeply interested in the Home and it is indeed a home for the large number of children which are placed there each year.

Our State should certainly be proud of this institution and the splendid management of the Board of Trustees and the Matron and her assistants.

In all my visits I have been most cordially received, and have always found the rooms in splendid order and perfect sanitary condition. The needs and comforts of the little ones are continually being looked after, and under the care and guidance of the Matron, Miss Brown and her assistant Miss Nathalie Brown, these children are receiving such instruction that surely, as they grow older they cannot easily forget and it certainly must tend toward bringing forward the better nature which is within them.

I have but one suggestion to make and that is concerning the flag of our country. As this is a Military Home, it seems to me it would be very fitting for the children to have a flag in some room where they can salute it and give the Pledge of Allegiance. This might be done perhaps once each week. It would mean a little added work for those in charge, but it would soon grow to be a pleasure as well as a duty.

Thank you for the honor of being one of the Lady Visitors this year, and I wish you Godspeed in the splendid work of this instruction.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. ELSIE M. ALEXANDER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

The Committee on House and Grounds respectfully reports that during the year the appropriation of \$500 for Special Repairs has been expended by your committee as follows:—

On the first floor, the large living room has been papered and painted.

On the second floor, hardwood floor laid in girls' dormitory, baby room enlarged, portion of floor relaid in hard wood, walls covered with beaver board, steel ceiling put up and all painted; sewing-room, steel ceiling, beaver board walls all painted three coats; large toilets for the boys and the girls each supplied with two eight inch roof ventilators.

On the third floor, the large tank supplying water for the bath rooms and hot water tanks has been raised on substantial iron pillars and two new toilets installed in the space formerly occupied by the tank.

The front outside porch has been newly roofed and electric light readjusted.

The entire bills aggregated \$500.01. A discount of one cent by one of our contractors enabled us to complete the work without exceeding our appropriation.

Besides this we have re-silled and partially re-placed the roof and made other repairs on the shed attached to play-house, have painted three large dormitory floors, have installed electric irons for laundry use and re-arranged the electric lighting of rooms, the fire extinguishers, plumbing and steam fittings have been repaired and general incidental work done, necessary to the upkeep of such buildings, bills being paid from the general maintenance fund.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DUNCAN,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Treasurer's Financial Statement of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum for the Fiscal Year of 1916.

Appropriation by State Legislature for Maintenance in 1916	\$ 9,500 00	
Special Repairs	500 00	
Revenue from Local Invested Funds	734 33	
		\$10,734 33

EXPENDITURES.

Classified under form suggested by the State Board of Charities and Corrections for uniform reporting of all State Institutions.

10 Personal Services	\$ 3,506 50	
20 Food and Dairy Supplies	3,592 45	
30 Clothing and Footwear	1,043 71	
40 Fuel, light, water, ice	1,152 62	
50 Household furniture, equipment and supplies	88 54	
60 Insurance, maintenance and up- keep of buildings	927 05	
70 Office, medical and school sup- plies, telephone, travelling ex- penses and miscellaneous	341 83	
Garden and grounds	80 60	10,733 30
Unexpended balance with State Treasurer		\$1 03

The above scheduled expenditures are represented by your treasurer's manifests Nos. 1 to 25 inclusive, covering vouchers 1 to 300 and A to F inclusive, filed with and approved by the State Auditor at Augusta, which have been paid by the Treasurer of the State, upon order of the Governor and Council.

They are also substantiated by the State Auditor's approval of purchase orders Nos. 96 and 105 to 279 inclusive.

H. A. DUNCAN,

Treasurer.

Bath, January 1, 1917.