ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charleston Orphan House

FOR THE YEAR 1905

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Charleston, S. C.
1906.
CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE, JANUARY 1, 1906.

PRESENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

F. J. PELZER, Chairman.
Dr. J. S. BUIST, Vice-Chairman.
V. C. DIBBLE, Chairman Pro Tem.

A. F. C. CRAMER. A. T. SMYTHE.
I. W. HIRSCH. T. A. WILBUR.
ROBT. C. LEBBY. F. Q. O’NEILL.
Dr. B. A. MUCKENFUSS. S. G. STONEY.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

Miss A. K. IRVING, Principal and Superintendent.

Teachers.

Miss Mary L. LeQueux. Miss Mary McNeill.
Mrs. Amelia L. Reilly. Miss Mary E. Hamlin.
Miss Catherine Arnold. Miss Kate Lent.
Kindergarten—Miss Ellen King.

Matrons.

Mrs. B. Aldret. Mrs. R. Bulwinkle.
Mrs. C. R. Boesch. Miss F. Malone, Ass’t.

Dr. W. H. HUGER,
Physician of the Institution.

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

ASHLEY L. BARTON,
Engineer.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

F. J. PELZER, Ex-Officio Chairman.
T. A. Wilbur. V. C. Dibble.
J. S. Buist. I. W. Hirsch.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

J. S. Buist, Chairman. G. W. Williams.
B. A. Muckenfuss. V. C. Dibble.
A. T. Smythe.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

S. G. Stoney.

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.


COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

T. A. Wilbur, Chairman. A. F. C. Cramer.
B. A. Muckenfuss.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

I. W. Hirsch, Chairman. S. G. Stoney.
J. S. Buist. G. W. Williams.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL AND ANNIVERSARY.

B. A. Muckenfuss, Chairman. F. Q. O’Neill.
J. S. Buist. V. C. Dibble.

BINDING OUT COMMITTEE.

V. C. Dibble, Chairman. I. W. Hirsch.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

A. T. Smythe, Chairman. T. A. Wilbur.
V. C. Dibble. F. Q. O’Neill.
Charleson Orphan House.


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 1905. Also the Reports of the various Standing Committees for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1905, with the annexed statement of the Commissioners' Trust Fund.

F. J. PELZER,
Chairman Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1905.

Receipts.

To amount received from interest on Public Fund ........................................... $ 9,769.92
To amount received from interest on W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund ........................... 2,000.00
To amount received from Commissioners' Trust Fund ............................................. 2,722.96
Balance from City Council .......................................................... 8,602.31

$23,095.19

Expenditures.

By amount expended as per monthly returns to City Council ........................................... $19,672.23
By Physician's Salary ................................................................. 700.00
By amount expended from Commissioners' Trust Fund, as per return to Council ................... 2,722.96

$23,095.19

ST. JOHN P. KINLICH,
Treasurer B. C. O. H.
Cash Transactions of the Trustees Orphan House Fund and Estate from January 1st, 1905, to December 31st, 1905.

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Assets:

Cash .................................................. $92.81

do. W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial .......................... 20.00 $112.81

4½% Stock State of So. Co. ........................................ 38,176.20
4% Bonds City of Charles’n ........................................ 201,300.00
4% Bonds City of Columbia, W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial ........................................ 14,000.00
4% Bonds City of Charleston, W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial ........................................ 88,000.00

Memo:

W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund was increased by purchase of:
4% City Charleston Bonds in Jany ........................................ 1,000.00
4% City Charleston Bonds in Jany ........................................ 1,000.00
Cash ........................................................................ 20.00

Original Donat’n by Citizen ........................................ 100,000.00 102,020.00

Respectfully submitted,
CITY TREASURER.

Examined and found correct.

FRANCIS J. PELZER,
Chairman Commissioners Orphan House and Trustee Orphan House Fund and Estate.
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 box at Germania Sav­
ings Bank, this 15th day of December, 1905.

56 City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds, each.$1,000 $56,000
18 City of Charleston 4 per cent Bonds, each.  500  9,000
  5 City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds, each.  100  500
  3 City of Char sn. 4½ per cent. Bonds, each.  500  1,500
  3 City of Columbia 4 per cent. Bonds, each...  500  1,500
  1 City of Savannah 5 per cent. Bond..........  500
  1 Certificate of State of South Carolina
    Stock 4½%........................................  4,500
  1 Certificate for 20 shares Magnolia Ceme­
tery Stock...........................................  100  2,000
  1 Certificate for 4 shares Bank of Charles­
ton Stock............................................  400
  1 Certificate for one-half share Bank of
    Charleston Stock................................  50
  1 Deed for six lots in Magnolia Cemetery
Examined and found correct.

FRANCIS J. PELZER, Chm.
I. W. HIRSCH,
SAM'L G. STONEY,
GEO W. WILLIAMS.

Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private
Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan
House for the year ending December 31st, 1905.

DR.

To balance from last account...........$1,088.71
To received from interest on invest­
ments ........................................ 3,007.95  $4,096.66
By cash paid officers’ salaries................ $350.16
By Testimonial to Dr. W. H. Huger... 90.56
To Box rent Germania Savings Bank 5.00
By Magnolia Cemetery care lot......... 30.00
By $1,500 City Charson 4½% Bonds 1,612.50
By expenses picnic and excursions..... 187.15
By donations to teachers and pupils..... 385.00
By purchase books, prizes, etc........ 56.59
By City Directory, postage stamps, etc 6.00 2,722.96

Balance .................................... 1,373.70

Examined and found correct.
I. W. HIRSCH,
SAM’L G. STONEY,
GEO. W. WILLIAMS.

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, Chairman.
J. S. BUIST,
VIRGIL C. DIBBLE,
T. A. WILBUR,
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
A. F. C. CRAMER,
F. Q. O’NEILL,
I. W. HIRSCH.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

For the Year ending December 31, 1905.

Highest Number on Register:
Boys, 107; Girls, 114. Total, 221.

Average Attendance:
Boys, 102; Girls, 105. Total, 207.

Admitted during the Year:
Boys, 18; Girls, 24. Total, 42.

Discharged during the Year:
Boys, 25; Girls, 18. Total, 43.

The studies embrace Orthography, Reading, Writing, Mental and Practical Arithmetic, Common School and Physical Geography, Modern and Ancient History, Grammar, Familiar Science, Physiology, Bookkeeping, Algebra, Stenography, Typewriting, Vocal and Instrumental Music. The present system of examinations—every two months—continues to give satisfactory results.

Of the number admitted in the School this year, (42), all but four entered the Kindergarten; a class of twenty has been promoted from this Department to the Primary, and there are still on its roll 70 pupils; 35 boys and 35 girls.

Susie Picquet, who won the "Bennett Medal" a year ago, was allowed by the Board to continue her studies at the "Memminger Normal School." She labored under the disadvantage of being hard of hearing, but Prof. Tate, Principal of the "Memminger," was exceedingly kind, and placed her so as to overcome this difficulty as far as possible. Her entrance examination for the Fourth Class was very creditable, and reports since have all been satisfactory.

The 115th Anniversary of the Institution was celebrated October 19th with appropriate exercises; Vice-Chairman
J. S. Buist presiding in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Pelzer. Dr. C. S. Vedder made the opening prayer, after which the Twenty-fourth Psalm was chanted by the School. The Musical Selections and Physical Exercises by the School were particularly well rendered, as was also an Action Poem by the girls of the three higher Classes; the Poem, entitled "Now and Then," was recited in concert, clearly and distinctly, with appropriate gestures and attitudes, which showed very plainly the striking contrasts between the days of former times and the present.

The "Bennett Medal" was presented to Jane Taylor by Dr. Buist, Chairman of the School Committee. The "Williams Prizes" for Industry and Fidelity awarded to August Schmidt and Augustus F. Carrere, by Mr. George W. Williams.

Premiums were presented to the following pupils by Mr. V. C. Dibble:


Kindergarten—Tables 1 and 2—Carrie Strohecker, Anna Wittschen, Mary Oplan, Margaret Scharfer, Rudie Witts-
chen, Willie Lovell, Beatrice Salters, Essie Simmons, Agnes Strohecker, Walter Mattson, Michael Smith, Eugene Petit.

Tables 3 and 4—Mabel Bulwinkle, Maggie Bryant, Bertha Diers, Joseph Young, William McMillan, Agnes Scharfer, Jennie Oplian, Nettie Lovell.

In addition to the above, the following were awarded prizes for Special Attention to Music: Alice Smith, Charles Torck, Lucille Picquet, George Knox, William Butts.

The Vice-Chairman, in addressing the Commissioners, Officers and the Children, in congratulation of the auspicious and successful year just completed, alluded to the fact that in the most recent edition of "Baedeker's Guide to Traveller's," in describing the City of Charleston and the points of interest to be seen and visited by the traveller and visitor to our City, it places the "Charleston Orphan House" first, and speaks in eulogistic terms of its origin and conduct. This was and is very gratifying to each and every one of our citizens, and is appreciated by the Administration as an evidence of their care. The Rev. Dr. Vedder, taking the opportunity of reply, and in furtherance of the fact, gave an interesting resumé of the various Orphanages he had visited during his European tours—comparing favorably the Charleston Orphan House as second to none in the world.

In the early Spring, the Hon. Seth Low, the famous President of Columbia University, and ex-Mayor of Greater New York, visited the City of Charleston and this Institution. He inspected it closely and witnessed its workings in all of its departments, and in a beautiful and well-timed address to the children, congratulated the City of Charleston on the splendid Institution in her midst.

Your Committee thanks the Board for their co-operation in all things appertaining to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BUIST, Chairman.
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
G. W. WILLIAMS,
V. C. DIBBLE,
A. T. SMYTHE.
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,

F. Q. O’NEILL, Chairman.
T. A. WILBUR,
A. F. C. CRAMER,
ROBT. C. LEBBY.

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE, January 1, 1906.

The Binding-Out Committee report that during the year 1905, there were admitted into the Charleston Orphan House 18 boys and 23 girls; total, 41. There were discharged during the same period 25 boys and 12 girls; total, 37.

The majority of those discharged were delivered to relatives, and are doing well in their new homes. One is employed in a bank and is giving satisfaction in the discharge of the duties devolving on him; one is attending the State Agricultural College; two are learning trades.

Encouraging reports have been received during the year as to the welfare and prospects of those who have recently left the Institution.

VIRGIL C. DIBBLE,
I. W. HIRSCH,
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE.

The Committee on Repairs beg to report that this year:
Eight Dormitories, four Lavatories, and all the hallways were calcimined and painted. Officers’ and Children’s Dining Rooms, calcimined and painted. The floors of the School Room, Dormitories, Lavatories, Dining Room, halls and stairways stained. Wood work throughout the Build-

A. F. C. CRAMER,
I. W. HIRSCH,
SAM'L G. STONEY.

The Committee on Purveyance beg leave to submit their Report of the Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1905.

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Small Groceries ............................................ 310 42 $5,573 30
Soap, Starch, etc ..................................... 146 21
Corn and Peas, 84⅔ bus .................................. 82 12
Fuel—Wood, Coal and Gas ......................... 1,044 10
Illuminating Gas .......................................... 246 90
Clothing, House Linen, Hats and Shoes ...... 2,276 79
Books, Stationery, etc ................................. 193 52
Medicines, Disinfectants, etc ................... 156 50
House Furnishing, Garden Seeds ,etc .... 449 98
Salaries and Labor ...................................... 6,873 76
Incidental Expenses .................................. 1,301 29
Insurance ...................................................... 10 00
Repairs ......................................................... 1,182 21

$19,536 68

T. A. WILBUR, Chm. Com.
A. F. C. CRAMER,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

The Garden furnished the following:

110 bunches Beets.
505 bunches Carrots.
160 bunches Radishes.
308 bunches Turnips.
624 ears Corn.
236 Egg Plants.
31½ bus. Snap Beans.
23 bus. Tomatoes.
5 bus. Sweet Potatoes.
21½ bus. Green Peas.
7¾ pks. Okra.
2 bbls. Onions.
32 Cucumbers.
17 Pumpkins.
The Committee on Chapel and Anniversary respectfully report that the Chapel has been opened every Sabbath Afternoon during the year. The Services were conducted by the resident Clergy and six visiting Ministers: Bishop W. H. Moreland, Revs. G. W. Walker, H. F. Chreitzberg, D. D., J. M. Wilbur, W. P. Witsell, and H. O. Judd. The music has been well sustained, and is an attractive feature of the service. The children have kept up their reputation for attention, and visiting ministers have been surprised at the manner in which they render responsive services.

The thanks of the Committee are again tendered the Clergy of the City for their prompt and ready response to the invitations to officiate in the Chapel.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS, Chairman.
J. S. BUIST,
F. Q. O’NEILL,
V. C. DIBBLE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Dec. 30, 1905.

The Committee on Library respectfully beg to report that there are now in the Library 4,426 bound volumes and 245 pamphlets.

Since the last report, there have been donated to the Library 10 volumes.

During the past year, 1905, the children have drawn and read 3,537 volumes.

In the vacation, the children are required to read from an hour to an hour and a half every day under the supervision of the Librarian.

AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE.
VIRGIL C. DIBBLE,
T. A. WILBUR,
F. Q. O’NEILL.
The Report of the Sewing Department, which, in addition to general seamstress work, includes tailoring and dressmaking, is as follows:

Boys' Summer Suits [Flannel] ........................................... 97
Boys' Winter Suits .................................................................. 42
Boys' Jackets ......................................................................... 8
Pantaloons ............................................................................... 226
Shirtees .................................................................................. 107
Summer Dresses ...................................................................... 193
Winter Dresses ........................................................................ 153
Aprons .................................................................................. 255
Boys' and Girls' Under Garments ........................................... 614
Pillow Cases ........................................................................... 229
Sheets, Towels, Doilies and Table Cloths, hemmed .............. 772
Boys' Suits and Girls' Dresses, altered and repaired ............. 442
Stockings and Handkerchiefs, marked ................................... 912

A large part of the mending for the boys was also done here. As this Department was short of help, one of the Teachers gave to it part of her vacation, and afterwards, time that could be spared from her School work. The children are taught from a half hour to two hours each day,—the older girls giving the time they have from School and other duties.

LAUNDRY.

Only three washers have been employed in the Laundry during the year, the rest of the work being done by the girls. The year's washing and ironing amounts to 170,341 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. During the summer vacation, they assisted with sundry repairs about the House and premises.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House, in transmitting the reports of the Standing Committees, avails himself of the occasion to add his endorsement of the same. The Commissioners desire to continue their tribute of commendation to Miss A. K. Irving, as well as to her faithful assistants. Miss Irving’s care and watchful attention to every department of the House, is wonderful, there being no friction in any department.

The health of the House during the past year has been remarkably good; the reports, week after week, having been “No case in the Hospital.” There has been no death, and but one very ill child.

The children had a number of excursions during the year, which were provided for them by the Commissioners, adding much to their recreation and pleasure, and no doubt contributing to their good health.

On the afternoon of December 27th, Mayor Rhett provided at the House an entertainment for the children, consisting of Christmas gifts and refreshments, which were much appreciated and enjoyed by them.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. PELZER,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Charleston Orphan House.