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## Annual report of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House

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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

FOR THE YEAR 1901.

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1902.

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE, JANUARY, 1902.

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*PRESENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.*

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

F. J. PELZER, Vice Chairman.

DR. J. S. BUIST.

DR. B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

V. C. DIBBLE.

A. T. SMYTHE.

J. M. EASON.

GEORGE W. EGAN.

A. F. C. CRAMER.

T. A. WILBUR.

I. W. HIRSCH.

F. Q. O'NEILL.

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*PRESENT OFFICERS.*

Miss A. K. IRVING, Principal and Superintendent.

*Teachers.*

Miss Mary L. LeQuenx.

Miss Mary McNeill.

Mrs. Amelia L. Reilly.

Miss Mary E. Hamlin.

Miss Catherine Arnold.

Miss Kate Lent.

Kindergarten—Miss Ellen King.

*Sewing Department.*

Miss N. A. Lent.

*Matrons.*

Mrs. M. F. Perry.

Mrs. M. P. Shaw.

Mrs. A. E. Herbert.

Miss L. McDermid.

Miss M. Jefferson.

DR. W. H. HUGER,

Physician of the Institution.

ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

ASHLEY L. BARTON,

Engineer.

# Charleston Orphan House,

January 1902

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston :

Gentlemen—I have the honor to present herewith a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for 1901. Also the reports of the various Standing Committees, for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1901, with the annexed statement of the Commissioners' Trust Fund.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman Board of Commissioners of the  
Charleston Orphan House.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House, for the year ending December 31st, 1901 :

*Receipts.*

To amount received from interest on Public Fund.	\$ 9,449 93
To amount received from Commissioners' Trust Fund.....	2,799 45
Balance from City Council.....	9,677 98
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	\$21,927 36

*Expenditures.*

By amount expended as per monthly returns to City Council.....	\$18,427 91
By Physician's Salary.....	700 00
By amount expended from Commissioners' Trust Fund, as per return to Council.....	2,799 45
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	\$21,927 36

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

Charleston, S. C., January 9th, 1902.

# Charleston Orphan House,

CHARLESTON, S. C., January 1st, 1902.

The Committee on Improvement and Discipline respectfully report that they do not see where any improvement can be made in the discipline of the House.

FRANCIS J. PELZER.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

T. A. WILBUR.

JAMES M. EASON.

A. F. C. CRAMER.

J. S. BUIST.

A. T. SMYTHE.

GEORGE W. EGAN.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

For Year Ending December 31, 1901.

*Highest Number on Register.*

Boys, 132; Girls, 100. Total, 232.

*Average Attendance.*

Boys, 119; Girls, 94. Total, 213.

*Admitted During the Year.*

Boys, 31; Girls, 12. Total, 43.

*Discharged During the Year.*

Boys, 21; Girls, 19. Total, 40.

The studies embrace Orthography, Reading, Writing, Mental and Practical Arithmetic, Common School and Physical Geography, Modern and Ancient History, Grammar,

Familiar Science, Physiology. Bookkeeping. Stenography, Type Writing, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

The monthly examinations are proving very satisfactory. The Kindergarten now numbers 64, a class of 13 having been promoted to the Primary Department. Fourteen children, who were too large for the Kindergarten, and not advanced enough for the Primary, have been placed under special instruction.

Susie Shaw, a very deserving girl, anxious to train for a teacher, was sent to the State Normal College, where she is doing well.

Two of the girls, Minnie Shaw and Mary Brassens, have taken the course in Stenography, Type Writing and Commercial Bookkeeping at the Richmond Business College. The tuition fees of the former were paid by her mother.

William Abrams, who is now in the First Class of the High School, will finish this year; his reports have been excellent.

Any expenses, incurred by the above named pupils, are met by a fund given the Board for such purposes.

The Committee would again congratulate the Board and officers of the institution upon the excellency of the report furnished above.

The school has advanced in every department and kept abreast with all the modern improvements of the day. We are indebted for their perfection to the constant vigilance and marked ability of the Principal, Miss A. K. Irving, and her no less faithful assistants, who vie with her in the efforts to preserve our high standards.

An eventful epoch in the history of this department, occurred in the early part of the scholastic year, in the presentation of the portrait of the late W. Jefferson Bennett to the institution by his patriotic daughter, Mrs. A. B. Murray, and the restoration of the Gold Medal, to be annually presented to the most worthy pupil of the school during the year. This graceful act upon the part of Mr. Bennett's daughter served to again revive his self-sacrificing and earnest efforts, as well as his profound love for the Charleston Orphan House. Appropriate ceremonies attended the unveiling of the portrait. There

were present the leading educators of the city, and a large number of the most prominent officials and distinguished citizens. An address, appropriate to the occasion, was made by the Chairman of your Committee, and the Portrait received in behalf of the Commissioners by the Hon. G. Lamb Buist, one of the Trustees of the College of Charleston, and a Commissioner of the public school system of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Murray and the grandchildren of Mr. Bennett, honored us with their presence, the latter unveiling the Portrait at the proper time.

The first presentation of the Gold Medal took place last October, and was made memorable by the presence of his Honor, the Mayor of Charleston, J. Adger Smyth, who kindly consented to confer upon the successful contestant, Miss Sarah Calder, the prize she had won against strong competition.

Thus the new Century has opened bright with prospects for the future of the school, which we trust will meet with your continued confidence and support.

J. S. BUIST, Chairman.  
 B. A. MUCKENFUSS.  
 F. J. PELZER.  
 V. C. DIBBLE.  
 A. T. SMYTHE.

Committee.

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#### THE COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform beg leave to report that the management of the Institution is, as usual, conducted on as economical principles as possible, and have no suggestions to make.

Respectfully,

T. A. WILBUR, Chairman.  
 GEO. W. EAGAN.  
 F. Q. O'NEILL.  
 I. W. HIRSCH.

ABSTRACT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private  
Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan  
House, for the Year Ending December 31st, 1901.

DR.	
To Balance from last year's account.....	\$1,424 20
Received from interest on investments.....	2,758 50
	\$4,182 70
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By Cash paid Officers' Salaries.....	\$ 350 16
Clothing and Books for High School	
Boy.....	29 94
\$2,000 City of Charleston 4 per cent.	
Bonds.....	1,992 50
Box Germania Savings Bank.....	5 00
Publishing Memorial Tribute to H.	
H. DeLeon.....	8 15
Magnolia Cemetery—Care Lot.....	30 00
Funeral Expenses one Boy.....	33 00
Expenses Annual Picnic and Excur-	
sions.....	188 31
Tuition of two Girls at College.....	111 90
Seeds and Plants for Garden.....	18 34
Instruction Classes in Gymnastics..	24 00
City Directory, Books and Stamps..	8 15
	\$2,799 45
Balance.....	1,383 25
	\$4,182 70

ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH,  
Examined and found correct. Treasurer.

FRANCIS J. PELZER,  
I. W. HIRSCH,  
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,  
J. S. BUIST,

Committee.



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, this 26th day of December, 1901.

55	City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds, each \$1,000	\$55,000
13	“ “ “	500 6,500
5	“ “ “	100 500
1	Certificate of State of South Carolina Stock, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ....	4,500
1	Certificate for 20 Shares Magnolia Cemetery Stock .....	100 2,000
1	Certificate for 4 Shares Bank of Charleston Stock .....	400
1	Certificate for $\frac{1}{2}$ Share Bank of Charleston Stock .....	50
1	Deed for Six Lots in Magnolia Cemetery.	

Examined and found correct.

FRANCIS J. PELZER,  
I. W. HIRSCH,  
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,  
J. S. BUIST,

Committee on Accounts.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman.

Cash Transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House Fund  
and Estate, from January 1, 1901, to December 31, 1901.

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To Interest Account.

12 months interest on \$38,176.20

State So. Ca.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Stock. \$ 1,717 93

12 months interest on \$193,300.00

City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds \$ 7,732 00 \$9,449 93

CR.

By Interest Account.

Amount paid over to City.....\$9,449 93

ASSETS.

$4$  per cent. Bonds City of Charleston.....\$193,300 00

$4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Stock State of So. Ca..... 38,176 20

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. O. LEA,  
City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman Commissioners Orphan House, and Trustee Orphan  
House Fund and Estate.

## REPORT OF BINDING OUT COMMITTEE.

Admitted during the year 1901 : Boys, 20 ; Girls, 14 ; Total 34.

Discharged : Boys, 21 ; Girls, 15 ; Total 36.

The majority of these have been given to their relatives. Three went to Merchants, one to a Boiler-maker, one to a Farmer, one to an Undertaker and one to Domestic Service.

Your Committee has received this year, very gratifying reports of children who have left the Institution in the past few years ; five of these were from Orangeburg Co., including an especially fine tribute to one of the boys, who stayed with his employer until he attained his majority, and is now in a good position, enjoying the respect and confidence of the whole community.

GEORGE W. EGAN, Chairman.

AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE.

J. S. BUIST.

V. C. DIBBLE.

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 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS, FOR YEAR  
ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.

The Committee on Repairs respectfully report, that during the year, all the Dormitories, Lavatories, and Stairways were whitewashed ; Class Rooms, Passage and Stairways, leading to the Principal School Room, painted. Black-boards, re-slatted. Wood-work throughout the House, flooring and roofs of out-buildings, garden fence, wall around the lot, and Cistern wall, on the outside, repaired. 11 Sashes, made to work with weights ; 40 Window cords and 33 Glasses, put in. 107 pairs of Blinds, painted ;—besides Plumbing, Plastering, and many minor repairs that cannot be particularized, which are constantly needed in a Building of this size.

The Board contemplated the repairing and painting of the Cupola and Front of the House this year, but as labor was so high, it was decided to postpone the work. Cost of Repairs \$958.44.

A. F. C. CRAMER.

GEORGE W. EGAN.

I. W. HIRSCH.

## COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 9th, 1902.

The Committee on Purveyance beg leave to submit their report of the expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1901.

	LBS.	COST.
Fresh Meat.....	27,863	\$845 36
Bacon, Hams and other		
Salt Meats.....	4,421	439 08
Coffee.....	409	41 66
Cocoa Shells.....	1,617	46 69
Rice.....	6,063	214 40
Butter.....	1,249	283 88
Cottolene.....	730	65 70
Tea.....	81	41 30
Sugar.....	3,279	171 05
Molasses.....	533 galls.	181 22
Flour.....	20 bbls.	95 65
Irish Potatoes.....	26 bbls.	69 58
Sweet Potatoes..	53 bbls.	64 05
Bread.....	54,762 lbs.	1,369 23
Milk.....	4,027 $\frac{1}{4}$ galls.	725 57
Grist, 437 bush; Meal..	170 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	429 95
Small Groceries.....		382 69
Corn and Peas.....	46 bush.	36 27
		<hr/> \$5,503 33
Soap, Starch, &c.,.....		108 54
Fuel—Wood, Coal and Gas.....		1,157 95
Illuminating Gas.....		240 45
Clothing, House Linen. Hats and Shoes.....		1,770 30
Books, Stationery, etc.....		146 95
Medicines. Carbolie Soap, Disinfectants, etc.....		218 30
House Furnishing, Garden Seeds, etc.....		291 36
Salaries and Labor.....		6,996 76
Incidental Expenses, such as Vegetables, Extras for Sick, Officers' Tables, and other items too numer- ous to mention.....		1,125 87
Repairs.....		958 44
		<hr/> \$18,518 25

The garden furnished the following :

- 423 bunches Beets.
- 1,283 bunches Carrots.
- 396 bunches Turnips.
- 125 bunches Radishes.
- 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  bush. Snap Beans.
- 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  bush. Tomatoes.
- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  bush. Okra.
- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  bush. Green Peas.
- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls. Onions.
- 137 heads Lettuce.
- 25 Pumpkins.
- 377 Egg Plants.
- 26 bunches Spinach.
- 49 doz Cucumbers.

The Committee are pleased to report that the expenditures for 1901 were about \$2,200 less than those of the previous year, owing principally to the difference in cost of Repairs and Insurance, and that in spite of the advance in prices of several articles, there was a slight decrease in the other items.

We also call attention to the fact that the cost of gas for both fuel and lighting is now paid by the institution, and is included in the above report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. M. EASON,  
T. A. WILBUR.  
A. F. C. CRAMER.

## COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL AND ANNIVERSARY.

January, 1902.

The Committee on Chapel and Anniversary respectfully report that divine service has been conducted in the Chapel every Sabbath afternoon during the year by the resident clergy and eleven visiting ministers: Revs. J. A. Morehead, Blackburn, W. B. Aull, M. Q. Boland, R. W. Anderson, R. C. Reed, W. S. Stokes, Dr. Johnson, of Cincinnati, J. Lowrie Wilson, D. D., B. D. Lucas, and J. W. Lambuth, D. D.

The Committee again return thanks to the clergy for the cheerful readiness with which they respond to the invitations to officiate in the Chapel.

The singing continues good and the conduct of the children excellent.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS, Chairman.  
GEO. W. EGAN,  
J. S. BUIST,  
F. Q. O'NEILL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

December 31, 1901.

Now in Library, 4,239 volumes; 230 pamphlets.

Added since last report, 33 volumes, 11 pamphlets.

Children have drawn and read during the year 4,142 volumes.

AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,  
T. A. WILBUR,  
F. Q. O'NEILL,  
V. C. DIBBLE.

## Charleston Orphan House, January, 1902.

The Chairman, in transmitting the Reports of the different standing Committees, avails himself of the occasion to add his endorsement of the same. Every department of the Institution has been managed with strict economy during the past year. A building which has been the home of orphans for more than a century requires each year considerable money for repairs. The fifteen hundred dollars, appropriated in 1901, was not used in consequence of the difficulty in getting satisfactory estimates. It is to be hoped that the unexpended appropriation will be left for repairs the current year. The Commissioners wish to add their tribute of praise to the Principal and Superintendent, Miss A. K. Irving, as well as to her corps of faithful assistants. They do all in their power to make the Orphan House in its various departments the Pride of Charleston. Miss Irving has devoted the best years of her life in organizing the Home, and placing the School on its present high and satisfactory basis. In the Board of Commissioners the utmost harmony prevails.

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The health record of the Institution continues excellent, though during the year there were two deaths among the children. On Feb. 19, August Hausmann, aged  $4\frac{1}{8}$  years died of the effects of grippe; he had been with us a little over two months; was sick when he came, and placed under the doctor's care.

Burnest Hutchinson, aged  $8\frac{3}{4}$  years, a very delicate child, died of Scarlet Fever, on the evening of Dec. 25.

The interments were in our Lot at Magnolia Cemetery.

## SEWING DEPARTMENT.

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

Boys' Winter Suits.....	130
Boys' Summer Suits.....	116
Pantaloons, pairs,.....	29
Shirtees.....	25
Calico Dresses.....	109
Worsted Dresses..	81
Boys' and Girls' Under Garments.....	464
Aprons.....	142
Table Cloths.....	32
Sheets.....	34
Towels and Doilies, hemmed or overcast.....	840
Stockings and Handkerchiefs marked.....	915
Clothing, outgrown by larger children, and refitted to smaller ones, pcs.....	498

In this department the children are instructed from a half hour to an hour and a half each day; the greater part of the work is done by the girls.



## LAUNDRY.

Only three washers have been employed in the Laundry, the rest of the work being done by the girls. The year's washing and ironing amounts to 152,919 pieces.

While the girls are occupied in sewing, mending and other work, the boys are employed in various duties, suitable to their age. They cut wood, sift ashes, carry coal, take care of the poultry, and, under supervision, attend to the flower gardens, and assist in the vegetable garden.

The House is open to visitors on every Wednesday at 4 o'clock, and all citizens and strangers should avail themselves of the opportunity to see and learn the condition of the orphans, and the advantages afforded them in this beneficent Home.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House.

Charleston, S. C., January, 1902.

