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OF THE

Military and Naval Orphan Asylum

AT

BATH, MAINE

FOR THE YEARS

1917-1918

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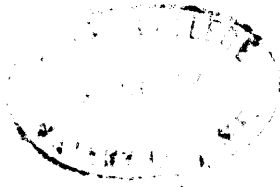
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BATH MILITARY

AND

NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM

REPORTS OFFICERS AND LADY
VISITORS FOR 1918

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1918

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

I herewith respectfully submit the reports of the Committee on children, the Lady Visitors, so far as received, and the Financial Statement of this Asylum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

There have been but two changes in the Board of Trustees, Mr. Fred A. Motley of Portland, Department Commander of Maine, G. A. R., taking by appointment of your honorable body, the place of J. Q. Adams, retired Department Commander, and Mr. Charles H. Cahill of Bath, local member, in place of Capt. Wm. H. Watson, resigned, after thirty-five years of active service on the Board.

All regular meetings of the Board have been held and business reported upon by its committees and officers as reported herewith.

Among many other callers, the Home has been honored by a visit from His Excellency, the Governor, and Mrs. Milliken, accompanied by Councilor and Mrs. F. B. Nichols, who will undoubtedly make to you a report of their visit.

The Treasurer's report will show that up to the close of the fiscal year, June 30, we had kept our expenditures \$495.00 within our appropriation, but the unlooked for greatly increased cost of all material and labor will of necessity largely increase our expenses for the coming months, and with contemplated and previously planned needed improvements, it now looks as though our total expenditures for the calendar year 1918 must be in excess of appropriations made on the basis of conditions as they existed in January, 1917.

Many repairs and improvements are yet needed to put the Asylum in an up-to-date condition and your Trustees will be glad to make suggestions as to these matters when estimates are presented for next year's appropriation.

Very respectfully,

H. A. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

At the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1917, there were connected with the Asylum 67 children, viz. :—

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
At the institution	31	32	63
In foster homes	3	1	4
			—
			67
Received during year	10	5	15
			—
			82
Discharged	12	6	
Died		1	19
			—
Remaining June 30, 1918			63
At the institution	23	27	50
In foster homes	8	5	13
			—
			63

All those in foster homes are cared for without expense to the State.

Of these children

4 are children of Veterans of the Civil War.

43 are grandchildren.

6 are great grandchildren.

3 are children of Spanish War Veterans.

7 are without war record.

The oldest is 16 years of age, the youngest 6 years. Average age $10\frac{1}{2}$ years.

One girl, Pearl Bridges, 7 years of age, died at the Fairfield Sanatorium of a rapidly developed case of tuberculosis.

There have been several quite severe cases of scarlet fever and measles, requiring quarantine of the Home, but under Divine Providence, through skillful treatment of our physician and faithful nursing, all patients recovered. The children are now all in good health and attending school.

Many courtesies have been extended to the children by way of rides, excursions, picnics and entertainments which they have greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Special thanks are due Madame Emma Eames deGorza for personal interest taken in the girls and establishing at her own expense of a class in fine needlework under instruction of Miss Harriet Watson, a most competent teacher.

A new playhouse is much needed, to be attached to the present set of buildings, properly arranged for the boys and girls and heated from the main heating plant, thereby doing away with the present unattractive playhouse, heated by the antiquated and dangerous wood stove.

An isolation building suitably equipped would be very desirable, where suspects or an occasional case of infectious or contagious disease might be treated, without subjecting the entire Asylum to the inconvenience of a quarantine of weeks' duration.

There are employed at the Asylum in caring for the children, a Matron, a Housekeeper, two Seamstresses, two Cooks, two Laundresses, a Housemaid and a Janitor, ten in all. The physician is not resident, but makes frequent calls in looking after the health of the inmates.

Accompanying this report is a list of the children in the Home on June 30, 1918.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS

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

DEAR SIRs:—Permit me to submit the following report:

On August tenth, I had the privilege of visiting the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum and of looking over the equipment. I wish to commend the neatness and the careful oversight of the institution. I would also like to speak favorably of the lack of an institutional atmosphere and of the attractive appearance of the children in having no prescribed uniform.

The rooms that have recently been renovated are pleasant and suitable, especially the rooms set apart for illness. There is need of more improvement along the same line, especially in the dining-room and the assembly-room. The latter room should have furniture of such a character as to make it attractive and homelike.

A new toilet is needed on the third floor and a new heating plant. A new playhouse would be very desirable with a suitable person to direct the play activities of the children. A resident nurse is needed. Possibly the right person could fill both needs.

I would further recommend that the institution be developed with a view to making it eventually a home for girls alone, while the boys be placed on some farm suitable for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA V. MILLIKEN.

AUGUSTA, MAINE,
October 4, 1918.

FARMINGTON, ME., Oct. 4, 1918.

Trustees of Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, Bath Maine:

DEAR SIRs:—I beg leave to say that I have made, as Lady Visitor, one visit at the Asylum the current year. This was on Friday, September 20.

Except colds in a few cases the fifty children in the building were very well and appeared to be contented and happy. Mrs. Staples was instant in season and at all times to attend to the needs and comfort of both sick and well.

I was in the dining-room at supper time and found the food inviting and nourishing. The spirit and ideas apparent about the establishment were such as will promote the bodily and mental welfare of all the children.

I was glad to note the new equipment in the sickroom and to learn of other improvements made or in contemplation for other parts of the house.

I called at the premises the next day and saw the children at play in the back part of the lot. I noted the fact that no improvement or alteration in the playhouse has been made and concluded that a radical change may be under contemplation. It appears to me when such change is made, it would be better to have the playhouse connected with the main building rather than so remote as it has been. Oversight of the children would be much easier for the matron or any one delegated by her to watch over them in their hours of play.

The need of a janitor at the time of my visit was very urgent. I hope the right man has been found long ere this.

I learn from Mr. Duncan that you have honored me with a reelection for the year ending June 30, 1918. I thank you, and shall be happy to serve to the best of my ability.

Hoping the future of the Asylum may be as commendable as its past and that the boys and girls under its sheltering care may prove some of Maine's best citizens, I remain

Very truly yours,

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

To the Trustees of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath:

GENTLEMEN:—My unexpected visits to the Home the past year have been very satisfactory.

The children, as usual, well cared for, and those in charge seem always anxious to do every possible thing to make for the comfort and advancement of those under their care. Mrs. Staples, the present Matron, evidently brings to her position a great love and enthusiasm for her work. We feel the interests so well cared for by Miss Brown and her assistants during their many years of patient, loving service will be well carried forward.

When financial conditions make it possible, a better playhouse

for the children is most certainly an imperative need. The present house does not make for the comfort of the children.

Thanking you for the honor of my re-election as "Lady Visitor" I remain sincerely yours,

CLARA SMITH THOMAS.

YARMOUTHVILLE, ME., September 25, 1918.

WINSLOW, ME., Sept. 28, 1918.

To the Officers and Directors of the Military and Naval Home at Bath:

It gives me pleasure to submit the following report of my visit there, if indeed it is worth calling a report.

The first visit I made in Bath, the scarlet fever had arrived there before me, so Capt. Kimball thought I had not better go in, but the talk with him gave me some insight and was a great help. When I visited the Home, I was looking with eyes and ears open for the welfare of the children, and found in Mrs. Staples a woman with the great heart of motherhood which was making an institution into a real home for homeless children, and accepted with pleasure her invitation to spend New Year's Eve at the home.

There was one need suggested itself to me that, although it would call for a small outlay, could there not be a room with a small one for a nurse, be built in the playhouse, not attached to the main building, where the cases of small diseases that will always come among children could be treated and not keep the others from the public schools? The loss of any school time is a loss to every child.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. ROBINSON.

BATH, MAINE, September 26, 1918.

DEAR MR. DUNCAN:—In answer to your letter, asking me for a report as visitor to the Orphans' Home, I can say that it seems to me an admirably run institution in all material respects. You are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Staples as Matron and of Mrs. Black and their lieutenants. It seems a real home for the little ones and they look well and happy. I have, however, one suggestion to make which applies to many, if not, all such institutions. Apparently no thought is taken to make of

these young people in their care, useful, self-supporting citizens. To my mind the necessity is great for vocational training in different branches of men's work suited to the capacity of each child. In other words, for the boys to have training in carpentering or other mechanical work for men, to get their hands and eyes accustomed to some kind of work before leaving the shelter of the home; that they may become useful and desirable citizens rather than mere drift wood. In that way, even while in the Home, their abilities might be put to some use, and *they* get a dignifying sense of personal achievement, if of the right stuff, and if of the lazy kind, the habit of work with an object or interest.

The little girls have more opportunity of learning domestic work and plain sewing to which should be added cooking. All this teaching, however, I would like to see systematized. Domestic service is scarce and well paid.

I have added to the above, however, at my own expense (with the kind concurrence of Mrs. Staples) a little class of finer needlework under the teaching of Miss Harriet Watson. Only *four* girls out of all those in the Home were found fitted to take this class. Fine sewing is such a rare accomplishment in these days, that in the larger centres those possessing it can command big pay in the higher class of dressmaking and underclothing establishments. Most of the rich women will not wear ready-made or machine-made underclothing or blouses.

Long after my little class was started I saw that there was a movement on foot in New York to teach fine sewing to little girls as there was a great call for it and there would be a still greater one after the war.

I hope my suggestion can be carried out. It will be one of the many economies taught to this, most wasteful of countries. We cannot *waste useful citizens in the making!*

With best greetings, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

EMMA EAMES DEGOGORZA.

BRUNSWICK, ME., September 28, 1918.

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

DEAR SIRs:—It gives me pleasure to submit a report of my visits to the Home for the year ending June 30, 1918.

During the year I have made two visits, and each time I found the house in excellent sanitary condition, the children seemed healthy, happy and were well clothed.

The Matron, Mrs. Staples, is certainly doing all she can for the comfort and happiness of the children.

Under the present war conditions, while the cost of living is so great, it must require wonderful tact and judgment to provide for so large a family in a satisfactory manner.

A new playhouse for the children would be a great improvement and we hope in the near future that funds for this may be realized.

The Home is certainly an honor to our State and I am very proud of it and enjoy telling others of the splendid care provided for the children of those who served their Country in time of need.

Very truly yours,

MRS. ELSIE M. ALEXANDER.

CHILDREN IN BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM, JUNE 30, 1918

BOYS

Name	Age	Adm.	Former Home	Ancestor	Relation	Service
1 Atchison, George R.	14	1916	Lewiston	Geo. J. Atchison	Father	Span. War.
2 Cullen, Sidney W.	11	1917	Thomaston	Thomas Cullen		
3 Cullen, Frederick	9	1917	Thomaston	Thomas Cullen		
4 Eaton, Bertie E.	10	1913	Topsham	Oliver Brawn, Jr.	Gt. Gr. Father	Co. H 30th Me.
5 Gerow, Wallace	12	1916	Augusta	Joseph Gerow	Gr. Father	Co. K 32d Me.
6 Gerow, Leo	11	1916	Augusta	Joseph Gerow	Gr. Father	Co. K 32d Me.
7 Gulliver, Allison C.	11	1917	Bar Harbor	Elisha H. Ackley	Gr. Father	Priv. & Mail carrier.
8 Gulliver, Herbert E.	13	1917	Bar Harbor	Elisha H. Ackley	Gr. Farther	standing army.
9 Humphrey, Joseph	8	1917	Bath	Alex. J. Humphrey	Father	Spanish War
10 McWhinnie, Chas. Doyle	9	1916	Rockland	Roscoe D. Robinson	Gr. Father	Co. D 4th Me.
11 Mosher, Carl F.	8	1916	Rockland	Francis B. Mosher	Gr. Father	Co. B 21st Me.
12 Mosher, Clyde G.	7	1916	Rockland	Francis B. Mosher	Gr. Father	Co. B 21st Me.
13 McMann, Thomas	9	1916	Bath	Thos. B. McMann	Gr. Father	Co. D 9th Me. Vol.
14 Pooler, Lewis	14	1915	Rockwood	Lewis Murray	Gr. Father	Co. I 31st Me.
15 Pooler, Ephraim	13	1915	Rockwood	Lewis Murray	Gr. Father	Co. I 31st Me.
16 Rowe, Alfred	11	1913	Georgetown	Andrew J. Rowe	Father	Co. G 12th Me. Vol.
17 Rowe, Andrew	11	1913	Georgetown	Andrew J. Rowe	Father	Co. G 12th Me. Vol.
18 Randall, Alfred	12	1916	Augusta	John Randall now at Togus	Father	20th Mass.
19 Reynolds, Kenneth	9	1914	Augusta	Gilman H. Reynolds	Gr. Father	U. S. A.
20 Shorey, Ernest	14	1910	Hallowell	Horace Ingraham	Gr. Father	Co. I 8th Me. Inf.
21 Spear, John	10	1917	Bowdoinham	Oliver B. Spear	Gr. Father	2nd Me. Reg.
22 Small, James Patrick	9	1914	Bath	James F. Cressey	Gt. Gr. Father	1st Me. Heavy Artillery
23 Merrill, Delwyn	15	1910	Gardier	Chas. R. Merrill	Gr. Father	Civil War.

GIRLS

Name	Age	Adm.	Residence	Ancestor	Relation	Service
1 Anthony, Rita F.	12	1913	So. Gardiner	Otis J. Anthony	Grd. Father	Co. B 31st Me.
2 Bailey, Gladys	14	1909	Richmond	John E. Rollins	Gr. Father	17th Me.
3 Bridges, Elsie	11	1909	Boothbay	Harvey H. Quimby	Father	17th Unassigned
4 Crocker, Thelma	6	1916	Canton	C. H. Crocker	Father	
5 Curtis, Helen	6	1916	Lisbon Falls	Albion Ward	Gr. Father	Co. G 25th Me.
6 Eaton, Alice	15	1913	Topsham	Oliver Brawn, Jr.	Gt. Gd. Father	Co. H 30th Me.
7 Gullifer, Leora	9	1917	Bar Harbor	E. H. Ackley	Gr. Father	Private and mail carrier, U. S. A.
8 Gullifer, Selma	7	1917	Bar Harbor	E. H. Ackley	Gr. Father	
9 Gerow, Mary	8	1916	Augusta	Joseph Gerow	Gr. Father	Co. K 32d Me.
10 Hogue, Alice		1913	Lewiston			
11 Hogue, Clara	14	1913	Lewiston			
12 Hogue, Dorothy		1913	Lewiston			
13 Hisler, Ada	11	1916	Augusta	Wm. P. Curtis	Gr. Father	Co. G 1st Mass. Vol. Cav.
14 Humphrey, Julia	11	1917	Bath	A. J. Humphrey	Father	Spanish War
15 Hisler, Velma	13	1916	Augusta	Wm. P. Curtis	Gr. Father	Co. G 1st Mass. Vol. Cav.
16 Leavitt, Margaret	9	1917	Topsham	Aaron Williams	Gr. Father	Co. D 7th Me. Vol.
17 Leavitt, Ruth	7	1917	Topsham	Aaron Williams	Gr. Father	Co. D 7th Me. Vol.
18 Libby, Annie M.	8	1916	Bath	Thos. B. McMann	Gr. Father	Co. D 9th Me. Vol.
19 McMann, Nellie	10	1916	Bath	Thos. B. McMann	Gr. Father	Co. D 9th Me. Vol.
20 McMann, Alice	7	1916	Bath	Thos. B. McMann	Gr. Father	Co. D 9th Me. Vol.
21 McWhinnie, Phyllis	11	1916	Rockland	R. D. Robinson	Gr. Father	Co. D 4th Me. Vol.
22 Randall, Elizabeth	11	1916	Augusta	John Randall	Father	20th Mass
23 Spear, Lucinda	12	1917	Bowdoinham	Oliver B. Spear	Gr. Father	2nd Me. Vol.
24 Small, Evelyn	7	1916	Bath	James F. Cressey	Gt. Gr. Father	Maine
25 Temple, Erma M.	10	1911	Bath	Geo. W. Penney	Gr. Father	4th Me. Battery
26 Young, Carol J.	8	1917	Rockland	John Veazie	Gr. Father	Co. A 14th N. H.
27 Williams, Gertrude	15	1915	Bowdoinham	Stephen Williams	Gr. Father	Co. B 15th Me.

BATH MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1st, 1917, TO
JULY 1st, 1918.

	June 30, 1917		1917-1918				
	Unexpended Balance	Over- drawn	July 1 Appro.	Total available for fiscal year	Ex- pended	Un- expended	Over- drawn
10 Pay Roll,		\$71.50	\$3,725.00	\$3,653.50	\$3,650.39	\$ 3.11	
20 Food,	339.90		4,500.00	4,839.90	4,705.98	133.92	
30 Clothing,	63.02		1,175.00	1,238.02	1,582.56		344.54
40 Repairs & Equipment,		99.29	1,500.00	1,400.71	1,387.62	13.09	
50 Sundry Expenses,	56.96		2,825.00	2,881.96	2,192.46	689.50	
	<u>\$459.88</u>	<u>\$170.79</u>	<u>\$13,725.00</u>	<u>\$14,014.09</u>	<u>\$13,519.01</u>	<u>\$839.62</u>	<u>\$344.54</u>
	170.79		289.09	13,519.01		344.54	
	<u>\$289.09</u>		<u>\$14,014.09</u>	<u>\$495.08</u>		<u>*\$495.08</u>	

* Net unexpended July 1, 1918.

Net unexpended balance July 1, 1917, \$ 289.09
 Appropriation July 1, 1917, to July 1, 1918, ($\frac{1}{2}$ each yr.), 13,725.00

Available for fiscal year, 14,014.09
 Expended July 1, 1917, to July 1, 1918, 13,519.01

Net unexpended, 495.08
 Appropriation $\frac{1}{2}$ year 1918, 7,362.50

Available to Jan. 1, 1919, \$7,857.58
 Income from invested fund belonging to local Association, \$745,
 deposited with State Treasurer.

Amount of said fund, \$16,000.00
 Buildings and grounds valued at, 28,000.00
 Equipment, furniture and supplies, 7,000.00
 Insurance, 80%, 26,600.00

H. A. DUNCAN, *Treasurer.*