

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charleston Orphan House

FOR THE YEAR 1882.



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REPORT.

To the Hon. W. A. Courtenay, Mayor of Charleston, S. C.:

The Board of Commissioners of the "CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE" take pleasure in submitting their report for the year terminating December 31st, 1882.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE AND SUPERVISION.

The Committee on Purveyance and Supervision beg leave to present their annual statement of the expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending 31st December, 1882:

STATEMENT.

24,363 lbs. Fresh meat (beef, pork, mutton, veal)	\$1,500 31
6,343½ lbs. Bacon and other salt meats	892 34
2,036 lbs. Coffee.	253 65
5,623 lbs. Rice	341 91
1,873½ lbs. Butter	661 24
746 lbs. Lard	100 10
96 lbs. Tea.	73 30
2,950 lbs. Sugar.	314 45
580 gal. Molasses.	339 64
20 bbls. Flour	155 00
34 bbls. Irish Potatoes	121 35
27 bbls. Sweet Potatoes	59 20
52,048 loaves Bread.	1,943 38
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	\$6,755 87

Juvenile and other books added since last report, 69.
 Volumes drawn out and read by the children during the
 year, 1,770. Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

H. H. DELEON.
 B. BOLLMAN.
 B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

The Committee in charge of the Orphan House School beg to submit the following Annual Report:

The operations of the School since our last report have been conducted with uniform regularity. The progress of the pupils in their studies has been encouraging and satisfactory; showing a reasonable share of diligence on their part and a faithful discharge of the teachers in their arduous duties. They diligently work with the Principal for the general improvement of the children. The studies embrace reading, writing, orthography, arithmetic, mental and practical; common school and physical geography, ancient and modern history, familiar science and grammar, vocal and instrumental music. The whole school is instructed in Calisthenics, and the performances are very creditable, the close attention and precision of movement eliciting the admiration of visitors. It would be superfluous for the Committee to comment on the instruction given in vocal music, as it speaks for itself in the chapel exercises every Sunday afternoon.

Number of teachers, eight; all females.

Advanced girl, one.

Pupils—boys, 119; girls, 87; total, 206.

Admission—boys, 13; girls, 20; total, 33.

Discharged—boys, 17; girls, 9; total, 26.

Average attendance—boys, 112; girls, 77; total, 189.

The Kindergarten, introduced several years since, has proved a great blessing; not only are the overworked matrons relieved during the day of the charge of the children too young to enter the school proper, but the school itself has derived great benefit from it; indeed it is the nursery of the school. In addition to the Kindergarten occupations, those having seats at Table No. 1, are instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic and first lessons in geography. The promotions made from these are highly satisfactory.

About the middle of April last, Leonard Baker was entered in the 4th class of the High School as a beneficiary from this Institution. Mr. Dibble, the Principal, who has manifested a deep interest in him, was satisfied that he was equal in the English branches to the 3rd class, and arranged for his instruction in the languages (Latin and Greek, French and German) during vacation. He did not disappoint Mr. Dibble's expectations, entering the 3rd class in October, and taking a very satisfactory stand in it.

The Committee report the death of but one pupil during the year. The health of the inmates of the Institution has been excellent, which is attributed, mainly, to the judicious apportionment of time for study, recitation, wholesome food, physical labor, recreation and rest. Cleanliness and thorough ventilation are carefully observed. The Orphan House, as now organized is justly the pride of Charleston. Our Principal, Miss A. K. Irving, has made the school, and the welfare of the Institution, a life-time study. She is ever faithful and vigilant in the discharge of her duties as Principal and Superintendent. She has proven the experienced and devoted teacher—the guide, counsellor and true friend of the orphans gathered within these walls. The teachers employed have been qualified for their duties under her judicious training; they would do credit to any private or public school in the city. It is gratifying to know that many highly respected men and women, former pupils of the Orphan House, return and thank Miss Irving for the wholesome lessons they received in the Institution. May her valuable life long be

spared to carry on the great and cherished work she has inaugurated.

(Signed,)

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,
C. A. CHISOLM,
FRANCIS J. PELZER,
THEO. D. JERVEY,

School Committee.

Charleston, S. C., January, 1883.

THE COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT.

The Committee on Retrenchment of the Charleston Orphan House respectfully report, after looking carefully into its several departments, that they are unable to see where any retrenchment can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

GEORGE S. HACKER,
H. H. DELEON,
B. BOLLMAN.

SEWING DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Manno, now eighty years of age, has, during the past year, with the assistance of four of the graduates, directed and arranged all the work of this department, beside teaching over seventy girls, from six to fourteen years old, to make and mark the garments of various sorts used by the children, including boys' heavy suits, bed and table linen, towels, trimming of hats, re-fitting suits, dresses, &c.

LAUNDRY.

The operations of this department—washing, (and, where needed, starching,) ironing or mangling the clothing of 236 persons, old and young—have been conducted during

the year by from three to four hired hands, assisted by some of the older girls.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The exercises of the School have been uninterrupted throughout the year. The devoted teachers, several of whom have for years labored here, still continue with us. Mr. George L. Cook, in addition to teaching his class, has, since the death of Mr. Bee, acted as Superintendent.

CHAPEL.

We have again to note, with gratitude, the faithful services of the resident clergy, who have cheerfully responded to our call, which this year has not been quite so frequent, owing to the number of visiting clergymen (10) who have officiated for us. The children are highly favored in having services suited to their mental capacity, which necessarily make demands upon the ingenuity and powers of adaptation of the ministers. They cannot, however, have more interested listeners, as is strikingly exhibited in their wakeful attention. The pews not reserved for the children, are usually occupied by our citizens, indicating their undiminished interest in this noble charity.

SANITARY.

The health of the Institution has, throughout the year, been remarkable; still we have to report (January 26th) one death.

In closing the Report, I would call attention to the nearly uniform expenditures for the past few years—in themselves evidences of economy and thrifty management. This is gratifying; but when we think of the comfort to the dying mother, who turns her eyes to this Home, and knows that her little ones will here find shelter—of the degradation and suffering it has been the blessed means of preventing—of the happy matrons, of the young men filling (not occupying)

places of trust, who, with pride, point to this their Alma Mater, we must feel that the investments made in it have yielded large returns—how large time will not reveal.

To our devoted teachers, to our faithful officers, and to our efficient Principal, who has given her acquirements, her talents, and the best years of her life to the work to which they have been consecrated, a meed of praise is surely not too much here. Respectfully submitted,

L. D. MOWRY,
*Chairman Board of Commissioners
of Charleston Orphan House.*

Charleston, S. C., January 24, 1883.

