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Amount brought forward.	\$ 4,587 30
Bread, (including bill for December, 1879), 59,640 loaves	2,101 08
Expense of milch cows, furnishing 2,545 gals. milk	239 03
Corn and Peas, 648 $\frac{1}{4}$ bush	524 20
Sundries	220 60
Fuel, (Wood and Coal)	594 98
Clothing, House Linen, Hats, Shoes, etc	2,355 81
Books, Stationery, etc	227 15
Medicines	194 85
House furnishing, garden seeds, etc	799 67
Salaries and labor	5,863 33
Incidental expenses	1,893 43
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Repairs	966 04
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Total	\$20,567 47

The number of children in the Institution on the 31st December, 1880, 221.

Average number during the year was 224.

Exclusive of repairs to buildings, therefore, the cost of maintaining, clothing and educating each child, which includes every expense, as per foregoing figures, was \$87.51.

Admissions for the year 1880: Boys, eight; Girls, six.
Total, 14.

Discharged in the same time: Boys, eleven; Girls, eleven.
Total, 22.

SEWING DEPARTMENT.

The following articles were cut, fitted, made up, etc., by one officer, Mrs. Manno (who has served us faithfully for nearly fifty-two years), four girls trained in the Institution, and the female pupils of the school, old enough to assist, viz :

Girls' dresses	117
Drawers	276
Petticoats	102
Night gowns	126
Under bodies	8
Dresses, jackets, pants, etc., outgrown by larger and refitted for smaller children	1,882
Hats trimmed	82
Aprons	179
Boys' linen suits	75
Linen pantaloons	70
Boys' winter suits	195
Calico shirtees	154
Shirts	359
Under garments	48
Flannel coats	87
Suspenders	28
Pillow cases	264
Bolster cases	7
Sheets	143
Bed ticks	5
Pavilions	14
Towels	429
Table cloths	13
Clothes bags	10
Stockings marked pairs .	162
Socks marked pairs .	184
Handkerchiefs	227
Gloves	88
Neck ruffling hemmed yards .	62½
Pieces	5,396½

LAUNDRY.

In this department 83,100 pieces of clothing were washed, ironed, etc., by four hired hands, assisted by girls, who in rotation give from one to two hours a day.

LIBRARY.

Our library, comprising Sunday-school books, historical and poetical works, books of reference, science and general literature, numbers 2,461 volumes.

SCHOOL.

Number of Teachers, seven, all females.

Pupils: Boys, 131, Girls, 86. Total 217.

Admissions: Boys, 11, Girls, 9. Total 20.

Discharged: Boys, 13; Girls, 11. Total, 24.

Average attendance: Boys, 127; Girls, 79. Total, 206.

The school organized in 1854 by Miss Irving, the present principal, and of which our Public Schools were the outgrowth, still fully maintains its high prestige.

The studies pursued embrace Reading, Writing, Orthography, Definitions, Arithmetic, mental and practical, common school and physical Geography, ancient and modern History, Familiar Science and Grammar, vocal and instrumental Music.

The Kindergarten, composed of the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Classes, numbering 73 pupils, in charge of two teachers, assisted by some of the older girls, continues to be a very important feature of our school.

CHAPEL.

Divine Service has been conducted every Sabbath afternoon since the last report, (with one exception, and then by the Chairman), by Protestant Clergymen visiting or resident in the city. The latter, though sometimes with great inconvenience to themselves, always cheerfully assume this duty.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

There are 215 children in the school, divided into sixteen classes, instructed by six male and ten female teachers. The exercises are conducted every Sunday morning from 9 to 10 A. M.

We have here, as in every other part of the Institution, to lament the death of our Chairman and devoted friend, who for upwards of thirty years as superintendent and teacher, labored so faithfully to instil into the minds of these friendless ones the principles of that religion which he so eminently adorned.

SANITARY.

The health of the inmates has been excellent. It has been a rare occurrence to find one confined to bed; and diphtheria, that terrible disease which has carried sorrow to so many households, has mercifully been forbidden to enter here, not one case having occurred.

We have to report the death of two children during the year. One of them is buried in our lot at Magnolia.

In conclusion, we note, that while it will be observed that our children perform the greater part of the domestic duties of this large establishment, it is without interruption to the school or their school duties. And we agree with visitors from all parts of the world, that our Institution is one of which the citizens of Charleston may be justly proud.

L. D. MOWRY,

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

CHARLESTON, APRIL 6, 1881.

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