

Charleston Orphan House

FOUNDED 1790

139th

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For the Year

1929

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John F. Ohlandt, *Chairman*

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Harry O'Brien

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Edward H. Pinckney

SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Payne†

Miss Dora A. Sweatman‡

SEWING INSTRUCTOR

Miss Dora A. Sweatman

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Mrs. Eliza Wyndham

Mrs. Blanche Huckabee

Mrs. Orphi Morillo

Mrs. Georgie Pervine

Mrs. Eliza Gardner

Mrs. Pearl Ulrich

Mrs. Maggie Loadholt

Miss Jennie Harris

Miss Maggie Bidault

*Elected January 15, 1929

†Resigned April 5, 1929

‡Elected April 5, 1929

HOUSEKEEPER

Mrs. R. N. Danner

DINING ROOM MATRON

Miss Josie Seabrook

HOSPITAL MATRON

Mrs. Marie Hickman

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Miss Lula B. Ham

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS

Miss Verona Harrelson

Miss Merle Harrelson

LIBRARIAN

Miss M. E. McNeill

ORGANIST AND INSTRUCTOR OF MUSIC

Miss Ella I. Hyams

MEDICAL FACULTY

Dr. A. Johnston Buist Dr. Charles W. Kollock

Dr. R. McIver Wilbur

ENGINEER

W. G. Hoffman

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENT AND DISCIPLINE

John F. Ohlandt, *Ex-Officio* Chairman

Robert H. Duryea

Ellison A. Williams

George B. Buell

Paul W. Sanders

*To the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Charleston, S. C.*

Gentlemen :

The following is the annual report for the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1929.

The past year we had a total number of two hundred and twenty-eight children in the institution, one hundred and eighteen boys and one hundred and ten girls. Total number of days of care were seventy-six thousand two hundred and twenty-eight. On January 1st, 1929, there were two hundred and ten on the register; one hundred and seven boys and one hundred and three girls. Admission during the year, boys nine, girls nine, total eighteen. Discharged during the year, boys eight, girls four, total twelve. Number of children in the Institution Dec. 31st., 1929, two hundred and eighteen, of which one hundred and nine were boys and one hundred and nine girls.

The children have done well in the Public schools during the year, the names of many of them appearing on the honor rolls, Marvin Whitson winning the Bennett Medal. We have thirteen children in the Kindergarten which is conducted in the Home. The health of the children has been good. Six of them were awarded blue ribbons in the health examinations at school, each scoring 100 per cent.

During the year a handsome Memorial window was placed in our Chapel to the memory of our friend and benefactor, Mr. Andrew B. Murray, and was dedicated with a fitting service conducted by the Rev. S. Cary Beckwith. This window was the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Josiah E. Smith.

We are again indebted to Mr. Edwin J. Gould of New York for kindnesses shown the children during the year. He is truly the children's friend and has added to their comfort and happiness in no small measure.

We are grateful to the Duke Endowment for the assistance given us this year, which enables us materially in meeting our obligations.

In closing, I again wish to command our Superintendent Miss Dora Sweatman and her co-workers, also the Board of Commissioners for the able manner in which they discharged their duties during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. OHLANDT,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners,
Charleston Orphan House.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Public Funds of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1929.

RECEIPTS

To income from the Public Funds	\$ 9,600.00
To income from the W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund....	2,000.00
To amount appropriated by the City Council.....	31,211.50
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	\$42,811.50

EXPENDITURES

By amount expended as per returns to the City Council.....	\$40,910.72
By amount expended for Physicians' salaries.....	1,900.00
By amount returned to the City Treasurer78
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	\$42,811.50

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

Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of the Orphan House funds and estate for the year ending December 31, 1929.

RECEIPTS

To Balance from last statement	\$ 7,872.32
One year's interest on \$240,000.00 City of Charleston Bonds being July, 1929, and January, 1930, coupons	9,600.00
One year's interest @ 3% on daily balance	214.32
One year's interest on \$11,000.00 4¼% U. S. Liberty Bonds....	467.50
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	\$18,154.14

EXPENDITURES

By amount paid over for current expenses of the Orphan House	9,600.00
Balance	8,554.14
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	\$18,154.14

ASSETS

Uninvested balance	8,554.14
City of Charleston 4% Bonds	240,000.00
U. S. Liberty 4¼% Bonds	11,000.00
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	\$259,554.14

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. SMITH,

City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN F. OHLANDT.

Chairman Commissioners Orphan House.

Receipts and expenditures of the trustees W. J. Bennett
memorial fund for the year ending December 31, 1929.

RECEIPTS

To balance from last statement	4,032.83
One year's interest on \$123,000.00 City of Charleston 4% bonds being July, 1929, and January, 1930	4,920.00
One year's interest on \$20,000.00 City of Charleston Water Works 4½% Bonds	900.00
One year's interest on \$10,000.00 City Sewer Bonds	400.00
One year's interest on \$11,000.00 City of Columbia 5% Bonds	550.00
One year's interest on \$25,000.00 4¼% U. S. Liberty Bonds....	1,062.50
One year's interest @ 3% on daily balances	142.28
\$10,000.00 City Sewerage Bonds due October 1, 1929.....	10,000.00
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	\$ 22,007.61

EXPENDITURES

By amount paid over for current expenses of the Orphan House	2,000.00
Purchase \$6,000.00 Charleston 4½% Series P Bonds.....	5,962.68
Purchase \$4,000.00 Charleston Sewer 4½% Bonds	3,966.32
Balance	10,078.61
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	\$ 22,007.61

ASSETS

Uninvested balance	10,078.61
City of Charleston 4% Bonds	123,000.00
City of Charleston Water Works Bonds	20,000.00
City of Charleston Sewer 4½% Bonds	4,000.00
City of Charleston 4¼% Series P Bonds	6,000.00
City of Columbia 5% Bonds	11,000.00
U. S. Liberty 4¼% Bonds	25,000.00
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	\$199,078.61

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

Examined and found correct
JOHN F. OHLANDT,
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 31, 1929.

RECEIPTS

To Balance from last account	\$ 768.11
To income from Securities	3,410.45
To income from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie	1,179.23
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	\$ 5,357.79

EXPENDITURES

By amount expended under the direction of the Board of Commissioners	\$ 4,643.16
By balance in bank	714.63
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	\$ 5,357.79

Assets on the 1st January, 1930

\$ 69,500 par value City of Charleston 4% Bonds.
 \$ 5,000.00 par value United States 4¼% Liberty Bonds.
 \$ 1,000.00 par value City of Charleston 4½% Bond.
 \$ 2,500 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.
 \$148.90 on deposit (Savings) in Carolina Savings Bank (Brodie Estate).

The items set forth in the foregoing list were examined by Mr. John F. Ohlandt, Chairman, Mr. E. H. Pinckney, Treasurer; Mr. Paul W. Sanders, Vice-Chairman, 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.

Included in the \$69,500.00 City of Charleston 4% Bonds above mentioned is the \$1,000.00 Bond given by the late 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 SCHOOLS

The 139th Anniversary exercises of the Charleston Orphan House were held on the 17th day of October, 1929, in the School Auditorium. His Honor, Mayor Thomas P. Stoney was present, as well as the Commissioners and many friends of the Institution.

Mr. John F. Ohlandt, Chairman of the Board, presided and the following program was carried out:

- Song—"The Stars are Gleaming in The Sky"
 InvocationRev. Charles B. Foelsch
 Psalm Forty-Six By the School
 Hymn—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
 QuotationsBy a number of the children
 Piano Duet—"Raining is falling"
Clarice Hickman and Ethel Bullard
 Song—"Rose in my Garden"Pauline Morillo at the Piano
 Duet—"Peacock"Carrie Mae Crosley and Doris Kilpatrick
 Piano Solo—"Phantoms Passing By"Doris Book
 QuotationsBy a number of the children
 Piano Solo—"The Harp"Arthur Brown
 Piano Solo—"Arpeggio Waltz"Dorothy Smoak
 Song—"The Cuckoo"
 Piano Solo—"Tulip"Johneda Hubert
 Piano Solo—"Second Waltz"Rebecca Scott
 Song—"Angels that Around us Hover"
 Address—By the Chairman

Presentation of the Bennett Medal for Scholarship, Conduct and Attendance by Hon. Mayor Thomas P. Stoney to Marvin Whitson.

Presentation of the George W. Williams prizes for Industry and Fidelity by Mr. Ellison A. Williams to Rebecca Scott and Henry B. Vaughan.

Presentation of the A. Cramer Koster prizes for the best outline of Sermons heard each Sunday in the Chapel, by the Rev. Charles B. Foelsch to Marie Heins and Henry B. Vaughan.

Anthem—"Holy Art Thou"

Presentation of prizes offered by the Rotary Club and the Rotary Auxiliary to the girl and the boy representing their Motto "Service Above Self" by Mrs. Freeman Williams and Mr. J. B. Mahony to Gladys Ruddock and Rudell Smoak.

Presentation of Prizes for the Sewing Department by Dr. Charles W. Kollock to Elma Hickman and Rosalee Glover.

Presentation of the Carrington Thomas prizes for General Helpfulness to Virginia Anderson and Frank Peters, by Mr. E. H. Pinckney.

Presentation of the prize for the boys Industrial Department by Mr. George B. Buell to Erick Svedberg.
 Beginners Play Orchestra—Conducted by Hiram Joyner.

Presentation of the Kindergarten Premiums by Dr. A. Johnston Buist to Jimmy Ott, Kathreen Platt, Mary Meyers, Whitmarsh Bailey, Charles Schleppegrell, Myrtle Cantley.
 Anthem—"Praise God in His Holiness"

BenedictionRev. Charles B. Foelsch

The openings of the 1929-1930 session saw all of our children enrolled in the various schools in the following manner:

Murray Vocational	3
Charleston High	12
Memminger	14
Bennett	172
Kindergarten	13
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Total	214

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE E. SHAW, Chairman,
 JOHN 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
 A. CRAMER KOSTER,
 J. V. McAULIFFE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS

Your committee begs to report that only the repairs necessary for the upkeep of the Institution were done during the year; namely, overhauling and repairing of all 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, tables, chairs, etc., repaired, and many minor repairs too numerous to mention.

One thousand and fifty pairs of shoes were mended.

The committee takes this opportunity to state that there are some very necessary and important repairs which should be done during 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. DURYEY, Chairman
SAM BANOV,
OTTO F. WIETERS.

REPORT OF PURVEYANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Purveyance begs to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1929.

Bread	\$2,830.14
Books, etc.	586.45
Dry Goods, Shoes, etc.	3,734.32
Drugs	361.44
Fuel	2,644.13
Groceries	5,487.21
Insurance	458.85
Lights	285.35
Meat	2,243.91
Milk	3,067.12
Miscellaneous	676.08
Repairs	435.72
Petty Cash	1,000.00
Salaries	17,100.00
Physicians' Salaries	1,900.00
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Returned to City Treasurer78
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Total	\$42,811.50

Respectfully submitted,
 OTTO F. WIETERS, Chairman.
 PAUL W. SANDERS,
 SAM BANOV,

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, 1929.

Boys admitted.....	9	Girls 9	Total 18
Boys discharged	8	Girls 4	Total 12
Boys to College	1	Girls 1	Total 2

Respectfully submitted,
 ELLISON A. WILLIAMS, Chairman,
 ARCHIE E. SHAW,
 GEORGE B. BUELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

The Committee on Library begs to report that there are now in the Library, 5,747 volumes, and 1,802 pamphlets and magazines.

Since the last report there have been added to the Library 22 volumes, and 227 magazines.

The Library is open at all times for research work and the children draw books regularly during the year, but during the summer vacation more time is devoted to reading under the supervision of the Librarian. The children have access to the daily papers and many current magazines.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOSIAH E. SMITH, Chairman
H. H. O'BRIEN,
G. B. BUELL.

REPORT OF CHAPEL COMMITTEE

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,
DR. JOSIAH E. SMITH
ARCHIE E. SHAW.

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