

NAME OF RAILROAD.	RECEIPTS AT CHICAGO.														
	No. of horses.	No. of cattle.	No. of live hogs.	Dressed hogs, lbs.	Pork, lbs.	Lard, lbs.	Sheep, cart.	Sheep, west.	Wool, lbs.	Wheat, bushels.	Oats, bushels.	Rye and Barley, bushels.	Other Grain Than Wheat & Corn, lbs.	Grain and Grass Seeds, lbs.	Corn, bushels.
Burlington and Missouri River	118	26711	182843	151267	1236657	301338	24180	149	864695	17547	143262	1347836	5677856	748231	75600
Illinois Central	525	8296	42437	55826	5288200	1000000	865	615	25300	311009	87138	27650	27650	748231	43140
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	18	3228	12524	211745	49452	352653	1067	100	49418	1893	1893	1893	1893	24390	34131
Milwaukee and St. Paul	79	1859	10613	1108846	1000000	16700	100	6389	6389	146302	9031	452250	452250	1893	14211
Peoria and North-Western	10	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Rock Island and Western	353	55267	125965	2848870	134000	300693	5154	100	551300	1394616	468418	143262	143262	532466	307500
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	1097	40444	586067	7797292	6788453	3018042	678251371	2866226	9776753	1338772	1338772	1338772	1338772	1338772	402811
Totals	1097	40444	586067	7797292	6788453	3018042	678251371	2866226	9776753	1338772	1338772	1338772	1338772	1338772	402811

RECEIPTS AT CHICAGO.

1898.	1899.	No. of Hbls.	No. of Bbls.
..... 228859	1988189	270849	47510
..... 869713	1667085	270410	42366
..... 1098072	3655274	540519	89876
..... 1306951	5322359	611029	1106522
..... 1537848	6987529	726949	1444916
..... 1790745	8644644	957259	1869759
..... 2061642	10309703	1101784	2266528
..... 2328539	12030632	1287880	2678180
..... 2595436	13761568	1481108	2980523
..... 2862333	15492505	1601784	3387074

† Lard and pork.

‡ Barley.

§ Pork and beef.

† Twelve months ending Nov. 30, 1889.

‡ Not received from E. & M. R.

§ Lard and tallow.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

ORPHANS' HOME,

AT

CEDAR FALLS,

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

DES MOINES :

F. M. MILLS, STATE PRINTER.

1870.

REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA SOLDIERS'
ORPHANS' HOME:

GENTLEMEN:—It affords me peculiar gratification, in presenting to your honorable board the second biennial report of this Home, to be able to state that it is believed to be meeting the requirements of those needing its benefits better, perhaps, than was anticipated by the noble men who first conceived the thought of providing homes for the dependent children of the fallen brave.

The peculiar experiences incident to all similar institutions in their embryonic stage of existence have been encountered, and overcome; children from different localities and different nationalities, differing widely in dispositions and temperament, have been gathered in the home, and are enjoying its privileges as brothers and sisters. Aristocracy of race, nationality, and family, have given place to the divine command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The buildings leased by the State for this home, were wholly inadequate to the wants of three hundred children, and the proprietors insisted upon raising the rents; therefore, we felt compelled to leave the dilapidated old buildings, with their dark and badly ventilated rooms and occupy the new building before its completion, believing the health and comfort of the children would be promoted thereby.

The building just erected, is built nearly in the center of a beautiful elevated field of forty acres, which was secured for a site by the liberal contribution of citizens of Cedar Falls. Though plain, it presents a neat and somewhat imposing exterior, and may be seen several miles around. A fitting monument to the patriotic dead, speaking at once of battle-fields, where Iowa's sons, among

the foremost, stood first; and of memories, still fragrant in the hearts of a gratified people. It fronts the east, is three stories above the basement, and is 90x46 feet, with vestibule 7x30 feet, and center range 36 feet deep and 40 feet wide.

The walls of the basement are of stone, 2½ feet in thickness, which rest upon a foundation 4 feet in thickness. The walls of the superstructure are of common brick.

The basement is ten feet between floor and ceiling, and contains a dining hall 41x47½ feet, kitchen, smaller dining hall, pantry, general store rooms, bath rooms, etc. The first floor is twelve feet between floor and ceiling, and contains office, matron's room, reception room, music room, three school rooms, recitation room, and store room. The second floor which is eleven and one-half feet between floor and ceiling, has four ward rooms, a sewing room, and seven rooms for employees.

The third floor is divided also into ward and employee's rooms, and in addition thereto, contains a suit of rooms for hospital use. The attic is unfinished and unoccupied, except for general storage.

The interior lacks that air of cheerfulness and comfort which it will possess when finished and suitably furnished.

The children were removed from the old to the new home on the 12th day of October. The usual inconveniences experienced in removing into unfinished buildings, have been realized by us, and on account of the unusual severity of the weather, were felt more keenly than they would have been under ordinary circumstances. We had hoped to occupy our building much earlier in the season, and so, availed ourselves in the warm weather, and long days in making the necessary preparations for winter, but the almost incessant rains during the summer so retarded the masonry and carpenter work that the roof was not inclosed until after the middle of September. No labor has been spared to provide such conveniences as the health of the children requires; but the depleted condition of our treasury has prevented securing many comforts which otherwise would have been provided.

Considerable inconvenience has been experienced by us, in obtaining a sufficient supply of water, our well, which, it was thought, would afford an abundant supply, having proved almost a failure.

Surface water in sufficient quantities for present use, is obtained about fifteen rods from the house.

Two cisterns with capacity for five hundred barrels each, should be constructed in time for the spring rains.

The general system of organization is retained. The four wards of girls occupy the second floor, and the boys the one immediately over them. Each ward has a room 21x38 feet, well lighted and ventilated, furnished with beds and other conveniences, for the accommodation of thirty-two children.

The industries of the home are conducted by systematic details, by means of which all the general work of the institution is performed by the children. The girls are expert in many branches of house-wifery, and some of them are skillful in various branches of ornamental work. The boys, hitherto, have not had as great variety of manual labor as is desirable, but now, being on the farm, they will receive instruction in gardening and general farm work.

The schools were necessarily interrupted during the removal, and were more or less disturbed the week following, but are now making their usual progress under the careful instruction of experienced teachers.

The school rooms are spacious and are amply provided with blackboards. New seats and desks are greatly needed, those now in use being very unsuitable for any school room.

On all appropriate occasions, we seek by the use of scripture lessons, familiar talks and frequent appeals to conscience, to cultivate the moral faculties of the children. Devotional exercises, consisting in reading of select portions of scripture, prayer, and singing, are observed morning and evening in the dining hall. We have an interesting sabbath school, which is attended by all the children, who are well enough to leave their wards.

A chapel is very much needed for sabbath school, sabbath services, lectures, etc., there being no general audience room except the dining hall.

The hospital apartments, like other portions of the building, are incomplete, but in their unfinished condition afford better accommodation for the sick than those we left. Four rooms are appro-

priated to this use; a smaller inner hospital, general hospital, kitchen, and nurses' room.

Apparatus for vapor and shower baths are contemplated. Water closets also should be provided for this department.

The sanitary condition of the home for the past two years has been highly satisfactory. *Two cases of mortality only occurred within this period.* Fever, measles, and whooping-cough, and other diseases incident to childhood have made frequent visits to the home, for a detailed account of which you are respectfully referred to the report of the attending physician.

A frame laundry 22x60 feet, two stories, has been erected, which contains apartments for washing, ironing, and for employees. A bakery with oven 10x12 feet is also in this building.

A temporary stable and other outbuildings have been constructed chiefly out of material removed from the old Home. A building about the size of the laundry is contemplated for stable, carriage, and general implement house.

New furniture is greatly needed, that which we now have being much worn out, quite insufficient to meet the requirements of so large a family.

Some modern heating apparatus with proper fixtures should take the place of the thirty stoves now in use. Safety from fires, where so many lives are in jeopardy, if no other consideration, would prompt the change.

To provide for casing the windows and doors, and for putting down the base and making the improvements above alluded to a small additional appropriation will be required.

The counties whose names are given below are represented at present as the figures opposite their respective names indicate:

Allamakee.....	22
Black Hawk.....	29
Buchanan.....	16
Butler.....	13
Benton.....	6
Bremer.....	5
Boone.....	2

Clayton.....	58
Cerro Gordo.....	9
Chickasaw.....	6
Clinton.....	2
Dubuque.....	18
Delaware.....	28
Dallas.....	1
Fayette.....	14
Floyd.....	4
Franklin.....	19
Hardin.....	3
Henry.....	1
Jackson.....	7
Linn.....	8
Marshall.....	7
Mitchell.....	6
Mahaska.....	2
Tama.....	1
Winneshiek.....	6
Worth.....	2
Wright.....	5

The whole number of children which have been admitted to the privileges of the Home since its organization..... 536

Of these, 243 were girls; 293 were boys; 11 have died; 11 ran away; 2 have been expelled; 212 have been discharged. The number at present in the Home, 300; the average age, 11 years; number over 15 years, 37; number under 5 years, 4.

The receipts of the home for the year ending October 31, 1868, were as follows :

To balance due Home.....	\$ 897.98
To received of J. Parvin, appropriation	16,233.33
To received of S. W. Cole, appropriation.....	2,566.66
To received of J. Myer, appropriation	10,380.00
To received of J. Myer, special appropriation	5,000.00
To received of J. B. Powers, special appropriation..	3,000.00
To received, donations.....	217.95
To received from sales.....	146.32
Total	\$38,442.24

The disbursements for the same period, were :

Paid for improvements and repairs.....	\$ 1,181.00
Paid for furniture, crockery and cutlery.....	722.37
Paid for clothing and furnishing.....	4,834.04
Paid for groceries and provisions.....	11,442.85
Paid for fuel and lights.....	1,842.87
Paid for medicine.....	348.61
Paid for books and stationery.....	421.42
Paid for salaries.....	6,848.71
Paid for stock and implements.....	205.09
Paid for incidentals	2,267.09
Paid for special appropriation new home building.....	5,179.51
Paid for balance due Home.....	3,148.68
Total	\$38,442.24

The receipts of the Home for the year ending October 31, 1869, were as follows :

To balance due Home.....	\$ 3,148.68
To received of J. Myer, appropriation.....	33,626.38
To received of J. Myer, special appropriation.....	17,000.00
To received, donations.....	171.50
To received from sales.....	273.27
Total	\$54,219.83

The disbursements for the same period, were :

Paid for improvements and repairs.....	\$ 8,596.48
Paid for furniture, crockery, and cutlery.....	1,177.50
Paid for clothing and furnishing.....	4,787.39
Paid for groceries and provisions.....	10,316.09
Paid for fuel and light.....	1,876.75
Paid for medicine.....	434.95
Paid for books and stationery.....	450.33
Paid for salaries	6,871.41
Paid for stock and implements.....	375.20
Paid for special appropriation, new home building	16,836.13
Paid for incidentals.....	1,471.98
Paid for balance due Home.....	1,025.62
Total.....	\$54,219.83

I desire to call attention to the generosity of the I. C. R. R. Co., which conveys the children free, at vacation, to and from the station nearest their homes. They also ship articles donated free of charge. The D. and S. W. R. R. Co., and N. W. R. R. Co., also give the children free transportation.

The following donations have been received in cash and goods :

S. S., North Grove.....	\$ 2.85
G. A. R., Ackley.....	87.75
G. A. R., Hampton.....	45.00
Mrs. M. A. Carter.....	200.00
Young Ladies' Aid Society, Vinton.....	14.00
Union League, Peru Tp., Dubuque county.....	17.00
Fayette County Soldiers' Orphans' Home Society....	19.50
Fayette County S. O. H. Society (in cloth).....	20.00
Friends of the Home.....	4.00
A. B. Society, with characteristic liberality, in answer to the effort of their agent, Rev. Wm. Chambers, donated two hundred and fifty testaments, value..	25.00
C. A. Metcalf, of Dubuque, donated children's hats, value.....	40.00

The editors and publishers of the following named newspapers and periodicals have sent them to the address of the Home gratuitously :

Dubuque Daily Times.
Iowa State Register.
Western Soldiers' Friend, ten copies.
Vinton Eagle.
Buchanan County Bulletin.
Cedar Rapids Times.
West Union Gazette.
American Eureka.
Delaware County Union.
Hamilton Freeman.
Humboldt County True Democrat.
Iowa City Republican.
Franklin Reporter.
Waterloo Courier.
Cedar Falls Gazette.
Iowa Homestead.
Eldora Ledger.
Jessup Recorder.

Hampton Tree Press.
Iowa School Journal.
Annals of Iowa.
Monthly Records of the Five Points House of Industry, N. Y.
The foregoing is respectfully submitted.