CHARLESTON
ORPHAN HOUSE

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128th
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE YEAR
1918
CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN.
SAM'L. G. STONEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
S. E. WELCH, VICE-CHAIRMAN PRO TEM
Dr. B. A. MUCKENFUSS
*V. C. DIBBLE,
F. Q. O'NEILL,
J. W. HIRSCH,
ROB'T. C. LEBBY,
*DIED AUG. 14TH, 1918.
§ELECTED OCT. 17TH, 1918.

OFFICERS
Principal and Superintendent.
MISS MARY L. LEQUEUX.
Assistant Principal
MRS. E. L. PAYNE
Teachers.
Miss Mary E. Hamlin,
Miss Alice Smith,
Miss Emma McCallman,
Miss Estelle Shuler
Kindergarten Department.
Miss Mary E. Miller,
Organist and Instructor of Music.
Miss ELLA I. HYAMS.
Instructor in Violin.
Miss MABEL A. SAXTON.
Engineer and Assistant to Superintendent.
ASHLEY L. BARTON.
Sewing Department
MISS DORA A. SWEATMAN.
Matrons.
Mrs. R. H. Bulwinkle
Miss Eulalie Escoffier
Miss Bettie Davenport
Physician to the Institution.
DR. T. GRANGE SIMONS.
Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.
ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND DISCIPLINE.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, Ex-Officio Chairman.
SAM’L. G. STONEY, Ex-Officio Vice-Chairman.
B. A. Muckenfuss, D. B. Henderson, Robt. C. Lebby,
I. W. Hirsch, S. E. Welch, F. Q. O’Neill,
A. B. Murray.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

S. E. Welch, Chairman. A. B. Murray,
B. A. Muckenfuss, A. T. Smythe,
S. G. Stoney.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

S. G. Stoney, Chairman. D. B. Henderson,
I. W. Hirsch, Paul W. Sanders.

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

F. Q. O’Neill, Chairman. D. B. Henderson,

COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

D. B. Henderson, Chairman. B. A. Muckenfuss,
R. H. Duryea, Paul W. Sanders.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

I. W. Hirsch, Chairman. S. G. Stoney,
Robt. C. Lebby, S. E. Welch.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL.

B. A. Muckenfuss, Chairman. F. Q. O’Neill,
S. E. Welch, A. T. Smythe.

BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE.

Robt. C. Lebby, Chairman. I. W. Hirsch,

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

A. B. Murray, Chairman. R. H. Duryea,
Paul W. Sanders, F. Q. O’Neill.
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 1918; 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, 1918 together with my report as Chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received from interest on Public Fund .......................................................... $10,193.74
To amount received from interest on W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund .................. 2,000.00
To amount received from Commissioners' Trust Fund .................................................. 9,427.70
To amount received from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie .................................................. 1,700.00
To amount received from City Council ................................................................. 19,800.00

$43,121.44
EXPENDITURES.

By amount expended as per monthly return to
City Council.............................. $31,293.74
By House Physician's Salary.............. 700.00
By amount expended from Commissioners'
Trust Fund.................................. 11,127.70

$43,121.44

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

Cash transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House
Funds and Estate; January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Annual Statement:
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund........ $15,920.20
Trustees.......................... 38,212.83

$54,133.03

Trustees:
12 Mos. interest on $201,500. City
4% Bonds July 1918 and January
1919 coupons.............................. 8,060.00
6 Mos. interest on $10,000 City
4% Bonds, January 1919 coupons........... 200.00
Interest on deposits 12 months............ 1,933.74
Donation from Trust Estate Mary
E. Vanwinkle through Edward
S. Burnham and John M. Pike,
Trustees, City of Charleston
4 per cent Bonds, January 1919

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W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:
12 mos. interest on $98,000 City 4 per cent. Bonds: 3,920.00
12 mos. interest on $11,000 City of Columbia 5 per cent. Bonds: 550.00
12 mos. interest on $10,000 City 4 per cent. Sewerage Bonds: 400.00
Interest on deposits 12 months: 927.35

**Total** $81,503.08

EXPENDITURES

Trustees:
Paid over to City for current expenses Charleston Orphan House: **$10,193.74**

W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:
Paid over to City for current expenses Charleston Orphan House: 2,000.00

Bond Account:
City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds turned over to Trustees from Trust Estate Mary E. Van Winkle through Edward S. Burnham and J. M. Pike, Trustees, 9 Bonds numbers, 2238, 2243, 2245, 2248, 2251, 2257, 2258, 2271, 2274, at $1,000: 9,000.00
2 Bonds D. 824, D.827 at $500: 1,000.00

January 1919 Coupons attached: 10,000.00
Balance: Trustees ........................................ 39,591.79
Balance: W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund .................. 19,717.55 59,309.34

**$81,503.08**

**ASSETS.**

**Trustees:**
Cash ................................................................ $39,591.79
City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds .................. 211,500.00

**$251,091.79**

**W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:**
Cash ................................................................ $19,717.55
City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds .................. 98,000.00
City of Charleston Sewerage 4 per cent Bonds .... 10,000.00
City of Columbia 5 per cent. Bonds ................... 11,000.00

**$138,717.55**

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. LEA,
City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Charleston Orphan House and Trustee Orphan House Funds and Estate.

**W. J. BENNETT MEMORIAL FUND**

1918 Cash in Bank ........................................... $ 19,717.55
1913 Bonds purchased ..................................... 2,500.00
1912 Bonds purchased ..................................... 1,500.00
1911 Bonds Purchased ..................................... 5,400.00
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$38,717.55

Original Donation 100,000.00

$138,717.55

Cash in bank drawing 4.15-16 per cent. interest on daily balances.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. LEA,
City Treasurer.

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 in lock box at the Atlantic Savings Bank, this 28th, day of October 1918.

- **38 City of Charleston 4% Bonds**, each $1,000 $38,000.00
- **64 City of Charleston 4% Bonds**, each 500. 32,000.00
- **3 City of Charleston 4 1/2% Bonds**, each 500. 1,500.00
- **2 City of Columbia 4 1/2% Bonds**, each 1,000 2,000.00
- **4 City of Florence 5% Bonds**, each 1,000 4,000.00
- **5 United States 2nd Liberty Loan Bonds**
  - Converted 4 1/2 per cent. 1,000 5,000.00
- **1 Certificate for 5 Shares Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co. Stock**, par 500.00
- **1 Certificate for 7 shares Bank of Charleston, N. B. A. stock**, par 700.00
- **1 Certificate for 20 shares Magnolia Cemetery stock**, par 2,000.00
1 Deed for six Lots in Magnolia Cemetery, Property of the Dr. William H. Huger Scholarship Fund, 5 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, ea. 1,000 5,000.00
Accrued interest on deposit in Savings Bank, December 31st, 1918 267.12

TRUST ESTATES.

Estate of Dr. Robert L. Brodie.

In October, 1918, the Hon. Joseph W. Barnwell, Trustee of the above estate, rendered a statement of its affairs to the Board of Commissioners, showing that he held at that time investments as follows:
In Bonds and First Mortgages on real estate $85,000.00
In Bonds of municipalities in South Carolina 38,000.00
On deposit in Banks 5,007.25
Two-fifths undivided interest in San Francisco realty, estimated value at death 21,000.00
(But this valuation has, I am informed, suffered a substantial decline along with much of the real estate of San Francisco.)
Lot in Asheville, N. C. 50.00

The securities were examined and the accounts of the Trustee were approved by Geo. W. Williams, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House, and Geo. B. Buell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage. There are living at this time four annuitants, who receive annually $4,000 from the net income of the estate, the balance, under the terms of the will, is then paid each year, one-half to the Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and one-half to the Commissioners of the
Charleston Orphan House. Upon the death of all the annuitants the estate is to be divided equally between the two Orphanages.

Dr. Wm. H. Huger Scholarship Fund, founded by Mrs. Dr. Wm. H. Huger, the beneficiary of which shall always be a boy:
5 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each $1,000 $5,000.00 Accrued interest on deposit in bank, December 31, 1918 368.93

The Adolph F. C. Cramer Scholarship Fund, created by the late Mrs. Deborah K. Cramer as a memorial to her husband, Adolph F. C. Cramer.

The income from this fund to be used to enable an orphan to obtain a higher education, collegiate, scientific or otherwise, as the Commissioners may decide:
Amount of bequest $5,000.00 Accrued interest 343.99

Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st. 1918.

DR.

To balance from last account $3,398.52
To interest on securities 3,645.75
To income from Dr. R. L. Brodie Estate 1,700.00
To balance Bequest Miss Ellen King 2,500.00

$11,244.27

CR.

By Paid salaries of Officers and Teachers $3,333.56
" City Directory and Bank Box rent 20.00
By paid school books and prizes ........................................... 45.60
" lessons in Music & stenography ..................................... 289.33
" Memorial tributes and tablets ...................................... 63.46
" donations to teachers and employees ............................... 402.73
" expenses annual picnic ................................................. 180.84
" fire Ins. on buildings & contents .................................. 155.13
" care lot Magnolia Cemetery .......................................... 45.00
" fees and expenses student at Lander College .................... 362.12
" glasses for children .................................................... 17.50
" extra nursing of children .............................................. 30.00
" printing annual reports ................................................. 54.50
" memorial organ to Miss Ellen King ................................ 4,726.99
" expenses of influenza epidemic, including nursing and funeral charges ........................................... 814.71
" clothing and household supplies ..................................... 524.57
" repairs to bell tower on building .................................... 38.16
" disinfectants ..................................................................... 18.00
" postages, exchange and sundries ...................................... 5.50

11,127.70

Balance in bank ................................................................ 116.57

$11,244.27

Examined and found correct.
I. W. HIRSCH, Chairman.
SAM'L. G. STONEY,
S. E. WELCH,
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
Finance Committee.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

In consequence of the epidemic of Influenza which prevailed throughout our country during the month of October, our 128th Anniversary was not celebrated until the afternoon of November 26th when in presence of his Honor, the Mayor, T. T. Hyde, the Board of Commissioners and a number of friends of the Charleston Orphan House, a very attractive program was carried out. The neat appearance of the children and the promptness with which they responded to their part in the exercises elicited the hearty commendation of the visitors.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Anthem, "Praise ye the Father", by the School.

The Lord's Prayer.

Recitation of the 46th Psalm by the School.

Song, "The Star Spangled Banner", by the School.

Presentation of the Bennet Medal by Mayor Hyde to Helen Mazyck.

Presentation of prizes for Fidelity by Chairman George W. Williams to Ruth Ruble and Richard Sonnichsen.

Song, "The Flag of our Land," by the School.

Presentation of prizes for the Industrial Department by Vice-Chairman Samuel G. Stoney to Angelo Ducker, Leola Brown, Alma Hinson, Annie Ligon.

Instrumental Solo, "Butterfly Roses", by Jennie Oplan.

The Carrington, Thomas & Co. prize for General Helpfulness to Ruth Hutson and Henry Thachery and The W. P. Cart Company prize for Efficiency to Bernie Missell, were presented by Commissioner D. B. Henderson.
Song, "The Marseillaise", by the School.
Presentation of School Premiums by Comité on School.

(See list below)

Anthem, "Orphan's Prayer," by the School.

"MIZPAH BENEDICTION."

PREMIUM LIST.

FIRST CLASS
Betty Wise.

SECOND CLASS
Richard Sonnichsen.

THIRD CLASS.
First, Annie Ligon
Second, Charles Blitch.

FOURTH CLASS.
First, Fletcher Mazyck.
Second, Hagood Johnson.

FIFTH CLASS.
First, Ruth Ruble.
Leola Brown
Second, Kathleen Blitch
Third, Eliza Sonnichsen.
Fourth, Helen Breuer.
SIXTH CLASS.

First, Malcolm Veno.
Second, Margaret Kelly.
Third, Mary Breuer
Fourth, Mack McCoy.
Fifth, Mary Mitchell.

SEVENTH CLASS

First, Joseph Ford
Second, Beulah Knight.
Third, Ruth Byrd.
Fourth, Leroy Heissenbuttel.
Fifth, Katie Moran.
Sixth, Hasel Buble.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Highest number of Scholars on register during the year:
Boys, 126; Girls, 119. Total 245.

Average Attendance:
Boys, 110; Girls, 112. Total 222.

Admitted during the year:
Boys, 17; Girls, 22; Total 34.

Discharged during the year.
Boys, 46; Girls, 32. Total 78.


As so many children from the higher classes have left the Institution, the number of pupils in those classes is smaller than usual, but by hard work, we hope to have
this deficiency supplied from the lower classes.

The students that we have in College, Lucia Hutchinson at Lander College, Greenwood, S. C., and William H. Newton at Clemson College have made good records during the past year and we have every reason to believe that they will graduate in due time with credit to themselves and honor to the Charleston Orphan House.

**BOYS INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.**

Made 95 Mattresses, 44 Pillows, 1 Door, 5 Iron Boards, 4 Window Screens, 1 Circular Transom, 1 Poultry House, 1 Motor Box, 1 Table, 6 Tool Boxes, 1 Locker, 1 Step Ladder, 1 Kitchen Paddle, 1 Post 8x8, and 1 Window sash. Built 1 Platform in Chapel, 1 Stand in Hibernian Hall for Chorus. Put moulding around organ, and made casing for same.

Repaired Chapel and Dormitory floors, garden fence, gate, 4 Screen Doors 11 Doors, 16 pairs Window Blinds, 1 Book Case, 1 Wash stand, 1 Truck, 1 Step Ladder, 86 Chairs, 5 Tables, 4 Benches, 2 Beds, 1 Wardrobe, and 1061 pairs of Shoes.

Repaired and replaced 15 Locks.

**GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT**

Made 85 Summer dresses, 325 Fall and Winter dresses, 136 Middy blouses, 595 Boys' Shirt Waists, 65 Rompers, 18 pairs Pantaloons, 44 Aprons, 1728 Boys' and Girls' Underwear, 170 pairs of Garters.

Hemmed 403 Doilies and Table Cloths, 1002 Sheets, Towels, Pillow Cases, and Bed Ticks. Suits and Dresses altered and repaired, 1027.

An unusually large number of stockings were darned, and garments mended this year, and every article worn or used is marked in this department.
The Laundry work has been done by three women, with the aid of the girls, who handled 1,166,025 pieces.

On the 14th of August 1918, the Rev. Virgil C. Dibble, for twenty-six years a member of the Board of Commissioners, died at Marion, S. C., greatly regretted by his associates of the Board. For many years he was an efficient member of the School Committee.

S. E. WELCH, Chairman.
A. B. MURRAY,
SAM'L. G. STONEY,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
A. T. SMYTHE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND DISCIPLINE

The Committee on Improvements 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.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

S. E. WELCH, I. W. HIRSCH,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS, D. B. HENDERSON,
S. G. STONEY, A. B. MURRAY,
F. Q. O'NEILL, ROBT. C. LEBBY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

Your Committee makes no recommendation, as they find economy practiced in all departments and a disposition on the part of the management to retrench wherever possible.

We are unable, after investigation, to note or suggest any necessity for reform.

Respectfully submitted,
F. Q. O'NEILL, Chairman.
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
D. B. HENDERSON,
R. H. DURYEA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS

In addition to the large amount of repairs and upkeep work, necessary from day to day on a large institution and plant of this kind, the following new work has been done during the past year under the direction of Mr. Barton:

New Shed built in North Yard.
Boiler Furnaces relined and repaired.
Brick Stack of Boiler Room, raised 15 feet in order to improve draft, this has proved very effective, and will result in much more satisfactory steaming and the saving of much fuel. It was necessary to build scaffolding 65 feet in height around the stack and in all of this work the boys were most active and efficient.

The boys assisted materially in the labor of installing the "King Memorial Organ" in the Chapel and were highly commended by the parties in charge of this work. The Cupola of main building was thoroughly repaired and repainted. A very large portion of all of the above work was done by our boys.

The Committee contemplate other important improvements and repairs, but did not deem it advisable to undertake same during the period of the war and the abnormally high prices of material now ruling; it is probable that these important improvements will be made during 1919.

Mr. Barton's unfailing interest and thorough knowledge of "how to do things," has been of the greatest value to the institution and the Committee extends to him their hearty thanks and commendation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. G. STONEY, Chairman.
D. B. HENDERSON,
I. W. HIRSCH,
PAUL W. SANDERS.

REPORT OF THE PURVEYANCE COMMITTEE

Salaries, Supplies and Expenses.

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Meat ........................................ 1,094.79
Dry Goods, Shoes, etc .......... 2,034.04
Milk ....................................... 1,706.85
Repairs .................................. 1,725.93
Salaries .................................. 9,362.62
Petty Cash ............................... 1,500.00
Fuel ...................................... 3,956.51
Books, Printing, etc .............. 52.71
Lights .................................... 127.24
Drugs ..................................... 167.98
Miscellaneous ......................... 209.16
Fire Insurance ......................... 947.27

$31,293.74

Physician’s salary, paid by City Treasurer .......... 700.00

$31,993.74

The garden in the Spring and Summer gave substantial assistance in the matter of food supply. The Fall crop was practically a failure. The boys assisted the Gardener cheerfully and faithfully.

The following vegetables were furnished:
118 Bunches of turnips (10 to the bunch).
144 Bunches of beets (10 to the bunch).
1043 Bunches of carrots (10 to the bunch).
6 1/2 Barrels of carrots
26 Bushels of okra.
6 Bushels of Lima beans.
69 Dozen of onions.
7 1/2 Dozen of egg plants.
68 Dozen ears of corn.
12 Bushels of green peas.
60 Bushels of snap beans.
3 Barrels of sweet potatoes.
9 Dozen of white squash.
6 Dozen of cucumbers.
226 Dozen of tomatoes.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. HENDERSON,
*Chairman.*

R. H. DURYEA,
B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
PAUL W. SANDERS.

Purveyance Committee

**REPORT OF BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE**

The Binding-Out Committee respectfully submits the following report of admissions to and discharges from the Orphan House, during the year ending December 31, 1918.

Boys admitted, 19; Girls, 23. Total 42
Boys, discharged, 44; Girls, 32. Total 76.

Three of the boys, discharged, and two of the girls had secured good positions before leaving the Home.

The other children were given to relatives who were able to take care of them, and with very few exceptions, are attending school.

ROBT. C. LEBBY, *Chairman.*
I. W. HIRSCH,
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHER,
A. B. MURRAY.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

The Committee on Library begs to report that there are now in the Library 5320 volumes and 515 pamphlets and magazines.

Since the last report there have been added to the Library 20 books and 40 magazines.

The Children draw from the Library regularly throughout the year, but in the summer vacation devote more time to reading, under the supervision of the Librarian, the assistant teachers and the older girls assisting by reading suitable books to the younger children.

Two thousand, nine hundred and eighteen books have been drawn during the year.

A. B. MURRAY, Chairman.
ROBT. H. DURYEA,
F. Q. O'NEILL,
A. T. SMYTHE.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL.

The Sabbath afternoon services in the Chapel, have been interrupted several times during the year. For six weeks in January and February, in order to save fuel, and from August 4 to September 8, while the new organ was being installed, services were held in the Main School Room.

From October 6 to November 10, in obedience to orders of the Board of Health, there was neither Sunday morning school, nor afternoon Chapel service.

In addition to the City Clergy, the following have officiated: Revs. J. E. Brokenshire, D. D., O. E. Clement, D. D., and C. C. McNeill, D. D., Chaplains U. S. Navy

The new organ has proved quite an addition, and the children sing with their usual sweetness and spirit.

The Committee returns thanks to all of the Clergy (resident and visiting) who have so cheerfully responded to the requests to officiate in the Chapel.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS,  
Chairman.

S. E. WELCH,  
F. Q. O'NEILL  
A. T. SMYTHE.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

As Chairman of the Board it becomes my duty to transmit to you the foregoing financial statements and the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1918.

On January 1, 1918, there were in the House:

Boys, 129; Girls, 122. Total, 251.

Admissions during the year:

Boys, 19; Girls, 23. Total, 42.

Withdrawals during the year:

Boys, 48; Girls, 33. Total, 81.

Highest number on Register during the year:

Boys, 134; Girls, 123. Total, 257.

On December 31, 1918, there were in the House:

Boys, 100; Girls, 112. Total, 212.

On May 25th, Charlie Willis passed away, having suffered from complications and obscure brain trouble; with this exception the health of the children during
the first nine months was excellent.

In October the Home was visited by an epidemic of Spanish Influenza; from which four children passed away—all died of pneumonia.

Paul Kelley, 16 years old, died on Oct. 12.
Mildred Cox, 5½ years old, on Oct. 20.
Brunges Borounich, 5½ years old, on Oct. 23.
Ralph Bunch, Oct., 25.

During six weeks, when the epidemic was at its worst, the exercises of the school were suspended, and the entire executive staff was on duty in the hospital.

The Principal, Assistant Principal, Teachers and Matrons and all of our colored help were devoted in their care of the children; everything was done that was possible for their comfort. I cannot too highly commend their unselfish loyalty during these strenuous hours of long continued service. At one time the strain upon the Home Staff was so great that a group of young women of the city was organized to go to the House on a moment’s call—but their services were not required. It is assuring to know, however, that in times of distress there are friends who are willing to leave every duty to respond to the call of the Orphan House.

The spirit which I met in selecting and organizing this group of young women was splendid and we make our acknowledgments to the young ladies who were ready to help the orphans if necessary.

During the year Dr. B. A. Muckenfuss, as has long been his custom, cared for the teeth of the children, and Dr. John F. Townsend, while Dr. Chas. W. Kollock was abroad in service in the Army, gave of his time and experience in looking after the ears, eyes and throats of the children. We are grateful for this help rendered,
and are pleased to make acknowledgment of it.

The Sunday School, under the Superintendency of Mr. C. O. Getty, who was assisted by Messrs F. S. Muller, Milton Kennedy, and Jackson Herbert and members of the Home Staff did effective work during the year.

We are glad to report that our wards Lucia Hutchison, who represents the Home at Lander College and W. H. Newton, our young man at Clemson College, are accrediting themselves honorably and are maintaining the reputation which Orphan House Children at college have long enjoyed.

The Orphan House is fortunate in being in position to offer the advantages of a College education to those who are willing to prepare themselves for it.

The May Song Festival, organized and successfully carried through by our Musical Director, Miss Ella Isabel Hyams, was acclaimed a marked success by the overflowing audience at Hibernian Hall, which met to greet the children in their annual appearance before the Charleston public.

The special feature of the attractive programme was the cantata "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," in which the participants showed to their best, their performance being most creditable.

The marked improvement of the children in their music brought expressions of the highest praise to Miss Hyams, their devoted instructor.

During the year our most noted visitor was the Hon. Thomas Mott Osborne, world-recognized prison reformer and philanthropist, who thrilled the children with his address and music.

Suitable recreation has been provided throughout the year; the annual picnic at Otranto still stands out as a
day all to itself, looked forward to and enjoyed by all from year to year.

The executors of the Estate of the late Mrs. Deborah K. Cramer, made payment in December of the balance due the Commissioners under her will, being $2,700.28, as will be seen by referring to the statement of the fund under the head of Trust Estates in this report.

All betterment work or improvements to the plant of the House were suspended at the beginning of the war, the funds usually available for these purposes having since been used in supplementing the maintenance funds provided by City Council, the high war prices making it necessary to take this course as the soaring war costs of food and material were seriously felt by the authorities of the Orphan House.

There is one improvement to record, however, means for which were provided by the late Miss Ellen King, devoted teacher and instructor of music in the Home, who left, after spending more than seventy years in the Orphan House, five thousand dollars, which as a memorial to her was invested in an organ for the Chapel.

The Committee on music, following the advice of the Organist and Instructor of Music, Miss Ella I. Hyams, made a contract with the J. W. Steere & Sons Organ Co. of Springfield, Mass., and I am glad to commend their work, for the new organ is all that could be desired.

In December the Orphan House Funds and Estate were increased by a bequest from the late Mary Elizabeth Van Winkle of ten thousand dollars of the City of Charleston four per cent. bonds, and thirteen hundred and seventy-eight 96-100 Dollars in cash.

The Board of Commissioners have suffered a substantial loss in the death of Commissioner Virgil C. Dibble, who for more than twenty-six years was faithful
to every duty in his work among the orphans of Charleston.

Suitable resolutions as a tribute to his memory, adopted by the Board, may be found on the last page of this report.

All exactions incident to the war have been met by children and authorities, with cheerful and uncomplaining spirit.

In closing this report I am glad to thank all of our assistants and helpers who have rendered loyal service during the year in which the strain has been more than usual on account of the epidemic of influenza and the difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of helpers imbued with missionary spirit, required in the conduct of an Orphan Home.

Soldier and sailor boys, former wards of the Orphan House have conducted themselves creditably to the nation on land and on sea, and our girls as trained nurses and in War Work service have faithfully done their duty. Considering every condition, I think we may well be satisfied with the results of the work of the year.

Fully appreciating the honor conferred upon me by City Council and the Board of Commissioners, and pledging my best efforts at all times in conserving the interests of the Charleston Orphan House, I beg to remain,

Respectfully,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House.
IN MEMORIAM

VIRGIL CORNELIUS DIBBLE.

Born in Charleston, S. C., September 8, 1841—Died at Marion, S. C., August 14, 1918.

Educated at the Charleston High School, he graduated under Dr. Henry M. Bruns and entered Charleston College in 1858. When his State seceded from the Union, December 20, 1860 he joined the Zonave Cadets, under Capt. C. E. Chichester and was present with his Company at the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Before the organization of the Confederate forces, he returned to College and graduated with honors in 1862. Soon after graduation he joined Co. "D" of the 5th S. C. Cavalry Regiment, Butler's Brigade of Wade Hampton's Division. He was several times commended for bravery and his comrades in arms spoke in warmest terms of his courage, cheerfulness and courtesy, at all times. In the great cavalry fight at Trevilian Station in Virginia, he was severely wounded, losing his left arm, which incapacitated him for further service.

Returning to the city some time after the close of the war, he was elected third Assistant Teacher in the High School, continuing his connection with it until 1898 when ill-health necessitated his withdrawal. During his incumbency the High School passed through a very critical period of its history. The teachers resigned, leaving Mr. Dibble alone and for a time it was feared that the school could not be continued, but through the earnest efforts of Chancellor Henry D. Lesesne, Rev. C. C. Pinckney, D. D., Hon. W. D. Porter, Super-
visor, Gen. John A. Wagener, Mayor; Mr. James H. Taylor and several of the Aldermen, the school was reorganized and Mr. V. C. Dibble was elected Principal. During all of these dark days, Mr. Dibble never lost faith or courage. He was connected with the school for nearly thirty-two years—twenty-eight years of which he was Head Master.

Sometime after resigning from the High School, he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) and was elected Chaplain of the Port Society, which position he held for seven years. In 1892 he was elected a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House, and served faithfully in all of the responsible duties which he was called upon to discharge. As a Commissioner he ever sought the best interest of this noble institution and his associates of the Board of Commissioners deplore the death of one who had so long been identified with the welfare of the Charleston Orphan House.

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