

Charleston Orphan House

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137TH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For the Year

1927

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CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

A. B. Murray, *Honorary Chairman*

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Henry H. Ficken, *Chairman*

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Otto F. Wieters

John V. McAuliffe†

Robert H. Duryea

A. Cramer Koster

John A. Hertz**

Dr. T. Grange Simons***

Paul W. Sanders††

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE BOARD

Edward H. Pinckney

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Mrs. Elizabeth L. Payne

TEACHERS

Miss E. L. McCallman

Miss Verona Harrelson

Miss B. R. Williams

Miss Lula B. Ham

ORGANIST AND INSTRUCTOR OF MUSIC

Miss Ella I. Hyams

LIBRARIAN

Miss M. E. McNeill

SEWING INSTRUCTOR

Miss Dora A. Sweatman

*Elected January 11, 1927.

**Died July 19, 1927.

***Died November 30, 1927.

†Elected September 13, 1927.

††Elected December 12, 1927.

MATRONS

Mrs. Eliza Wyndham	Mrs. Eliza Gardner
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HOUSEKEEPER

Mrs. Rosa N. Danner

DINING ROOM MATRON

Miss Josie Seabrook

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT

Miss Stella Brunson

MEDICAL FACULTY

Dr. A. Johnston Buist	Dr. C. W. Kollock
Dr. R. McIver Wilbur	

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND DISCIPLINE

H. H. Ficken, *Chairman*

A. B. Murray	John F. Ohlandt
R. H. Duryea	Ellison A. Williams

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT

H. H. O'Brien, *Chairman*

John V. McAuliffe	Paul W. Sanders
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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS

Paul W. Sanders, *Chairman*

A. B. Murray	John V. McAuliffe
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COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

John F. Ohlandt, *Chairman*

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H. H. O'Brien	Paul W. Sanders

COMMITTEE ON BINDING OUT

Ellison A. Williams, *Chairman*

Sam Banov	John V. McAuliffe
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COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS

Robert H. Duryea, *Chairman*

Ellison A. Williams	Otto F. Wieters
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COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE

Otto F. Wieters, *Chairman*

John F. Ohlandt	A. Cramer Koster
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COMMITTEE ON THE CHAPEL

A. Cramer Koster, *Chairman*

A. B. Murray

Otto F. Wieters

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

A. B. Murray, *Chairman*

H. H. O'Brien

A. Cramer Koster

*To the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Charleston:*

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to present herewith the following Report showing the receipts and disbursements of the Charleston Orphan House during the calendar year 1927.

During that period of time sixty-five children were admitted, twenty-nine boys and thirty-six girls; and twenty-three children were withdrawn, thirteen boys and ten girls. On the 31 Dec. 1927, there were One hundred and ninety-five children in the House, namely, ninety-three boys and One hundred and two girls, an increase of forty-two children during the year 1927. The increase in the number of children during the year 1927 was due to an unusual demand made by persons who were in financial stress and who were unable to provide for their children.

The health of the children during 1927 was excellent, due unquestionably to the skillful care of Dr. Buist, Dr. Kollock and Dr. Wilbur, assisted ably by Miss Brunson, the official in charge of the hospital of the House.

During the year 1927, we were again the recipient of a handsome donation from Mr. Edwin Gould who has been a benefactor to our Institution. The donation made by Mr. Gould was expended as suggested by him, and the southern front of the house was repaired and painted.

In addition to this handsome donation made by our New York friend, Mr. Gould, we were the recipient of a generous share of the Endowment established by the late James B. Duke. The Board of Trustees of the Duke Endowment

have organized what is known as the Orphan Section in relation to the general problem of orphan care in the State of North and South Carolina. The officials in charge of this Section have done an enormous amount of investigation of the orphan problem in our State and have obtained a world of most valuable data, which enables us to compare the various orphan institutions in this State and to learn the relative institutional expenditures for operating per child per day, costs, and other expenditures, which is most helpful to those of us who are interested in this problem.

The policy suggested by his Honor, Mayor Stoney, to send the children of the higher grades to the Public Schools, worked so satisfactorily last year that the Mayor requested us to send at the end of the current year the children from the lower grades also, and in compliance with this request, I at once saw Mr. Rhett, the Superintendent of the Public Schools, and arrangements are being made to carry out the Mayor's suggestion. With the elimination of these grades the only children who will not attend Public Schools after the 1st October 1928 will be those in the Kindergarten, which, due to the efficient attention of Miss Ham, enjoys the reputation of being one of the best taught kindergartens in the State. On the 31 December, we were sending five children to the Charleston High School, seven to the Memminger School, four to the Murray Vocational School, and One hundred and eighty-two to the Bennett School.

The result of the plan above outlined will be that this school year will be the last in which the school of the Charleston Orphan House will function. This school has been in operation since the founding of the House, and with its closing will pass one of the distinctive features of the House.

Upon the closing of our school, I think that some provision should be made for the three teachers whose classes will be absorbed into the Public School system, and I take this opportunity to record our high appreciation of the conscientious, efficient and devoted services rendered for many years by Miss Harrelson, Miss McCallman and Miss Williams and I recommend that in the re-organization of

the personnel of the House, which will become necessary as the result of the closing of the school, our Board will take such steps as will result in proper provision being made for these ladies who have devoted so many years in the service of our city.

Our Board met with great losses during the year in the death on the 19 July of Capt. John A. Hertz, who had been a Commissioner for a number of years, and on the 30th November of Dr. T. Grange Simons, who although only a Commissioner of the Board for a short time prior to his death, had for many years been intimately identified with the Charleston Orphan House. He assumed charge as the physician of the House on the 5 day of Nov. 1908 and for nearly 20 years endeared himself to all who lived within its walls. It can be truly said of him that he was "one whom whilst he walked amidst them, heard the people bless him; one who in the course of each day alleviated pain and soothed some fellow creature in the time of need."

The new members elected during the year to fill the vacancies on our Board were Mr. Sam Banov, elected 11 January, Mr. John McAuliffe, elected 13 September, and Mr. Paul W. Sanders, elected 12 December.

Mrs. Payne our Principal and Superintendent continued to enjoy the approval of the Board for the efficient manner in which the House is operated.

At the end of the year 1927, tendered my letter of resignation as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, to take effect as of the 31 December 1927, and subsequently received with due appreciation the Resolutions of Regret adopted by the Commissioners.

I shall always recall with pleasure the seven years which I as a Commissioner enjoyed in being able to help the children of the Charleston Orphan House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. FICKEN,
Chairman of the Board.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Public Funds of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS

To Income from the Public Funds.....	\$ 9,934.43
To Income from the W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund	2,000.00
To amount appropriated by the City Council.....	27,000.00
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	\$38,934.43

EXPENDITURES

By amount expended as per returns to the City Council	\$36,875.95
By amount expended for Physicians salaries.....	2,058.48
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	\$38,934.43

EDWARD H. PINCKNEY,
Treasurer B. C. C. O. H.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of the Orphan House Funds and Estates for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS

Balance from last statement.....	\$ 7,041.03
One years interest on \$240,000.00 City of Charleston Bonds being July 1927 and January 1928 Coupons.....	9,600.00
One year interest on uninvested average balance at 5½ %....	375.33
One years interest on \$11,000.00 4¼ % U. S. Liberty Bonds..	467.50
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	\$17,483.86

EXPENDITURES

Amount paid over for current expenses of the Orphan House	\$ 9,600.00
Amount paid over for current expenses of the Orphan House	334.43
Uninvested balance bearing interest at 5½ %.....	7,549.43
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	\$17,483.86

ASSETS

UNINVESTED BALANCE CASH.....	\$ 7,549.43
CITY OF CHARLESTON 4% BONDS.....	240,000.00
U. S. LIBERTY 4¼% BONDS.....	11,000.00
	<u>\$258,549.43</u>

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

Examined and approved:
H. H. FICKEN,
Chairman Commissioners Orphan House.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of the W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund for the year ending December 31, 1927.

RECEIPTS

Balance from last statement.....	\$38,147.65
One years interest on \$98,000.00 City of Charleston Bonds being July 1927 and Jan. 1928 Coupons.....	3,920.00
One years interest on \$10,000.00 City of Charleston Sewer- age Bonds	400.00
One years interest on \$11,000.00 City of Columbia 5% Bonds	550.00
One years interest on \$25,000.00 U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	1,062.50
One years interest on uninvested average balance at 5½%....	1,985.52
	<u>\$46,065.67</u>

EXPENDITURES

Amount paid over for current expenses of the Orphan House	2,000.00
Uninvested balance bearing interest at 5½%.....	44,065.67
	<u>\$46,065.67</u>

ASSETS

UNINVESTED BALANCE CASH.....	\$ 44,065.67
CITY OF CHARLESTON 4% BONDS.....	98,000.00
CITY OF CHARLESTON 4% SEWERAGE BONDS.....	10,000.00
CITY OF COLUMBIA 5% BONDS.....	11,000.00
U. S. LIBERTY 4¼% BONDS.....	25,000.00
	<u>\$188,065.67</u>

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. SMITH,
City Treasurer

Examined and approved,
H. H. FICKEN,
Chairman Commissioners Orphan House.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Funds of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS

To balance from last account.....	\$1,509.44
To income from securities.....	3,312.50
To income from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie.....	1,795.99
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	\$6,617.93

EXPENDITURES

By amount expended under the direction of the Board of Commissioners	\$5,084.35
By balance in Bank.....	1,533.58
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	\$6,617.93

ASSETS ON THE 1st JANUARY, 1928

\$69,500.00 par value City of Charleston 4 per cent Bonds.
\$ 5,000.00 par value United States 4¼ % Liberty Bonds.
\$ 1,500.00 par value City of Charleston 4½ % Bonds.
\$ 2,000.00 par value City of Columbia 4½ % Bonds.
\$ 4,000.00 par value City of Florence 5% Bonds.
5 Shares of Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co.
6 Lots in Magnolia Cemetery.
\$ 137.50 on deposit (Savings) in Carolina Saving Bank (BRODIE ESTATE).

The items set forth in the foregoing list were examined by Mr. H. H. FICKEN, Chairman; Mr. E. H. Pinckney, Treasurer; Mr. J. F. Ohlandt and Mr. R. H. Duryea, of the Committee on Accounts, and were found as herein above listed.

Also an undivided one-half interest in the Brodie Estate now administered by the Hon. Nathaniel B. Barnwell, Trustee of the said Estate, which one-half interest is estimated at \$69,596.05.

During the year the Francis J. Pelzer Memorial Fund a Five thousand Dollar Bond 2nd Liberty Loan 4¼ % was sold and with the proceeds were purchased \$5,000.00 par value City of Charleston 4% Bonds.

Included in the \$69,500.00 City of Charleston 4% Bonds above mentioned is the \$1,000.00 Bond given by Mr. A. B. Murray, a portion of the income of which is used to furnish the Bennett Memorial Medal, and the balance deposited to the credit of the Medal Fund.

Included in said Assets are:

The Adolph F. C. Cramer, Fund,

The Dr. W. H. Huger, Scholarship Fund,

The F. J. Pelzer, the George W. Williams and the Mary L. LeQueux, memorial funds.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL

The 137th Anniversary exercises of the Charleston Orphan House were held on the 21st day of October, 1927, in the school auditorium. His Honor, Mayor Thomas P. Stoney was present as were also the Commissioners and many friends of the Institution.

Mr. H. H. Ficken, Chairman of the Board, presided and the following program was carried out:

PROGRAM 137th ANNIVERSARY

Anthem....."Song of Thanksgiving."
 Invocation.....Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D.
 Song....."The Strollers"
 Quotations.....Number of Pupils
 Piano Solo—"Arpeggie Waltz"—Crawford.....
Johneda Hubert
 Song....."The Gypsy Autumn".
 Quotations.....Number of Pupils
 Piano Solo—"2nd Valse"—Durand.....Rebecca Scott
 Song....."Run Little Rivulet Run"
 Piano Solo—"To Spring"—Grieg.....Bulah Knight
 Address.....Mr. H. H. Ficken, Chairman

Presentation of the Bennett Medal for Scholarship, Conduct and Attendance by the Hon. Mayor Thomas P. Stoney to Daniel H. Groves.

Presentation of the A. Cramer Koster prizes for the best outline of sermons preached during the year by the Rev. Walter C. Davis to Rebecca Scott and Henry Vaughn.

Presentation of the Carrington-Thomas prize for "Merit" by Hon. Sidney Rittenberg to Clifford Todd.

Song....."The Merry Songsters"

Presentation of the prizes for the Industrial Department by Dr. Charles W. Kollock to Clifford Todd, Mildred Lemacks, Mildred Hickman, Carletta Brown.

Presentation of the W. P. Cart prize for the honor pupil in the Primary Department by Dr. A. Johnston Buist to Dorothy Smoak.

Awarding of School Premiums Dr. A. Johnston Buist.
 Anthem....."One Hundred fiftieth Psalm"
 Benediction.....Rev. Alexander Sprunt

PREMIUM LIST PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Third Grade—Woodrow Driggers, John Gregory, Cecil McClary, Sam Elsey, Lena Hickman.

Second Grade—Irene Gregory, Mildred Rourk, Sam Adams, Sam McClary, Andrew Jackson.

First Grade—Lula Henderson, Pauline Morillo, Clarice Hickman, Francis Moseley, Mary Jackson.

Kindergarten—Alice Adams, Harold Todd, Mike Reagan Coleman Driggers.

On December 31st 1927 the enrollment in the school was as follows:—Charleston High, five, Memminger, seven, Murray Vocational, four, Bennett, eighty, and one hundred and two in the Primary Department which is maintained in the Institution.

At the opening of the 1926-27 session of the city schools our Grammar Department numbering eighty was absorbed by the Bennett School, all of the eighty children thus absorbed made their grades and were promoted; three girls and three boys graduated in June and have entered the High Schools of the city.

Dan L. Groves was one of the Honor graduates, receiving a Bennett medal.

The result of sending the Grammar Department to the Public Schools has proven so satisfactory that the Commissioners are contemplating sending out the Primary Department at the opening of the Fall session, September, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL W. SANDERS, Chairman
A. B. MURRAY,
JNO. V. McAULIFFE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT

Your committee makes no recommendation for the reason that they find economy practiced in all Departments of the Charleston Orphan House, and that the policy of the Chairman is to retrench wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. O'BRIEN, Chairman
PAUL W. SANDERS,
JNO. V. McAULIFFE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS

Your committee begs to report that through the generosity of a friend the front of the building, the cupola, four dormitories and four lavatories were painted.

Only the repairs necessary for the upkeep of the Institution, other than those mentioned above, were done during the year; namely, overhauling and repairing all gas, steam and water pipes; all plumbing kept in repair; broken

sash cords and window panes replaced; all screen doors and window screens repaired; all furniture, as beds, chairs tables etc., repaired, and many minor repairs, too numerous to mention.

Nine hundred and nine pairs of shoes were mended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. DURYE, Chairman
ELLISON A. WILLIAMS,
OTTO F. WIETERS.

REPORT OF PURVEYANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Purveyance begs to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Bread	\$ 2,614.87
Dry goods, shoes, etc.....	1,879.03
Books, etc.....	57.43
Drugs	288.53
Fuel	4,388.11
Groceries	5,263.51
Insurance	17.00
Lights	384.87
Meat	1,000.21
Milk	2,511.70
Miscellaneous	98.46
Repairs	1,026.23
Sundries	1,000.00
Salaries	16,346.00
Physician's Salaries.....	2,058.48
Total.....	\$38,934.43

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO F. WIETERS, Chairman
JOHN F. OHLANDT,
A. CRAMER KOSTER.

REPORT OF BINDING OUT COMMITTEE

The Binding Out Committee respectfully submits the following report of admissions to and discharges from the House during the year ending December 31, 1927.

Boys admitted.....	29	Girls 36	Total 65
Boys discharged	13	Girls 10	Total 23

ELLISON A. WILLIAMS, Chairman
SAM BANOV,
JOHN V. McAULIFFE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

The Committee on Library beg leave to report that there are now in the Library 5,689 volumes and 1,389 pamphlets and magazines.

Since the last report there have been added to the Library 53 volumes and 218 magazines and illustrated papers.

The children draw books from the Library regularly throughout the year, but in the summer vacation, devote time to reading under the supervision of the Librarian and teachers.

Two thousand two hundred and thirteen books have been drawn during the year.

The Library is opened daily for research work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. MURRAY, Chairman
H. H. O'BRIEN,
A. CRAMER KOSTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL

Services were held regularly in the Chapel of the Charleston Orphan House during the year. A Christmas service with traditional carols was rendered by the children under the direction of Miss Ella I. Hyams, organist and musical instructor. The chapel was filled to overflowing.

The Committee wishes to express hearty thanks and grateful appreciation to the members of the clergy and friends who so cheerfully responded to the invitations to officiate at the Chapel services.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CRAMER KOSTER, Chairman
O. F. WIETERS,
A. B. MURRAY.

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