CHARLESTON
ORPHAN HOUSE
FOUNDED 1790

130th
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE YEAR
1920
CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

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CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1, 1921.

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 1920; 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, 1920, 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 31, 1920:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>To amount received from interest on Public Fund</td>
<td>$9,087.75</td>
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<tr>
<td>To amount received from interest on W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>To amount received from Commissioners Trust Fund</td>
<td>5,593.53</td>
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<tr>
<td>To amount received from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie</td>
<td>1,714.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>To amount received from City Council</td>
<td>29,936.65</td>
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<td><strong>$48,331.93</strong></td>
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Expenditures

By amount expended as per returns to City Council .................................................. $38,524.40
By amount Physicians' salaries .................. 2,500.00
By amount expended from Commissioners Trust Fund ............................................. 7,307.53

$48,331.93

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

Transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House Funds and Estate, year ending December 31, 1920.

Receipts

To Balance Trustees ........................................ $27,342.48
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund .......... 23,700.47

$51,042.95

To Trustees:

12 mos. interest on $211,500 City 4% Bonds, July, 1920, and Jan., 1921 .......................... 8,460.00
Interest on Deposit, 12 mos. ........ 627.75
Interest on $50,000.00 Liberty Bonds .......................................................... 1,062.50

To W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:

12 mos. interest on $11,000.00 City of Columbia 5% Bonds .... $ 550.00
12 mos. interest on 98,000.00 City 4% Bonds ................................. 3,920.00
12 mos. interest on $10,000.00 City
4% Sewerage Bonds.................. 400.00
Interest on Deposit, 12 mos........ 600.38  5,470.38

$66,663.58

Expenditures

By Trustees:
Paid over to City for current expenses .......................$10,834.06
Purchase $25,000.00 Liberty Bonds .......................... 21,561.72

$ 32,395.78

By W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:
Paid over to City for current expenses .......................$ 2,000.00
Purchase $25,000.00 Liberty Bonds .......................... 21,561.73

23,561.73

By Balance Trustees.........................$ 5,096.95
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund........ 5,609.12  10,706.07

$66,663.58

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. SMITH, City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

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

Assets

Trustees Cash...............................$ 5,096.95
City of Charleston 4% Bonds........... 211,500.00
Liberty Bonds .......................... 25,000.00

$241,596.95
W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:

Cash .......................................................... $ 5,609.12
City of Charleston 4% Bonds ............. 98,000.00
City of Charleston 4% Sewerage .......... 10,000.00
City of Columbia 5% Bonds .............. 11,000.00
Liberty Bonds ................................................. 25,000.00

$149,609.12

W. J. BENNETT MEMORIAL FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1920

Memo—
1905—Bonds purchased ...................................... $ 2,000.00
1906—Bonds purchased .................................... 2,100.00
1907—Bonds purchased .................................... 2,200.00
1908—Bonds purchased .................................... 2,300.00
1909—Bonds purchased .................................... 1,000.00
1911—Bonds purchased .................................... 5,400.00
1912—Bonds purchased .................................... 1,500.00
1913—Bonds purchased .................................... 2,500.00
1920—Bonds purchased .................................... 25,000.00
1920—Cash in Bank ........................................... 5,609.12

$ 49,609.12

Original Donation ........................................... 100,000.00

$149,609.12

Cash in bank at 5% daily deposit.
Respectfully submitted,
W. S. SMITH,
City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman Charleston Orphan House and Trustee Orphan House Funds 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 Kinloch, Treasurer, and deposited in lock box at the Atlantic Savings Bank, this November 22, 1920.

38 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each $1,000 $38,000
64 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each 500 32,000
3 City of Charleston 4 1/2% Bonds, each 500 1,500
2 City of Columbia 4 1/2% Bonds, each 1,000 2,000
4 City of Florence 5% Bonds, each 1,000 4,000

Property of the Francis J. Pelzer Memorial Fund—5 United States 2nd Liberty Loan Bonds, Converted 4 1/4%, each $1,000 5,000

Property of the Adolph F. C. Cramer Memorial Scholarship Fund—5 United States 4th Liberty Loan Bonds, Converted 4 1/4%, each $1,000 5,000

Property of the Dr. William H. Huger Scholarship Fund—5 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each, $1,000 5,000

1 Certificate for 5 shares Walker, Evans & Cogswell Stock, par 500

1 Certificate for 14 shares Bank of Charleston Stock, par 1,400

1 Certificate for 20 shares Magnolia Cemetery Stock, par 2,000

1 Deed for six lots in Magnolia Cemetery.

TRUST ESTATE OF DOCTOR ROBERT L. BRODIE

In October, 1920, the Hon. Jos. W. Barnwell, Trustee of 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 $90,075.00
In bonds of municipalities in South Carolina 38,000.00
On deposit in banks 3.25
Trustee's sale of two-fifths interest in lands in San Francisco, Cal., in the hands of the administrator in California 10,000.00
Rents collected, also in the hands of the administrator 900.00
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 above named orphanages.

Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31, 1920.

Dr.
To Balance from last account $ 758.72
To Interest on Securities 4,285.26
To Income from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie 1,714.00
To Bequest from A. C. Kaufman 500.00
To Donation from a Citizen 200.00

$7,457.98
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By Paid salaries of Officers and Teachers $3,202.00
" expenses of College students 1,074.01
" care lot Magnolia Cemetery 41.00
" bank box rent and City Directory 22.00
" Otis Elevator Co. inspection of elevator 72.56
" printing Annual Reports 63.00
" electric motors 339.00
" Bank of Charleston, subscription to stock rights 700.00
" medical apparatus and supplies 205.16
" expenses annual picnic 264.55
" music lessons and books 117.00
" expenses song festival 55.35
" memorial tablets and pictures 36.75
" donations to officers and employees 1,017.00
" school books and prizes 62.30
" floral tributes 6.00
" drayages and repairs to organ 20.50
" legal papers, postages, etc 9.35

$7,307.53

Balance in bank 150.45

$7,457.98

Examined and found correct.

I. W. HIRSCH, Chairman  
SAMUEL G. STONEY

S. E. WELCH  
ROBT. C. LEBBY

Committee.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS

The 130th Anniversary of the Charleston Orphan House was celebrated in the school room on the afternoon of October 21st. There was a goodly company of visitors present, among whom were his Honor Mayor John P. Grace and Mayor pro tem, Daniel L. Sinkler, with the Board of Commissioners.

The neat and tidy dresses of the girls and the trim appearance of the boys, all with their bright and smiling faces, attracted general attention and favorable comment. Their prompt responses and intense interest in the exercises showed the careful training of their Superintendent, Miss Mary L. LeQueux, and her capable assistants.

The year has been a busy one—study and work have filled the hours, though not neglecting the time for outdoor exercise and play. The annual picnic in April on the beautiful grounds of Otranto was an occasion of unalloyed pleasure.

On the 25th of May a public exhibition of the musical talent of the children was given at the Hibernian Hall to a large and appreciative audience. A long and varied "song festival" was faultlessly rendered—a remarkable evidence of memory and musical training, reflecting great credit upon the skill and patience of their teacher, Miss Ella Isabel Hyams.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, at the "laying of the corner stone" of the "Greater Citadel" by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, the children of the Charleston Orphan House gave further evidence of their musical talent by singing all of the songs and hymns used on that occasion, for which they were complimented by the Grand Master of Masons, Hon. S. T. Lanham and also by the Governor of the State, Hon. Robert A. Cooper.
At the anniversary celebration, October 21st, the songs, recitations and presentation of prizes were beautifully arranged and carried out according to the following:

**Program**

Welcome Song, by the School.
Prayer, by the Rev. T. G. Herbert.
Recitation, 27th Psalm, by the School.
Anthem, “Praise ye the Father,” by the School.
Recitations and Quotations, by a number of pupils.
The “Shepherd Song,” by the School.
Presentation of the Bennett Medal by Mayor John P. Grace, to Charles Blitch, for scholarship, attendance and conduct.
Presentation of the prizes for industry and fidelity to Kathleen Blitch and Dennis Salisbury, by the Chairman, George W. Williams.
Song “The Angel,” by the School.
Presentation of prizes for the Industrial Department to Delphin Murphy, Collie Martin, Eliza Sonnichsen and Dora Sonnichsen, by Vice-Chairman, Samuel G. Stoney.
Presentation of the W. P. Cart Co. Medal for Efficiency to Annie Ligon, by Mayor pro tem. Daniel L. Sinkler.
Presentation of the Carrington-Thomas Medal for General Helpfulness to Mabel Garner and Warren Thompson, by Chairman G. W. Williams.
Anthem, “Lift Thine Eyes,” by the School.
The Chairman requested the children and audience to stand while he paid a tribute of respect to the memory of John Robertson, the founder of the Charleston Orphan House, October 18, 1790; to W. Jefferson Bennett; William C. Bee and Miss Agnes K. Irving.
Presentation of School Premiums by the Commissioners of the Committee on School.
Anniversary Anthem, by the School.
Benediction, by Rev. T. G. Herbert.

**School Premiums**

**Second Class**

Fletcher Mazyck

**Third Class**

- First Premium: **Ruth Ruble**
- Second Premium: **Kathleen Blitch**
- Third Premium: **Eliza Sonnichsen**

**Fourth Class**

- First Premium: **Ruth Byrd**
- Second Premium: **Nellie Rourk**
- Third Premium: **Georgie Murphy**

**Fifth Class**

- First Premium: **Hazel Ruble**
- Second Premium: **Margaret Mitchell**
- Third Premium: **Azalea Serreo**

**Sixth Class**

- First Premium: **Leo Anderson**
- Second Premium: **Leila Ballentine**
- Third Premium: **Lola Mintz**
- Fourth Premium: **Maggie Parker**

**Seventh Class**

- First Premium: **Allen Russell**
- Second Premium: **Rebecca Scott**
- Third Premium: **Josephine Witherington**
- Fourth Premium: **Carl Garner**
ADVANCED EIGHTH CLASS

First Premium.................................................Rosina Thornley
Second Premium..........................................Odessa Ballentine
Third Premium..............................................George Basha

REPORT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Highest number of scholars on register during the year:
Boys, 100; Girls, 114. Total, 214.
The average attendance at school during the year:
Boys, 92; Girls, 105. Total, 197.
Admitted during the year:
Boys, 21; Girls, 23. Total, 44.
Discharged during the year:
Boys, 17; Girls, 17. Total, 34.

Of the 44 children admitted to the school during the year, 41 entered the Kindergarten or the lowest primary grade.

Examinations are held every two months, and promotions are made in February and July; in this way the upper classes are somewhat larger than they were last year.

Miss Lucia Hutchinson, who graduated at Lander College last May, took her place at once in our school as a teacher.

William H. Newton, in his senior year at Clemson College, has made a very satisfactory progress in his studies.

In September, Jennie Oplan, a very promising student in music, entered the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, where she is doing very excellent work.
Boys' Industrial Department

In this department, the larger boys, though fewer in number than last year, have given considerable assistance. They made 1 medicine cabinet; 1 window frame; 1 axe handle; 1 push hoe; 1 desk; 1 form for bricklayer, and built scaffold for the same; 1 platform; 7 small tables; 1 door and window screen and new cover for hot house. Also repaired 22 door and window screens, back gate, stairways to boys' dormitories; 7 tables, chapel wall, small gate, 11 doors; washing machine, 7 chairs; 3 wheelbarrows; bedstead, bureau and washstand; 3 bookcases and 25 locks. They also put the manhole plates on the large boiler; 100 feet 1½ inch water pipe and 200 feet ¾ inch steam pipe. Repaired the water system to the boys' toilet; removed the water and steam pipes in the bath house and repaired the playground apparatus; mended 803 pairs of shoes; put in 323 window lights and sash cords in 90 windows.

Girls' Industrial Department

In this department a large amount of work has been accomplished, the thoroughness and efficiency of which is shown in the neat and tidy appearance of the children. There were 151 summer dresses, 185 fall and winter dresses, 22 middy blouses, 236 boys' shirt waists, 25 rompers, 770 boys' and girls' underwear, 282 pairs garters; 885 sheets, pillowcases, towels and bedticks hemmed, also 194 doilies and tablecloths. And 773 suits and dresses were altered and repaired. An unusual 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 help of the girls, who handled 956,420 pieces.

A very creditable year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. WELCH, Chairman
F. Q. O'NEILL

S. E. WELCH, Chairman
F. Q. O'NEILL

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
S. G. STONEY
F. Q. O'NEILL

I. W. HIRSCl
D. B. HENDERSON
A. B. MURRAY

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.

F. Q. O'NEILL, Chairman
ROBT. C. LEBBY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS


In addition to the numerous minor repairs incident to the proper maintenance of as large a plant as this institution, the following important work has been done during the past year:

Trenching and laying new pipe across King St. for water connection; calcimining and painting eight dormitories; calcimining and painting four lavatories and four rooms; repairing front wall on Calhoun Street; repairing furnace to large boiler; overhauling and repairing slate roof of main building; new valleys and repairing gutter to chapel; installing gas range and sterilizer in hospital.

Contract has been made for new boiler and attachments to replace boiler No. 1, which has been in use for thirty years, and advised that it be replaced by a new boiler, by Boiler Insurance Co.

All of this work has been done satisfactorily and thoroughly under the supervision of Mr. Barton, with the able assistance of Mr. Hoffman and some of the older boys.
In closing this report, we must again express our appreciation of the efficient, economical and skillful execution of this work by Mr. Barton, and of his unflagging interest in the welfare of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. G. STONEY, Chairman
D. B. HENDERSON
I. W. HIRSCH
PAUL W. SANDERS
Committee on Repairs.

REPORT OF THE PURVEYANCE COMMITTEE

Statement of expenditures for the year 1920:

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<td>Groceries, soap, etc.</td>
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<td>Bread</td>
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<td>Meat</td>
<td>1,045.50</td>
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<td>Dry goods, shoes, etc.</td>
<td>2,543.83</td>
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<td>Milk</td>
<td>1,775.70</td>
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<td>Repairs</td>
<td>1,898.26</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>13,760.50</td>
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<td>Petty cash</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<td>Fuel</td>
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<td>Books, printing, etc.</td>
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<td>Lights</td>
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<td>Drugs</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td>Fire Insurance</td>
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<td>Physicians’ salaries</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$41,024.40</td>
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The garden in the spring and summer gave substantial assistance in the matter of food supply. The fall crop,
owing to the drought, was a failure. The boys assisted the gardener cheerfully and faithfully.

The following vegetables were furnished:

220 bunches of turnips (10 to the bunch).
181 bunches of beets, (10 to the bunch).
893 bunches of carrots (10 to the bunch).
99 bunches of radishes.
19 bushels of okra.
53 bushels of string beans
8 bushels of lima beans.
2½ bushels of sweet bell peppers.
78 dozen tomatoes.
58 dozen white squash.
50 dozen egg plant.
135 dozen ears of corn.
102 dozen onions.
6 dozen cucumbers.
15 dozen mangoes.
1 barrel of sweet potatoes.

Yours very respectfully,

D. B. HENDERSON, Chairman
PAUL W. SANDERS

R. H. DURYEA
G. B. BUELL

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, 1920:

Boys admitted, 20; Girls, 23. Total, 43.
Boys discharged, 18; Girls, 20. Total, 38.
Eight of those discharged were older children who have
secured positions—the others were given to their relatives, whose circumstances have improved, and, as a rule, are attending school.

ROBT. C. LEBBY, Chairman
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

The Committee on Library begs leave to report that there are now in the Library 5,422 volumes and 579 pamphlets and magazines.

Since the last report there have been added to the Library 82 volumes and 50 magazines.

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

Two thousand three hundred and eight books have been drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. MURRAY, Chairman
R. H. DURYEA

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL

There has been no interruption during the year to the Sabbath afternoon services. In addition to the city clergy, the following have officiated: Chaplain H. Starr Lloyd, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, D.D., Rev. E. C. Murray, D.D., Rev. George E. Moorehouse, Rev. W. L. Buckley, Mr. C R. Boucher and Mr. W. B. Wilbur.
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.

On December 19, a beautiful and inspiring Christmas service was enjoyed by a very large congregation—many being turned away for lack of accommodation.

The following was the order of service:

Organ Prelude.
Carol—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Psalm xxiii.
Carol—"O Have ye Heard the Tidings"—16th Century Carol.
Carol—"God Rest you, Merry Gentlemen"—Old English Carol.
Scripture Reading.
Lighting of Tree.
Carol—"Gloria"—Old French Carol.
Carol—"Low in a Manger."
Carol—"Silent Night"—Old German Carol.
Scripture Reading.
Carol—"Three Kings of Orient"—Traditional Carol.
Prayer.
Carol—"Good King Wenceslas"—Old English Carol.
The Message of the Christmas Tree—Chaplain Starr Lloyd, U. S. N.
Carol—"A Spray Arose to Glory"—16th Century Carol.
Hymn—"Joy to the World."
Benediction.
Postlude.
Choir of Children’s Voices, directed by Miss E. I. Hyams, assisted by Mr. Arthur Speissegger, Organist.

G. B. BUell, Chairman  S. E. WELCH
A. T. SMYTHE  F. Q. O’NEILL
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

As Chairman of the Board it becomes my duty to submit 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 1920.

On January 1, 1920, there were in the House:
   Boys, 101; Girls, 112. Total, 213.
Admissions during the year:
   Boys, 20; Girls, 23. Total, 43.
Withdrawals during the year:
   Boys, 18; Girls, 20. Total, 38.
Highest number on register during the year:
   Boys, 106; Girls, 115. Total, 221.
On December 31, 1920, there were in the House:
   Boys, 103; Girls, 115. Total, 218.

For more than two years there have been no deaths to record. In the last twenty years there have been sixteen deaths in the Home, seven of these who died came to us too feeble, when admitted, to be saved; four died when there were over two hundred cases of Spanish influenza in the Home during the epidemic of October, 1918. Only five children, therefore, during these twenty years, have passed away owing to normal or natural causes. This is a remarkable record when one considers the neglected and enfeebled condition of many of the children at the time of their admission. Well regulated living, properly balanced food and watchful and devoted care by those in authority, have in fullest measure contributed to these good results.

Dr. T. Grange Simons, physician in charge, has during the year answered all calls made upon him besides his
regular daily visits to the House. Each week at the meeting, reports of the health of the children have been made by him to the Board. His attentions have, as in the past, been regular and constant.

The operating room with necessary hospital equipment, over which Dr. Charles W. Kollock has in charge the care of the ears, eyes, throat and nose, has more than justified its being, for the work performed by Dr. Kollock has been of untold benefit to the children. He reports that the eyes, ears, noses and throats of all the children have been carefully examined and where trouble was found that they were treated accordingly. Besides operating for the removal of tonsils, he reports that 28 children have been fitted with glasses, 41 were treated for follicular conjunctivitis, 29 for chronic catarrhal conjunctivitis; 63 operations for removal of adenoids. We are pleased that this department of the work is to continue.

Mindful of the fact that so many of the ills of later life are now attributed to the lack of attention to the teeth of children, was the impelling force which caused us to install in October, 1919, a dental clinic with Dr. R. McLiever Wilbur dentist in charge. The special care and attention which the children have daily received in their own perfectly equipped office in the Home, have strengthened us in our determination to keep this department among the first in our work. Dr. Wilbur maintains daily regular visits to the Home. All the children have had careful supervision, and the teeth of each child have been inspected every three months. In his most excellent report of the work of the year Dr. Wilbur says: "The best and kindest co-operation is given me by the heads of the Institution. Frequent and regular supervision I believe to be imperative. Frequency of examination prevents the manifestation and
development of dental lesions and large destruction of
tooth tissue, especially in the first permanent tooth, the
six year molar, the tooth of supreme consideration in the
dental arch. Regularity reduces the number of visits a
child must make in a given operation and thus eliminates
most of the dread, fatigue and nervous strain of the child.
No longer is the care of children's teeth regarded as inci­
dental in office practice, something to be hastily slighted.
It is known to be of tremendous importance. A healthy
mouth is important to a healthy child. The colleges are
now introducing special courses for exclusive children's
dentistry, recognizing the prime importance of early and
systematic and persistent care of the child during the period
of imperfect calcification of its dental organs." During
the year the statistics furnished by Dr. Wilbur show:
Amalgam fillings, 184; cement fillings, 25; prophylaxis,
380; extraction (permanent), 14; extraction (temporary),
150.

The Sunday School, under the superintendency of Mr.
C. O. Getty, General Secretary of the Young Men's Chris­
tian Association, continues to do good work. In addition
to the resident teachers, Mr. Getty has as his associates
Mr. Fred S. Muller and Mr. Milton B. Kennedy. To all
of these helpers we are indebted for their interest and aid
in conducting the Sunday School.

The success which has come to Miss Ella I. Hyams, our
organist, and instructor in music is now so generally rec­
ognized that the Orphan House choir, under her training
is frequently invited to sing. One of these invitations
was accepted when, on November 25th, they sang at the
exercises of the laying of the corner-stone of the Greater
Citadel at Hampton Park by the Grand Lodge of Ancient
Free Masons. The attendance at the Song Festival in May
and the Christmas carol service, when hall and chapel were filled to overflowing, showed the desire of the public to hear and to see the children of the Orphan House choir.

During the year the Home has been visited by many persons who were much interested and expressed themselves as greatly pleased. Among the most representative were former Governor Bourne of Rhode Island, the Hon. Thomas Mott Osborne and Hon. Benjamin Lindsay, Judge of the Juvenile Court of Denver, whose recognized success in handling juveniles has not only made him a world character, but has been used in blazing an entirely new way in dealing with the delinquent child problem.

From Henry Buist, Esqr., executor, we received for the Private Fund five hundred dollars left in his will by the late A. C. Kaufman.

Lucia Hutchinson, our college girl, graduated in June from Lander College. W. Harry Newton will graduate from Clemson in 1921. Jennie Oplan is now a student of music at Peabody Institute in Baltimore. All of these representatives of the Orphan House have made good use of their time and opportunities and have been a credit to the Home.

Sufficient recreation has not been lacking; the picnic at Otranto, a lawn party in July, an afternoon at Ashley Park, as the guests of the Order of Elks, a Christmas entertainment on board of the U. S. Ship Bridgeport, gave much pleasure to the children, who entered heartily in the varied forms of innocent amusement planned for them. With the visits from their friends at stated periods, with a day out at regular intervals, accorded those who have proper connections and with such recreation as was offered throughout the year, the lives of the children have been blessed with their proportion of the bright side. To the
"unfortunate" children who are so fortunate as to become members of our large family as wards of the City, I can truly say that they enjoy advantages which many children outside of this Home cannot have. With the protection of their health, with the careful training of the mind which is theirs if they will but take it, surrounded by proper Christian influences, every child has a chance, and it is a source of untold satisfaction that so many succeed. I am not sorry for any child in the Charleston Orphan House.

I am glad to express my deep appreciation of the work of the Board of Commissioners. Every member has taken a deep personal interest in the work; in addition to the service rendered by each individual, much has been accomplished as a board, for it planned and has brought things to pass. In recognition of its accomplishments I am glad to mention some of the most important betterments effected under its administration, which are as follows:

The remodeling of the hospital and an appointment of a specialist in charge of the ears, eyes, throat and nose. The establishment of a dental clinic, with a dentist in charge. The rebuilding of vital portions of the sanitary system; the construction of substantial fire escapes; the installation of fire alarm boxes connected with the general system of the city and electric lights. The distribution of fire extinguishers and fire hydrants throughout the building; the installation of a new system of steam heating, which has displaced all stoves in the Home; the introduction of a private interdepartment telephone exchange; the creation of an industrial school in which are taught such useful arts as shoemaking, blacksmithing, wood-turning, bench tool work, drilling, painting, carpentry, mattress and chair making, plumbing, tinning and the like. The erection of a modern brick and cement kitchen fully equipped,
where the older girls may have the advantages of domestic training; this branch of the work for girls in addition to sewing, teaching and caring for the younger children, enables them by actual practice to fit themselves for any position they may be called upon to occupy in after life. The transformation of the upper portion of the large assembly hall into several well-lighted and ventilated school rooms, without in the least degree impairing the usefulness of the architectural lines of the hall. The overhauling and rebuilding of the children's dining rooms, which have been practically made over. The planting in the grounds in front of the house of a well selected equipment of modern playground apparatus from the best factories in the country. The erection of a spacious brick and cement building, equipped with every modern appliance, where the children may, after their shower baths, enjoy a dip in a spacious pool in which every child is taught to swim. The installation of a passenger elevator and a new organ for the chapel. The organ being a gift of a deceased former Orphan House girl. Sewing machine motors, bread slicing, dish washing and laundry machines, all electrically propelled are among the lesser additions for time saving.

In carrying these betterments to the plant into effect, I am glad to report that the means for most of them came from our own funds and the cost of them has therefore not added greatly to the burden of taxation.

To Miss Mary L. LeQueux I am glad to make acknowledgment of our appreciation of her devoted and tactful management of the Home, with its life so full of the varied duties which come not only with the days but with the nights of every day of the year. Her long experience has
been of untold benefit in shaping the affairs of this great Home.

To Mrs. Elizabeth L. Payne, her assistant, to Mr. St. John P. Kinloch, secretary and treasurer, and to Mr. Ashley L. Barton, engineer, and to each of the loyal helpers in every department of the work, I am glad to say that in constant daily contact and association with them, that I know and appreciate how devoted they have been during the year in carrying on this splendid work of service.

Personally, as I look back over the twelve months, I am grateful to report that we have in as modest and thorough way as possible followed the paths which we have thought best, and I trust that in doing so that we have merited the well done of his Honor the Mayor, the City Council, and the people of Charleston, who have so generously placed this Home in our keeping.

In closing, I once more pledge my best efforts in caring for these orphans, whose interests come first with me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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