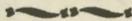


Charleston Orphan House

FOUNDED 1790.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR

1913

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE, JANUARY 1, 1914.

BOARD OF COMMISSONERS.

F. J. PELZER, CHAIRMAN.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
SAM'L G. STONEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN PRO TEM.

A. T. SMYTHE,	I. W. HIRSCH,
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OFFICERS.

Principal and Superintendent.
Miss MARY L. LEQUEUX.

Teachers.

Mrs. Amelia L. Reilly,	Miss Mary E. Hamlin,
Miss Ellen King,	Miss Mary McNeill,
Miss O. A. Eiserhardt,	Miss M. W. Underwood.

Organist and Instructor of Music.
Miss Ella I. Hyams.

Engineer and Assistant to the Superintendent.
ASHLEY L. BARTON.

Matrons.

Mrs. B. C. Harris,	Miss M. J. Jefferson,
Miss S. E. Lanning,	Miss M. Murrill,
Mrs. G. Kelly.	

Physician of the Institution.
DR. T. GRANGE SIMONS.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.
ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENT AND DICIPLINE.

F. J. PELZER, EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, EX-OFFICIO VICE-CHAIRMAN.

B. A. Muckenfuss, V. C. Dibble,
D. B. Henderson, F. Q. O'Neill,
S. G. Stoney, I. W. Hirsch,

A. T. Smythe.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

A. T. Smythe, Chairman, S. E. Welch,
B. A. Muckenfuss, V. C. Dibble,

S. G. Stoney.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

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B. A. Muckenfuss, Chairman, F. Q. O'Neill,
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BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE.

V. C. Dibble, Chairman, I. W. Hirsch,
A. T. Smythe, Robt. C. Lebby.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

A. T. Smythe, Chairman, R. H. Duryea,
V. C. Dibble, F. Q. O'Neill.

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE.

Charleston, S. 'C., Jan. 1, 1914.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present herewith the statement of receipts and expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1913; statement of the transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House Funds and Estate; statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Fund of the Commissioners, also the reports of the various Standing Committees for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1913, together with the report of the Vice-Chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Vice-Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received from interest on Public Fund	\$ 9,757.94
To amount received from interest on W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund	2,000.00
To amount received from Commissioners Trust Fund	3,547.23
To balance from City Council	11,445.68
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	\$26,750.85

EXPENDITURES.

By amount expended as per monthly returns to City Council	\$22,503.62
By House Physician's salary	700.00
By amount expended from Commissioners Trust Fund	3,547.23
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	\$26,750.85

ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH,
Treasurer, B. C. O. H.

Cash transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House
Funds and Estate, January 1, 1913, to December 31, 1913:

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last annual statement:

Trustees	\$ 471.02	
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund	2,072.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,543.75

Interest Account:

12 mos. interest on \$201,000 City 4 per cent. bonds.....	\$ 8,040.00	
12 mos. interest on \$38,176.20 State So. Ca. Stock, 4½ per cent.	1,717.94	
	<hr/>	9,757.94
Interest on deposits		23.40

W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund

Interest Account:

12 mos. interest on \$95,500 City 4 per cent. bonds.....	\$ 3,820.00	
6 mos. interest on \$2,500 City 4 per cent. bonds, pur- chased Jan. 9, 1913,.....	50.00	
12 mos. interest on \$10,000 City 4 per cent. Sewerage Bonds	400.00	
12 mos. inst. on \$11,000 City of Columbia 5 p. c. bonds.....	550.00	
	<hr/>	4,820.00
Interest on deposits		80.52
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		\$ 17,225.61
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EXPENDITURES.

By Interest Account:

For current expenses Charles- ton Orphan House paid over to City	\$ 9,757.94
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*W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:**Interest Account:*

Paid over to City for current
expenses Charleston Or-
phan House\$ 2,000.00

Bond Account:

\$2,500 4 per cent. City bonds
@ 99 2,475.00

4,475.00

Balance W. J. Bennett Memo-
rial Fund\$ 494.42

Balance Trustees 2,498.25

2,992.67

 \$ 17,225.61

ASSETS.

Trustees:

Cash\$ 494.42

4 per cent. City of Charleston
Bonds 201,000.00

4½ per cent. State So. Ca.
Stock 38,176.20

 \$239,670.62
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:

Cash\$ 2,498.25

4 per cent. City of Charleston
Bonds 98,000.00

4 per cent. City of Charleston
Sewerage Bonds 10,000.00

5 per cent. City of Columbia
Bonds 11,000.00

 121,498.25

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. LEA,

City Treasurer and Trustee.

Examined and found correct,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

*Vice-Chairman Commissioners Charleston Orphan House
and Trustee Orphan House Funds and Estate.*

W. J. BENNETT MEMORIAL FUND.

1913 Cash in bank	\$ 2,498.25	
Bonds purchased	2,500.00	
		\$ 4,998.25
1912 Bonds purchased		1,500.00
1911 Bonds purchased		5,400.00
1909 Bonds purchased		1,000.00
1908 Bonds purchased		2,300.00
1907 Bonds purchased		2,200.00
1906 Bonds purchased		2,100.00
1905 Bonds purchased		2,000.00
		<u>\$ 21,498.25</u>
Original donation		100,000.00
		<u>\$121,498.25</u>

List of stocks, bonds and other securities belonging to the Private Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House exhibited to us by St. John P. Kinloch, Treasurer, and deposited by us in lock box at the Germania Savings Bank this 21st day of October, 1913.

38 City Charleston 4 p. c. Bonds, each.....	\$1,000	\$38,000
64 City Charleston 4 p. c. Bonds, each.....	500	32,000
3 City Charleston 4½ p. c. Bonds, each....	500	1,500
2 City Columbia 4½ p. c. Bonds, each.....	1,000	2,000
1 Certificate for 20 shares Magnolia Cemetery Stock, par		2,000
1 Certificate of State of South Carolina 4½ per cent. Stock, par		4,500
1 Certificate Bank of Charleston, N. B. A., Stock, 7 shares, par		700

1 Deed for six lots in Magnolia Cemetery.....	
Fund on deposit @ 4 per cent. interest in Carolina Savings Bank	2,000
Property of the Dr. William H. Huger Scholar- ship Fund	
5 City Charleston 4 p. c. Bonds, each.....\$1,000	5,000

I. W. HIRSCH, *Chairman*,
 SAM'L G. STONEY,
 ROBT. C. LEBBY,
 S. E. WELCH,
Finance Committee.
 GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Vice-Chairman.

Abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the Private
 Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan
 House for the year ending December 31, 1913.

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To balance from last account	\$ 148.55
“ received from interest on securities	3,440.00
“ received from int. on deposit in savings bank	70.40
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	\$3,658.95

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By paid Salaries of officers and employees.....	\$1,615.10
“ City Directory and rent bank box	18.00
“ Expenses annual picnic and excursions..	162.90
“ Care lot in Magnolia Cemetery	30.00
“ Amount deposited in savings depart- ment, C. S. Bank	1,000.00

“	New piano for school room	250.00
“	Davey Tree Co. for surgery to trees in grounds	129.50
“	Oliver Typewriter	39.00
“	Floral tribute for funeral	10.00
“	Donations to inmates and employees.....	158.78
“	New kitchen range and electric irons.....	83.00
“	School books and prizes	46.45
“	Probate Court for copy Will	2.50
“	Postage stamps, cards, etc.	2.00
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		\$3,547.23
	Balance in bank	111.72
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		\$3,658.95

Examined and found correct,

I. W. HIRSCH,
S. E. WELCH,
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
SAM'L G. STONEY,

Committee on Accounts.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Vice-Chairman Board Commissioners.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1913.

The Committee on School begs leave to present the following:

REPORT.

The highest number of scholars on the register of the school at any one time during the year was:

Boys, 119; Girls, 115; Total, 234.

The average attendance at the school during the year :

Boys, 114; Girls, 110; Total, 224.

Admitted to the school during the year :

Boys, 29; Girls, 16; Total, 45.

Discharged from the school during the year :

Boys, 25; Girls, 13; Total, 38.

The studies pursued during the year were the same as last year, embracing Orthography, Reading, Writing, Mental and Practical Arithmetic, Common School and Physical Geography, Modern and Ancient History, Grammar, Physiology, Mythology, Familiar Science, Bookkeeping, Algebra, Stenography, Typewriting, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Of the total number who entered the school during the year, 28 entered the kindergarten. There was admitted from the kindergarten to the primary department a class of eighteen. This leaves on the roll of the kindergarten 72 pupils, of which 41 are boys, and 31 girls.

In addition to the academic instruction, the children are also instructed in industrial work. The boys are under the charge of our efficient engineer, Mr. Ashley L. Barton, and are taught the carpenter trade, and work around the forges, bricklaying, plumbing and engineering work. In short, they are taught a pretty fair knowledge of mechanical trades by the time they have finished their course with him.

Your committee are highly gratified at the success of the Industrial Department.

Some of the work of the Boys' Industrial Department for the year 1913, accomplished under the supervision of Mr. O. M. Hutson, is as follows:

199 glasses put in windows and 5 in doors.

39 window cords put in.

120 single iron bedsteads made.

- 64 single iron bedsteads repaired.
- 69 mattresses made.
- 868 pairs shoes repaired.
- 12 chairs and 1 settee caned.
- 18 chairs repaired.
- 1 stool repaired and covered.
- 6 schoolroom tables repaired.
- 3 round tables made.
- 2 bookstands and 1 desk made.
- 8 window frames repaired.
- 7 new sashes placed in class rooms.
- Electric lights installed in school room
- 6 benches repaired and varnished.
- 2 book presses repaired.
- 7 door latches made.
- 1 doorway cut through wall and framed.
- 2 iron doors made.
- 5 presses and 8 long shelves made for children's dining rooms and pantry.
- 8 dining room tables made.
- Children's dining rooms and pantry wainscoted.
- 6 benches and 5 swings made for playground.
- 14 window blinds repaired and painted.

The girls are taught domestic science in the shape of cooking, washing, and are also expert needlewomen; the clothes of the inmates of the house being made by the inmates themselves. They thus acquire a practical knowledge of sewing and seamstress work necessary in running a house.

The 123d Anniversary of the House and School was held on the 16th October, 1913. The following was the order of exercises:

Opening Anthem—"Praise the Great Jehovah."

Prayer by the Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware.

Scripture Lesson—103 Psalm, by the School.

Anthem—"Children's Te Deum."

Physical Exercises.

Hymn—"All Hail."

Thoughts on "Minding Little Things" and "The Value of Character."

Song—"We are Building."

Presentation of Medals: Bennett Medal, awarded for scholarship, attendance and conduct, and the Cart Medal, awarded for excellence in mathematics, were presented by Commissioner Frank Q. O'Neill, to Clarence L. Brown.

The prizes awarded for Industry and Fidelity were presented by Vice-Chairman Geo. W. Williams, to Thomas Michael Smith, and Margarita Soria.

Prizes awarded for the Industrial Department were presented to Jesse Lent, and Meta Gieschen, by Vice-Chairman, Pro Tem., Samuel G. Stoney.

An admirable address was then delivered by Hon. John P. Grace, Mayor of the City of Charleston.

Premiums were then presented to the following children for meritorious conduct and success in their studies:

First Class—1st, Edward Kangeter.

Second Class—1st, Harry Newton; 2d, Emanuel Soria.

Third Class—1st, Bartow Harris; 2d, John Kelly, 3d, Peter Murphy.

Fourth Class—1st, Florence Legare; 2d, Bernie Missell; 3d, Maud Berry; 4th, Theodore McIntosh; 5th, Margaret Heissenbuttle.

Fifth Class—1st, Bessie Proctor; 2d, Edward Stoldt; 3d, Belle Legare; 4th, Adele Bee.

Sixth Class—1st, John Flanner; 2d, Gordon Sease; 3d, Ellis Johnson.

KINDERGARTEN.

Table 1.—1st, Louise Missell; 2d, Richard Sonnichsen; 3d, Mary Martin; 4th, Gladys Escoffier; 5th, Charles Heron.

Table 2.—1st, Dora Sonnichsen; 2d, Myrtle Heissenbuttle; 3d, Julia Graham; 4th, Mona Harris; 5th, Charlie Blich.

Anniversary Anthem.

Benediction by the Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,
Chairman,
VIRGIL C. DIBBLE,
S. E. WELCH,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENT
AND DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Improvement and Discipline is pleased to report many improvements made during the past year, which have contributed much to the comfort and welfare of the wards and other inmates of the House.

The excellent discipline, which for many years has been so conspicuous in the management of affairs, and has given the Charleston Orphan House its high reputation, as second to no similar institution anywhere, is still fully maintained. Respect for law and those in authority is general and habitual. This not only finds expression in prompt obedience and good order, but adds greatly to the happiness of the wards, and is preparing them to properly meet the responsibilities and discharge the obligations of citizenship, and

of manhood and womanhood, when they leave the home of their childhood, to take their place and do their work in the world without.

FRANCIS J. PELZER,
Chairman,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Vice-Chairman.

VIRGIL C. DIBBLE,
AGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
S. G. STONEY,
F. Q. O'NEILL,
I. W. HIRSCH,
D. B. HENDERSON,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT
AND REFORM.

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform find that they have no recommendations to offer, as they are of the opinion that affairs are conducted in as satisfactory a manner as possible. They have no suggestions to make.

F. Q. O'NEILL, *Chairman,*
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
D. B. HENDERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Owing to the large amount of permanent repairs made during the past two years, your committee has only a moderate amount of work to report under their supervision

during the past twelve months. With a large plant of this kind there are always minor repairs to be attended to from week to week which require the constant care and attention of Mr. Barton, Mr. Hutson, and the boys working in the Industrial Department. These repairs have been executed promptly, skillfully and economically, and the general condition of the buildings, grounds, etc., is excellent.

In addition to the ordinary repairs and up-keep, the following important work has been done during the year :

Substantial iron fence, with brick and cement foundation, from lodge to front wall.

Cement floors and shower baths to boys and girls bath rooms, and complete overhauling of these bath rooms. They are in excellent condition and every sanitary improvement possible has been made in these rooms.

Scraping, cleaning, painting and kalsomining hallways and stairways leading to principal school rooms.

Eight dormitories kalsomined.

Laundry overhauled, whitewashed and painted.

Five small rooms scraped and painted.

Two new sinks with draining pans put in children's dining room.

Floor in dining room, pantry and wash room concreted, and thoroughly overhauled.

One hundred and sixty yards of concrete paving laid.

Slate roof to main building repaired and overhauled.

Boiler furnaces repaired.

New grate bars to small boiler.

Wood range in kitchen rebuilt.

In addition to the work done by the boys on these repairs, they have, under the efficient and careful direction of Mr. Hutson, done a large amount of work in the Industrial Department shop, all of which will be given more in detail under the report of the School Committee.

Your committee again desires to commend most heartily the excellent work done by Mr. Barton. His varied experience in general mechanical work, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, plumbing, etc., enables him to plan, direct and execute in the most thorough and efficient manner all of the varied classes of work that have been undertaken from time to time, and we cannot speak too highly of his devotion and value to this institution.

Yours respectfully,

SAML. G. STONEY,

Chairman,

I. W. HIRSCH,

D. B. HENDERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

The Committee on Purveyance begs to submit their report of the purchases and expenses for the year 1913.

Groceries, soap, etc.	\$ 2,397.43
Bread	2,013.62
Meat,	1,036.95
Dry goods, shoes, etc.	1,645.37
Fuel	1,053.03
Materials for repairs	1,003.66
Labor for repairs	1,094.02
Salaries	7,487.25
Petty cash	1,500.00
Insurance	988.46
Milk	812.72
New sewerage	135.29

Books, printing, stationery	221.89
Lights	419.54
Drugs	157.17
Forage	288.84
Miscellaneous	248.38
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	\$22,503.62
Salary of House Physician paid by City Treasurer	\$ 700.00
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	\$23,203.62

The garden has furnished the usual quantity of vegetables such as beets, radishes, okra, onions, carrots, turnips, corn, beans, winter squash, greens, etc., which contributed largely to the children's bill of fare.

D. B. HENDERSON,
Chairman,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
R. H. DURYEA.

REPORT OF BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE.

The Binding-Out Committee respectfully submits the following report of admission to, and discharges from, the House during the year ending December 31, 1913.

Boys admitted	28
Girls admitted	23
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Total admissions	51

Boys discharged	29
Girls discharged	15
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Total discharged	44

Of those discharged, 11 were inmates of the House many years and were honorably discharged at their request at the expiration of their indentures, entering into good positions and are making good.

The others were given to relatives and, with few exceptions, are attending school.

V. C. DIBBLE,
I. W. HIRSCH,
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
A. T. SMYTHE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL AND ANNIVERSARY.

The Sabbath afternoon services were conducted throughout the year by resident Clergy; four visitors: Mr. C. C. Robinson, of International Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Donald Richardson, of China; Rev. G. Emory Edwards and Bishop C. E. Woodcock, of Kentucky.

The music has been an unusually attractive feature of the services, and the conduct of the children admirable. The Committee feels assured that all who officiate in the Chapel must feel repaid by the close attention of the children, and beg to return thanks to those of the Clergy and Y. M. C.

A. who so cheerfully respond to the demands made upon them.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
Chairman,

V. C. DIBBLE,
S. E. WELCH,
F. Q. O'NEILL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library begs to report that there are now in the Library 5,053 volumes and 422 pamphlets and magazines.

Since the last report there have been donated to the Library 30 bound volumes and 20 pamphlets.

In the summer holidays the children who like reading devote several hours a day to their library books, while all are required to read from an hour to an hour and a half under the supervision of the Librarian.

Some of the older girls are selected to read suitable books to the younger children. 3,487 books have been drawn during the year.

A. T. SMYTHE,
Chairman.

V. C. DIBBLE,
R. H. DURYEA,
F. Q. O'NEILL.

REPORT OF THE SEWING AND LAUNDRY DE-
PARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1913.

The report of the Sewing Department, which in addition to general seamstress work, includes tailoring and dressmaking, is as follows:

Boys' winter uniform suits	101
Trousers	114
Shirt waists	197
Summer dresses	260
Fall dresses	263
Aprons	123
Boys' and Girls' undergarments	540
Collars made	48
Sheets, towels, pillow cases, etc.	568
Doilies and table cloths hemmed.....	108
Suits and dresses altered and repaired	905

The greater part of the mending and darning for the boys and the marking of every article of clothing were also done here.

In this department the children are taught from a half to one and a half hours a day; the older girls giving the time they can spare from school and other duties.

The work of the Laundry has been done by three washers with the aid of the girls. The year's washing amounted to 154,340 pieces.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

I beg to call to your attention the foregoing financial statements and the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1913, which I hope may be of interest to you.

The continued indisposition of Mr. Francis J. Pelzer, the Chairman, has deprived us of his services, but it gives me pleasure to state that the other members of the Board, acting at all times together in perfect accord, have striven to maintain and to advance the high standard of efficiency which has for so long a time characterized the work of the Orphan House.

On January 1, 1913, there were in the House:

Boys, 129; Girls, 117; Total, 246.

Admissions during the year:

Boys, 28; Girls, 23; Total, 51.

Withdrawals during the year:

Boys, 29; Girls, 15; Total, 44.

On December 31, 1913, there were in the House:

Boys, 128; Girls, 125; Total, 253.

Good health has generally been enjoyed by the children, very few cases of serious illness having been sent to the hospital during the year, and there are no deaths to record. For these special blessings we are not unmindful.

The Board wishes to make due acknowledgment to Dr. B. A. Muckenfuss, who has generously cared for the teeth of the children, and to Dr. Chas. W. Kollock, who has treated their eyes, ears and throats whenever necessary. The continued valued services of these two physicians have been much appreciated.

The Sunday School, reorganized in the fall of 1912, has continued its splendid work throughout the year. The school is divided into fourteen classes, using the graded course of the Bible Study Union lessons (undenominational). Mr. W. R. Lunk, of the Y. M. C. A., is still the efficient Superintendent and is assisted by Mrs. Lunk, Messrs. C. O. Getty, Alec. Dick, Milton B. Kennedy, and the resident teachers.

We are glad to make acknowledgment of the efficient service rendered by this department of the Home, which aids so much in helping to train the children in the way they should go, so that they may become men and women of strong character, reflect credit on the Orphan House and prove to be an honor to themselves and to the city of their birth.

Perhaps the most substantial improvement of the year has been the overhauling of the childrens dining rooms, which have been made over.

A careful perusal of the reports of the Committee on Schools and of the Committee on Repairs will show that the time of the children in these departments has been profitably placed and that much good has been accomplished.

The Committee on Binding-Out has filled its delicate sphere with tact and ability, and has added another successful year to its efforts.

The Orphan House has been visited by distinguished persons from time to time throughout the year, among whom may be mentioned Dr. L. S. Chafer, eminent Bible scholar and teacher, of New York. Mr. Birge Harrison, the artist, Mrs. S. S. Harris, returned missionary; Miss Anna D. Casler; of the Young Women's Christian Association, and Bishop C. E. Woodcock, D.D., L.L. D.

You will remember, under the terms of the will of the

late Samuel H. Wilson, the Orphan House was made Residuary Legatee.

The estate has passed through the courts and been divided, and I regret to say that as there were not funds sufficient to pay all of the beneficiaries named in the will, the Orphan House has not received anything from the estate.

We are grateful to the late Samuel H. Wilson, however, for remembering the Orphans in his day of prosperity, and I am sorry that events which occurred late in his life prevented the fulfilment of his hopes and wishes.

During the year Dr. Robt. L. Brodie, a life-long friend of the Institution, passed away. Under the terms of his will, after providing for family and friends, he named the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House as one of his Residuary Legatees. The estate is being administered by the Hon. Joseph W. Barnwell, as Executor and Trustee, and I am sure that under his careful management a moderate annuity will soon be enjoyed by the Commissioners, and eventually a substantial amount will be added to the Commissioners' funds.

The children have from time to time enjoyed the amusements provided for them. The picnic at Otranto, a day in the woods in April, being perhaps the brightest of all the memories of the year.

Before closing this report, I wish once more to add a word of heartfelt appreciation of the invaluable services of Miss Mary L. LeQueux, our Principal and Superintendent, services which can follow only deep and genuine interest in the work. Her long experience has equipped her to meet all of the most exacting questions which are a part of the life of the principal of a Home of this character. As the Vice-Chairman of the Board no one is better fitted to judge of her work than am I, and I am glad to

express the appreciation of the Board with all the emphasis of which I am capable.

Mr. Ashley L. Barton, the efficient engineer and assistant to the superintendent, commands only the best I can say of him, his devotion to every department of the work is without limit.

As a matter of fact, without the services which Miss LeQueux brings to the work and the help of Mr. Barton, and all of the loyal assistants who show interest in their tasks, the long established reputation of this well-conducted home could not be maintained; therefore, in closing this report, I am pleased to render to each of our faithful assistants the thanks of this Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

*Vice-Chairman Board of Commissioners Charleston
Orphan House.*

express the appreciation of the Board with all the employees
of which I am capable.

Mr. Robert J. Brown, the financial engineer and assistant
to the superintendent, commends me for the way in which
I have been able to carry out the duties of the work I was
entrusted with.

It is a matter of fact, without the services which this
staff have done to the work and the help of the Board
and all of the loyal employees who have helped in their
endeavor to keep the best equipped department of the well-organized
plant could not be maintained. Therefore, in closing this
report I am pleased to render to each of our faithful men
and the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CEO W. WILLIAMS

Very Respectfully,
Oscar Brown

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