

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we claim to have made a plain narrative of facts concerning the conduct and removal of Thomas L. Stephens, Esq., from the office of superintendent, and with our reasons for closing the Glenwood branch of the home, leaving conclusions to be drawn by others.

DEATH OF J. CLINTON OTIS, TRUSTEE.

Amid the preparation of an official State document, we are constrained to pause before a clouded sun.

We have just been reminded of a sad visitation to our board. J. Clinton Otis, the trustee residing at Glenwood, is dead. It is meet, therefore, that you should be apprised of the loss to the state, and that we should mingle our feelings of sympathy with the bereaved family of our esteemed colleague.

He died at his home on the 18th inst., of consumption. His health became so much enfeebled, that for several years last past, he was unable to speak above a whisper. He endeared himself to us by his christian deportment and devotion to duty.

His views concerning the affairs of the home were sometimes at variance with ours; but these differences were always discussed by him with the utmost freedom, candor, and honesty of purpose; defending his position with great practical wisdom and discrimination. And we take pleasure in saying that he never for a moment lost sight of the proprieties of cultivated life, or the rights due to others. And throughout all our official relations the utmost good feeling prevailed. His counsels were always appreciated—his example will long be felt and remembered by us as worthy of imitation.

SETH P. BRYANT, *Secretary.*

WM. H. LEAS, *President.*

REPORT

OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT CEDAR FALLS,

FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1875.

To the Honorable Body of Trustees of the Iowa Soldier' Orphans Homes:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the fifth biennial report of the Soldiers' Orphans Home at Cedar Falls.

The history of these two years is replete with evidences of the beneficent care of Him whose providence extends to the most minute concerns of every human life. I cannot forbear to mention, gratefully, that peace, health, contentment and prosperity have been constant guests.

Your attention is invited to the following tabulated statistics of attendance:

In attendance November 1, 1875.....	256
Admitted on application.....	86
Admitted after prolonged absence.....	34
Aggregate attendance.....	376
Discharged on account of age.....	53
Discharged by request.....	133
Died.....	1
Preent attendance.....	189
Number 16 years of age.....	24
Number 15 years of age.....	20

Number 14 years of age.....	28
Number 13 years of age.....	38
Number 12 years of age.....	21
Number 11 years of age.....	13
Number 10 years of age.....	8
Number 9 years of age.....	15
Number 8 years of age.....	9
Number 7 years of age.....	5
Number 6 years of age.....	3
Boys present.....	95
Girls present.....	94
Parents both living.....	14
Parents both dead.....	28
Fathers alive, mothers dead.....	4
Fathers enlistments accredited to other States.....	45
Born since the war closed.....	35
Feeble minded.....	1
Colored.....	1
Families.....	112
Average attendance.....	230½

ATTENDANCE BY COUNTIES.

Allamakee.....	18
Benton.....	5
Black Hawk.....	15
Boone.....	1
Bremer.....	4
Buchanan.....	19
Butler.....	7
Cerro Gordo.....	4
Chickasaw.....	4
Clayton.....	17
Clinton.....	1
Dallas.....	1
Delaware.....	10
Dubuque.....	9
Fayette.....	17
Floyd.....	4
Franklin.....	4
Hardin.....	8
Harrison.....	3
Jones.....	1
Linn.....	13
Marshall.....	5
Mitchell.....	3
Story.....	2
Tama.....	4
Winneshiek.....	7
Worth.....	7
Wright.....	5
Total.....	189

The fathers (eleven) of eighteen of the children present are living;

of this number four were disabled in the service while in the line of duty, and seven deserted their families leaving them without support.

DEATHS.

When I left the Home to attend the last biennial meeting of the Board, Sarah J. Baird, of Waukon, Allamakee county, had been in hospital two days slightly ill with cold; when I returned, forty-eight hours later, she was in dying condition with congestion of the lungs. Sarah was one of the oldest girls, and her sweet temper, quiet demeanor, and obedient habits greatly endeared her to companions and teachers. Faded like an opening flower, her sudden and unexpected departure was a sad but useful lesson to her schoolmates.

CHANGE IN DOMESTIC SYSTEM.

At the opening of the current school year, September 1st, some important changes were made in our domestic system whereby our eight families or wards were consolidated into four,—all upon the second floor—the girls occupying the front rooms. Equal space was left in the third story for dormitories, each family sleeping directly over its own sitting room. A trial of two months has convinced us that the change has been conducive to comfort and health. Formerly when in the wards the beds were at a high temperature at bed time, and the children, being warm, turned the blankets back; but towards morning as the rooms became cooler, unable to cover themselves properly, they frequently suffered discomfort and sometimes took colds. The ventilation is adequate.

To afford any who may be indisposed an opportunity for quiet retirement, until nature resumes actively her proper functions, a suit of rooms, with experienced nurse in charge, is kept open.

ACCIDENTS.

The day before he expected to return from vacation visit, (August 1874) Sohn Aulguir, a lad of fourteen, was out chicken hunting with a friend in the vicinity of Waterloo. They had been out but a short time when his friend's fowling piece was accidentally discharged, the contents taking effect in his (John's) right leg, lacerating the flesh in a horrid manner, and badly shattering the fibula. He remained with his uncle, whom he was visiting, two weeks, when he returned to the Home. A year later, on the morning of the day when he expected to

return, Matthew Cox, aged thirteen, who was visiting an uncle at Elgin, Fayette county, went into a stable to harness a horse, and while there, received a kick in the right leg below the knee that fractured both bones badly. His sister who was visiting with him, was detained to assist in nursing him. I am advised that they will return about the first proximo. A little boy while carrying an armful of wood fell and fractured his right radius near the wrist.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

For further particulars in matters relating to the sanitary condition, you are respectfully referred to the Physician's report herewith submitted.

The general health and fine physique of the children seem to render any argument in favor of our present dietetic regulations superfluous. At meal times all the children are seated at four tables, which are presided over by the same ladies who attend them in the wards. These observe their manners, note such delinquencies as may occur on the part of any during a meal, and admonish or rebuke such offenders when *alone*, for the fault. The children talk incessantly while at the table, but in suppressed tones. Lively talk, spiced with childish wit and humor, always makes these scenes pleasant. Our diet list, with modifications to suit the different seasons, is as follows:

DIET LIST.—BREAKFAST.

Baked beans, boiled rice, hominy, salt fish, corn bread, fried mush, and pancakes, each once a week; beef steak twice; hash three times, and potatoes four times; white and brown bread, butter and syrup daily.

DINNER.

- Monday*—Roast beef, baked potatoes, bread (white and brown).
Tuesday—Boiled beef and vegetables, bread as above.
Wednesday—Beef soup, potatoes, bread and pudding.
Thursday—Roast beef, vegetables and bread as above.
Friday—Stewed beans with beef and pork, bread as above.
Saturday—Stewed meat and vegetables, bread as above.

SUPPER.

Bread, fried potatoes, biscuit (five times a week), graham bread once each week), cold meat, milk toast, cakes and pies (occasionally), butter, syrup, and sauce of dried or green fruit comprise the supper list.

Bread always in abundance, potatoes twice each day, and other vegetables in their season. Fruit, pickles and other acidulated food are plentifully supplied.

CLOTHING.

Next to wholesome, well-cooked food, clean, smooth fitting and sufficient clothing conduces most to the comfort of a child. Fortunately our children are not necessarily much exposed during the most severe winter weather, there being very little out-door work for them to do at that season. Their clothing, except hats, shoes, and hosiery, is manufactured in the Home. The boys wear a pure wool filled jean, which is cut and made by the sewing room employes. Their coats, pants and vests are suitably lined. They wear wool hats, kip balmoral shoes, wool hose and muslin shirts, except invalids and others who require special protection. Such have flannel underclothing. They are not limited to a specified number of articles of clothing for a given time, but are provided with as much as they need.

The girls wear prints for common and worsteds, percales, &c., for occasional dresses. Cotton flannel vests, wool skirts and hose are furnished for winter, and cotton of suitable texture for summer. Their shoes, which are unlined kip, high cut, are made to order. Invalids and those whose age tends to invite disease are protected with special care.

Their wraps are heavy repellants, lined for winter, and lighter material, unlined, for summer.

Those who are twelve years of age make their own clothing, (all of which is cut in the sewing room,) with the aid and under the direction of their ward-managers. Every garment is plainly marked with the wearers name.

When discharged each girl is allowed four dresses, two changes of underclothing, three pair of hose, and good a hat, shoes and wraps. Each boy takes two coats, two vests, three pair of pants and three shirts. Some of the boys have been taught to render considerable assistance to their managers, such as repairing clothing, cleaning paint, sweeping house.

INDUSTRIES.

I regard the industries as fundamental in these experimental nurseries to which so many eyes are turned with eager expectancy. Useful, wisely systemized employment is the mother of contentment. It imparts strength of body and vigor of mind, and it promotes sound morality. The employment for the boys, as at present conducted, consists mainly in the tillage of our large vegetable garden, the culture of trees, labor upon the roads and walks, preparing fuel, and the lighter work, such as peeling vegetables, scouring knives and forks, carrying water, and other similar chores.

A few of boys, born mechanics, are turning their talent to good account by the use of small fret saws, with which they make a great variety of scroll work. They purchase the saws and material with a portion of the savings from vacation earnings, or the meager remittances sometimes made them by friends. Their wares consist in wall brackets and pockets, card receivers, small picture frames, and other small articles for ornament and use.

The saws and materials having been purchased with their own money, and the work performed when it in no wise interfered with their other duties, they have been allowed to sell the articles manufactured, and use the proceeds in the purchase of other material or otherwise.

I believe manufacturing beyond what might be done by the older children out of school hours, in the shoe-shop and sewing-room, and in the line of scroll work, under competent direction, to be impracticable, during a term of school. The boys leave the home at sixteen years of age, or before,—earlier in life than farmers' sons usually are apprenticed. All of the industries should be instituted with the view to promote the efficiency of the school by ministering to the physical development and health of the pupils. Let those who have aptness for mechanical pursuits obtain the special training requisite to proficiency in that department of labor after they leave the home, as many already have done.

Unquestionably, the best employment for our boys, who are from twelve to sixteen years of age, may be found in the garden and on the farm, where they may come into contact daily with those old favorites of the boys,—pure air and sunshine; where the healthful exercise of all the muscles would promote the symmetrical growth of the body, and lay a sure foundation, physically, for a sound, strong manhood, without which they must become intellectual pigmys; and where the

silent, creative force of nature, unfolding into perfection of beauty the myriad forms of vegetable life, might become their teachers, and, perchance, lead their contemplations from the beautiful creature up to the wonderful Creator.

A farm wisely managed and judiciously stocked would, in a short time, become a source of revenue to the institution, while its intrinsic value would increase as fast, at least, as that of adjoining lands. The labor in the various departments might be performed by the boys, with competent direction, in connection with school duties—a consideration of great importance. I therefore ask you to consider the expediency of recommending the lease or purchase of a suitable farm for, and adjacent to the Home.

The girls, in addition to their own personal sewing, make and repair for the boys, do the children's ironing, assist in the kitchen, clear and relay the tables, wash dishes, trim lamps, and lend their cheerful, efficient aid in every part of the Home.

During the summer vacation, when not otherwise employed, they piece bed-quilts, make comfortables, and also sew carpet-rags which are woven by one of our neighbors and used to carpet the ward floors. Thirty bed-quilts have been pieced by them and quilted. They have never manufactured anything for sale.

No value has been set upon the labor of the children. All, from the little boy or girl of eight years to those of fifteen or sixteen, have duties assigned to them more or less difficult, which they perform well.

GOVERNMENT.

The government is "mild, but firm." It is instituted upon the theory that prevention is better than punishment. Children have intuitive knowledge of human nature. Necessary regulations, impartially and kindly administered, always find a response in their hearts. They also have a nice sense of justice, and willingly submit to correction that its demands may be satisfied.

A record of deportment is kept by each teacher and manager, in which the faults of delinquents are faithfully marked. Wholesome, needful restraints, such as are consistent with the requirements of discipline and the well being of the child, are imposed as penalties for disobedience. Children are never deprived of meals for punishment.

The following are our rules :

RULES—TEACHERS.

1. The term of employment of teachers, unless otherwise limited, shall, in all cases, cease with the end of the school year in which their service begins, and can be extended only by new appointment; but every teacher shall be subject, at any time, to termination of employment at the pleasure of the superintendent, or of the board of trustees; and no teacher shall claim or receive more of the annual or other salary prescribed than the pro rata portion thereof, due to the period of actual service.

2. Teachers shall give at least one month's notice of their intention to resign, and any teacher withdrawing without such notice shall forfeit the amount of salary earned and unpaid.

3. Teachers shall devote themselves, during school hours, faithfully and entirely to school duties; and shall employ so much of their time out of school as may be necessary for a thorough preparation for, and an efficient discharge of their duties as teachers.

4. Teachers shall be present at least fifteen minutes before the sessions begin, to open the school-room and secure good behavior and care of school premises.

5. Teachers shall punctually observe the hours for opening and closing the schools and shall take care that the air in the rooms is effectually changed at each recess, and at the end of each school session.

6. Teachers are responsible for the safe keeping of the school property, for books loaned to pupils, and for the neatness of the school premises.

7. When, in the opinion of a teacher, or other employe, a child deserves corporal punishment for conduct prejudicial to good order or morality, such person shall in every instance report the offending child to the superintendent for punishment.

8. There shall be two sessions daily, of three hours each, in all the schools. There shall be a recess of fifteen minutes for each pupil during each regular session of school.

9. Teachers shall keep a daily record of the scholarship and deportment of each pupil, and shall report at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by the superintendent.

10. The following stated holidays are allowed to the schools: Saturday of each week, the annual thanksgiving day, the week between Christmas and New Year's day, and one week some time in April.

11. Teachers salaries are fixed and paid by calendar months.

WARD MANAGERS.

12. In their wards the children must at all times be quiet and orderly. Loud talking and disorderly demonstrations of every kind, such as dancing, scuffling, or playing about the room, and everything prejudicial to good order is forbidden.

13. Managers should give personal attention to the cleanliness of the children. They are responsible for the clothing, bedding, furniture and other property of the wards. They should have the air in the room changed thoroughly at least three times every day.

14. Managers must accompany the children to the dining hall, and notice their manners while at the tables, and must hold them accountable for delinquencies.

15. Orders for clothing must be presented in writing to the matron. Clothing must not be sold or exchanged without her consent.

16. Duplicate washing lists must be made, one of which should be sent to the laundry. If any of the pieces should not be returned at the appointed time, the delinquency must be reported to the matron.

17. Children who need medicine or require surgical treatment, should be reported to the superintendent.

18. Managers will draw books from the library for the children, and return them at such time, and in manner prescribed by the librarian.

19. If corporal punishment be administered, it must be done in conformity to the requirements of number 7 of these regulations.

VISITORS.

20. The home will be open from 9 A. M. till 5 P. M., on all days except Saturday and Sunday, for the reception of visitors.

21. Preaching and Sabbath-school services alternating, every Sabbath at 2½ o'clock P. M., at which visitors are always welcome.

22. The mothers of the children may be entertained two days during a term of school.

23. The superintendent should be notified of the intention, on the part of any, to invite friends, if the hospitalities of the home are desired for such guests.

MISCELLANEOUS.

24. The use, upon the premises, of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and profanity and obscenity, is prohibited.

25. Employes desiring to leave the institution during business hours, must first obtain permission of the superintendent.

26. Employes are accountable for the judicious use of supplies and for the faithful employment of time.

27. The lights in the private rooms must be extinguished at or before 10 o'clock p. m., at which time the house will be closed.

Employes are particularly desired to notice the conversation, manners, and general deportment of the children upon the play ground and elsewhere, whenever they are brought into contact, and faithfully to report any delinquencies that may occur. They are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to encourage every child in obedience to all necessary regulations, and by precept and example to promote progress, harmony, and morality in the institution.

SCHOOLS.

The school is graded. It comprises three departments, viz: Primary, Intermediate, and Grammar. Four teachers are employed, one of whom, the assistant in the Grammar department, hears recitations half of each day, and devotes the remainder of the time to a class of twelve music scholars. Two pupils—Miss Lucie Seaton and Miss Lyna E. Whited—hear recitations in geography a half hour each day. The former has the D, and the latter the C class.

We aim to give our pupils clear, concise, and thorough instruction in the branches usually taught in the public schools. The following is

THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

NOTE.—There shall be vocal exercises at the opening of every session, oral instruction, embracing lessons in morals and manners, and general exercises in language and familiar science throughout the course.

Primary Grade.—Alphabet with word method, printing and phonetic spelling, reading and spelling; first, second and third readers; writing and drawing with pencil and chalks; elementary lessons in numbers; primary lessons in geography, with map-drawing.

Intermediate Grade.—Reading and spelling, third and fourth readers; writing, arithmetic—rudiments and mental; the manual of geography and map-drawing; declamation and simple exercises in sentence making.

Grammar Grade.—D Class: Reading and spelling, fourth reader and speller; writing; arithmetic, to common fractions; manual of geography, with map-drawing; declamation, and simple exercises in composition. C Class: Reading and spelling, fourth reader and speller; writing; arithmetic, common fractions to percentage; geography, with map-drawing, completed; declamation and composition. B Class: Reading and spelling, fifth reader and speller; writing; English grammar, to syntax; United States history; geography reviewed; Arithmetic completed, Int. arith.; declamation and composition. A Class: Reading and spelling, fifth reader; writing, with mercantile forms; arith. reviewed; elementary algebra, English grammar, physiology and hygiene, declamation and composition.

Lessons are given in natural philosophy, botany and geometry. Townsend's chart, containing an analysis of the constitution of the United States, is used as the basis of familiar talks to the older pupils upon that subject.

Each teacher is required to keep a register containing a correct record of the names, daily attendance, deportment and scholarship of all her pupils. Each pupil is provided monthly with a printed blank report card, which he is required to keep clean, and on which he enters daily his standing in deportment and in each of the branches pursued by him. Once in four weeks the teacher takes these cards, compares them with her register, and, if found correct, signs and incloses them in their envelopes on letter days. (Every fourth Friday, in the afternoon, stationery is furnished to one child of every family, and an opportunity given it to write what it pleases to its mother or guardian.) Thus the mothers are kept advised of the deportment and scholarship of their children, and also of their treatment while here.

Written examinations are made monthly in the Grammar Department.

VACATIONS.

For the purpose of affording teachers and pupils needed relaxation from nervous strain, we suspend the school one week during the holidays, also one week in April. The school year ends the second week in June. During the annual summer vacation, by request, about two-

thirds of the children visit their mothers or guardians, where they remain, subject to the call of the superintendent, enjoying a respite from the routine of institution life, and renewing and strengthening natural affections till summoned back to duty.

The influence of these summer visits is reflex—the child returning with corrected ideas of real life, while the mother, learning more of the nature and extent of the work of the institution, and realizing its benefits in her own family is brought into more perfect sympathy, and consequently she can give it a moral support which is of value to teacher and pupil.

The Fifteenth General Assembly made an appropriation of two hundred dollars to the Home, for the library. Considerable care was exercised in selecting the books. They are all fresh from the publishers, and were delivered at Cedar Falls at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ off.

The library now contains 1,000 carefully selected volumes, which have been purchased at different times, at a cost of \$900. Two hundred volumes, comprising poetry, history, biography, travel and fiction have recently been added.

In addition to the lighter works of fiction, it contains the writings of such authors as Scott, Dickens, Cooper, Muhlbach, Irving, Prescott, Bayard Taylor, Jacob Abbott, and others, which are specially valued by the older children. It is an important auxiliary to the school.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

Moral and religious culture has not been omitted. The Bible, that royal standard of sound morality and pure religion, is our guide in all matters appertaining to purity of heart and life. The pastors of the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Baptist churches, continue to hold services gratuitously in the chapel on alternate Sabbaths. The Sabbath-school has sustained interesting and instructive sessions. Our teachers (all of whom are christian young ladies) are devoting themselves faithfully to this important work. A children's prayer meeting (weekly) has been sustained during the entire period. At times deep religious interest has been manifested on the part of many of the older children. The children memorize portions of Scripture, which they recite in concert, and they have been taught many beautiful songs from the "Home Songs" and other collections, which they sing very sweetly.

IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.

Various causes have conspired to render the attendance somewhat irregular. The circumstances of some mothers have changed for the better, and such have very promptly removed their children, while others have lost their health, or for other reasons have found it necessary to apply for the admission of one or more children. Thirty boys and twenty-three girls have been discharged who had attained the age of sixteen years.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT OF DISCHARGED CHILDREN.

At present their employment is as follows, viz: Five are teachers; seven are students; one is a machinist; twenty-four are farmers, two are seamstresses; ten reside with their mothers or other relatives; and one (a boy returned to his mother) was feeble-minded. Two (girls) have married. Frank Wheelock, one of the thirty boys, died on the 15th of October ult. of hemorrhage of the lungs. Four pupils of last year's A class, Grammar Department, which numbered thirteen, applied for, and were found qualified to take teachers' certificates, at a public examination held in Black Hawk county. The other members of the class doubtless could have acquitted themselves with equal credit.

PERSONALS.

The boy Sidney Corwin, an innocent victim of intemperance, whose idiosyncracies rendered him dangerous, has been sent to his mother, resident at Lombardville, Illinois, with recommendation that he be sent to the Institution for Feeble-Minded Children in that state.

Phæbe M. Ellsworth, the mute, was transferred to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, September 15th, current year. She is reported monthly for support to defray her expenses for traveling and clothing. In accordance with your order, the surplus drawn on her account will be reimbursed to the treasurer at the expiration of the year.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications for admission continue to come, most of which are for children that have been born since the war closed; some for orphans whose fathers were not soldiers, and a few for admission as boarders. The following is a specimen:

"Mr. ——— a disabled soldier of the 12th Iowa Infantry, has lost his

wife who leaves two small children,—a girl five years old and a boy two,—the mother of these children was buried yesterday, leaving them no protection, from the fact that Mr.—— is now nearly gone with consumption and cannot even take care of himself. He lost his right arm near the shoulder and draws a pension, yet he has no home for his children and in his present condition cannot do it. He wishes therefore to place them in the Home.”

Can Iowa do a nobler deed or a wiser, than to assume the guardianship of such, be they soldiers' children or not, and give them a warm cheerful niche with home comforts and good training in her beautiful domain?

PROGRAMME OF DAILY EXERCISES.

A. M.—At 4 the engineer is called to light the furnace fires. From 5 till 5:30, the children in numbers one and three (oldest children) rise, make their beds and attend to any other dormitory work under the direction of the night nurse who also acts as dormitory manager; from 5:30 till 6, those in numbers two and four rise and attend to duties as above. At 5:30 the eight ironing girls, the laundry boys, the two barn boys, the engineer's two helpers, the two kitchen boys and the office boy report for duty. Of the others some study, some read, many girls take this hour to sew, and some of the boys desiring outdoor recreation, go to the exercise poles when the weather is not too cold. At 6:10 the bell calls all except the kitchen and dining hall details to the wards to make such preparation for the dining hall as due regard for personal appearance suggests. The managers seize these opportunities to impart useful lessons in personal cleanliness, politeness, manners, morals, &c. At 6:30 they are called to breakfast. Twenty-five minutes is allotted to the meal and ten to devotional exercises, which consist in reading the bible, singing, and in the Lord's prayer, in which the children join audibly.

From 7:10 till 8:45 all details of boys and girls are employed on the labor to which they may have been assigned. At 8:45 all assemble in their wards to attend to any preparation that may be necessary to make them presentable at school. They are called to the school-room at 9, where they remain until 10:45, when all are allowed a recess of 15 minutes; returning, they remain in school until 12.

P. M.—From 12 till 12:15 preparation in the wards for dinner, 12:15 till 12:45 dinner, 12:45 till 1:45 recreation for all except kitchen,

pantry and dining hall details. 1:45 preparation for school as above. At 2 all march into the school rooms; 3:45 to 4, recess; 5 till 5:10, intermission between school and supper bell; 5:10 till 5:30, preparation for supper; 5:30 till 6, supper; from 6 till 7:30 amusements, reading or sewing at pleasure; 7:30 till 8:30, advanced classes study and younger children go to bed; from 8:30 till 9, older children retire. At 10 lights are extinguished (except in halls) and the house is closed for the night.

GENERAL DUTIES.

General duties in addition to special are assigned for Saturdays, such as policing the grounds about the building, filling beds, house cleaning and other similar work. The children are carefully bathed and their clothing changed once each week, on Friday evening and on Saturday and oftener when necessary. The boys whose conduct has been meritorious during the week, usually are rewarded by a half holiday—Saturday afternoon.

The children rise half an hour later on the Sabbath, take their breakfast one hour later, and supper three-fourths of an hour earlier than on other days. A lunch of crackers, cakes and apples takes the place of the usual dinner.

Three officers and twenty-two employes, whose names and monthly salaries are given below, attended to the wants of the children, kindly ministering to their comfort, and they also have the care of the grounds and household property.

DEPARTMENT.

As now organized there are sixteen separate and distinct departments,—three schools, four wards, one hospital, one sewing and cutting, one kitchen, one dining, one bakery, one laundry, one shoe (repairing), one teamster's, one engineer's. Each principal or manager is held accountable to the Superintendent or Matron for the faithful care of all property entrusted to him or her, and for the economical and legitimate use of supplies.

ROLL OF EMPLOYES WITH SALARIES.

Henry F. Tucker, Superintendent.....	\$100.00
Mrs. H. F. Tucker, Matron.....	50.00
S. N. Pierce, M. D., Physician and Surgeon (exclusive of board)	30.00
Miss Alice E. Tracy, Teacher of Grammar Department.....	35.00
Miss Leoti L. West, Teacher of Intermediate Department	
Book-keeper and Librarian.....	35.00
Miss Josephine L. Lawrence, Teacher of Primary Department	30.00
Miss Jean L. Terry, Teacher in recitation room one half of each	
day.....	12.50
Miss Jennie Vance, Ward Manager.....	20.00
Miss Mary E. Vance, Ward Manager.....	20.00
Mrs. Mary A. Sherman, Ward Manager.....	20.00
Mrs. A. V. Marble, Ward Manager.....	20.00
Mrs. Susan P. Lawrence, Nurse.....	20.00
Mrs. S. J. McKittrick, Cutter and Sewing-Room Manager....	20.00
Miss Julia Smith, Seamstress.....	12.00
Miss Lizzie Miller, Seamstress.....	12.00
Mrs. Hattie A. Heaton, Dormitory Manager and Night Nurse..	20.00
Mrs. Fostina G. Smith, Kitchen Manager.....	25.00
Miss Lottis Hock, Assistant.....	12.00
Alex. Martz, Engineer and Machinist.....	35.00
Mrs. Alex. Martz, Dining-hall Manager.....	15.00
Hernando Mead, Baker.....	35.00
Mrs. Lydia Nash, Laundry Manager.....	15.00
Miss Christene Peterson, Laundress.....	12.00
Miss Christene Oeter, Laundress.....	12.00
John Wolff, Cobbler.....	25.00
Zeba M. Nettleton, Teamster.....	25.00
Richard James, Gardener.....	25.00

A daughter of the superintendent is boarded in the institution.

Miss Terry has a class of twelve music scholars, which pay her at the rate of \$7.50 per term of twenty-four lessons of one hour each or equivalent.

The engineer is employed all the year. When not needed in his special department, he is assigned to general duties about the house or in the garden.

The above remark is applicable, also, to the baker.

Richard James was discharged on the 31st ult., his services being no longer required.

Miss Julia Smith was discharged at the same time for similar reasons.

The Misses West, Lawrence and Miller were children at the Home.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Your attention is invited to the following financial statement, which exhibits the monthly receipts and expenditures for the past two years :

EXHIBIT OF MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOV. 1, 1874, TO NOV. 1, 1875.

DATE.	RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.													
	Received from trans-act.	Received from other sources.	Received from garden produce.	Total receipts.	Clothing and furnishings.	Groceries and provisions.	Furniture.	Improvements and repairs.	Fuel.	Light.	Live stock.	Tools and im-plements.	Books and stationery.	Drugs and medicine.	Salaries.	Incidental ex-penses.	Total disburse-ments.	
1873.																		
November	\$ 2,560 00	\$ 39 50	\$	\$ 2,599 50	\$ 379 97	\$ 577 02	\$ 35 25	\$ 130 75	\$ 500 00	\$ 44 05	\$ 189 20	\$	\$ 11 90	\$ 12 95	\$ 830 03	\$ 75 45	\$ 2,776 57	
December	2,590 00	32 00		2,622 00	437 54	833 28	72 05	45 11	357 50	15 40	35 11		6 05	20 40	811 00	71 58	2,709 42	
1874.																		
January	2,610 00	1 61		2,611 61	457 04	615 89	18 90	100 28	500 00	9 80			44 60	45 63	807 50	24 44	2,629 08	
February	2,610 00	03 90		2,703 90	327 44	1,023 55		94 76		27 30			9 00	22 15	809 40	348 07	2,961 67	
March	2,610 00	22 20		2,632 20	250 30	1,069 73	26 60	39 97	533 29				21 88	11 69	842 75	91 09	2,839 21	
April	2,640 00	1 80		2,641 80	812 48	600 46		1 85	42 88	14 00			8 90	14 49	809 17	5 10	2,538 83	
May	2,560 00			2,560 00	186 17	537 29	70 08		21 84						696 50	57 20	1,579 00	
June	2,530 00	45 48		2,575 48	774 97	911 07	124 02		129 96				113 00	19 69	804 03	250 93	3,158 69	
July	2,470 00	2 00		2,472 00	25 13	537 97			63 75				9 00	11 80	4 34	561 18	28 13	1,353 93
August	2,450 00			2,450 00	111 83	445 47			243 40					4 44	881 48	154 05	1,659 90	
September	2,450 00	5 06		2,455 06	145 35	713 11		1,079 41		38 80				112 08	16 95	766 69	117 49	2,939 79
October	2,400 00		1,001 24	3,401 24	19 60	2,689 95	99 63	65 03	208 66	15 31				64 96	13 13	771 72	129 70	4,071 69
November	2,440 00	20 20		2,460 20	637 81	677 45	99 23	57 50		36 71				14 41	4 88	735 45	168 71	2,362 8 8
December	2,440 00	17 80		2,457 80	24 15	550 07		20 19	1,633 05	45 73				21 03	19 48	756 00	337 98	3,416 68
1875.																		
January	2,450 00	2 00		2,452 00	758 43	715 67	55 57	38 28	120 74					5 00		751 59	52 06	2,432 23
February	2,470 00	4 84		2,474 84	249 01	723 11	14 80	53 77	61 69					22 31		747 33	14 45	1,867 43
March	2,420 00	9 50		2,429 50	131 40	951 16		69 80	410 55	1 75				29 69	5 38	744 90	137 70	2,482 33
April	2,420 00	5 75		2,425 75	439 67	675 69	82 70	79 32	732 63	17 57				6 52	11 36	762 25	28 23	2,798 19
May	2,400 00	30		2,430 00	1,006 22	395 20		43 02	131 00					3 00		749 00	9 25	2,283 68
June	2,220 00	17 32		2,237 32	195 50	961 62	39 43		84 73					13 38	6 64	647 73	159 02	2,119 10
July	2,150 00	10 63		2,160 63	17 69	265 41		34 49	10 85	8 33				28 00		617 78	36 82	885 84
August	1,940 00	21 27		1,961 27	668 80	382 67	12 00	303 24	33 24					59 90	2 95	572 17	107 15	2,337 92
September	1,800 00			1,800 00	159 63	123 77	14 00	131 73	128 35	13 25				21 39		665 65	45 05	2,022 52
October	1,880 00	4 01	1,057 49	2,941 50	167 74	1,824 42		18 08	210 65					15 00	3 90	634 94	261 62	3,196 81
Total	\$57,480 00	\$37 70	2,058 73	\$59,916 43	\$8,555 00	10,510 02	\$681 24	\$283 59	\$5939 38	\$871 58	\$261 31	\$113 00	\$555 66	\$269 21	\$17,447 37	\$282 01	\$59,362 48	
Balance Nov. 1, 1873.				356 51													356 51	
Total receipts for support.				58,916 43													910 46	
Receipts for library				860,272 94													860,272 94	
				300 00													300 00	
Total disbursements.																	860,272 94	
Balance November 1, 1875.																	910 46	
Expended for library																	300 00	

SOLDIERS ORPHANS' HOME.

[No. 15.]

1875.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUMMARY OF TABULATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
To balance November 1, 1873.....	\$ 386 31
Received from George B. Van Satta (support fund).....	57,480 00
Received from garden produce and profits.....	2,058 73
Received from other sources.....	377 70
Total.....	\$61,272 94
Paid for clothing and furnishings.....	\$ 8,555 00
Paid for groceries and provisions.....	10,510 02
Paid for furniture.....	681 24
Paid for improvements and repairs.....	2,839 38
Paid for fuel.....	5,696 88
Paid for light.....	871 58
Paid for live stock.....	901 31
Paid for tools and implements.....	113 00
Paid for books and stationery.....	55 66
Paid for drugs and medicines.....	269 21
Paid for salaries.....	17,447 37
Paid for incidental expenses.....	2,834 01
Total.....	\$59,362 48
Received and expended for library.....	860,272 94
Balance November 1, 1875.....	910 46

All claims against the Home are paid monthly. At present there are no unpaid accounts outstanding.

The grounds are gradually becoming more attractive and valuable. The lawn produces all the hay we consume, the garden nearly all the vegetables.

GARDEN PRODUCTS.

Our garden products and pork (all of which are accounted for above) are estimated as follows:

Hay.....	\$ 129 00	Beans.....	\$ 53 30
Potatoes.....	295 75	Peas.....	20 00
Beets.....	47 37	Squash.....	32 50
Turnips.....	12 65	Pumpkins.....	15 00
Carrots.....	7 80	Apples.....	15 00
Onions.....	8 70	Lettuce.....	10 00
Parasals.....	38 50	Calabage.....	33 56
Sausis.....	27 33	180 gallons cucumber pickles.....	27 00
Headishe.....	14 88	Cucumbers.....	100 80
Horse radish.....	218 87	Peppers.....	2 17
Tomatoes.....	88 60	Stawberries.....	20 25
Evergreen.....	729 75	Currents.....	9 00
Fork.....	6 50	Raspberries.....	1 13
Lard.....	75 00	Plumant.....	6 50
Total.....	\$2,500 98		

CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The buildings are in good repair, but some of the furniture is much worn, and ought to be replaced immediately.

The garden tools and farming implements are in good condition. The vehicles are in good order.

We have three horses, ten fat swine and fourteen store hogs.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY COMMITTEE.

Early in the summer of 1874 Mr. VanSaun, as committee on improvements for the Home, purchased a tubular boiler of the same dimensions as the one before in use, but of superior workmanship, from Messrs. Walworth Brooks & Co., of Chicago, Ill. The two placed side by side in a well lighted airy room, are permanently set in masonry. A conical smoke stack ten feet in diameter at the base and reaching an altitude of seventy feet, has been built forty feet west from the main building. By extending the boiler house twenty and one-half feet west, a good coal shed 18 ft. by 23 ft. has been secured.

A steam pipe has been laid underground to the laundry, and a few coils of pipe have been placed in the dry room giving facilities for washing and drying clothes. A suitable steam washing apparatus is much needed in the laundry, and would be equally serviceable should the character of the institution ever be changed. The kitchen and hall floors which were worn through in many places have been newly laid with ash.

DAMAGE BY STORM.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8, '74, Cedar Falls and vicinity was visited by a terrific storm of wind and rain. Our smoke stack then partly built, was damaged to the amount of \$35.00. The wind mill was considerably injured and other slight damage was sustained.

AN INVENTORY

Of the Furniture, Bedding, Tools, Live Stock and other Property belonging to the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Cedar Falls.

RECEPTION AND GUEST ROOMS AND OFFICE FURNITURE.

NAMES OF ARTICLES.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Rockers	01	Chair back	Worn	4.00
Chairs	02	Cane seated	Worn	1.00
Chairs	20	Common	Worn	13.00
Desks	03	Office	Worn	.65
Desks	04	Office	Good	.50
Table	1	Walnut	Worn	20.00
Table	2	Walnut	Worn	3.00
Books	3	Library	Good	450.00
Books	4	Spring seated	Good	8.00
Benches	5	Walnut center	Worn	4.00
Table	6	Cherry center	Good	4.00
Table	7	Walnut	Worn	1.00
Stand	8	Ewer and basin	Worn	1.25
Stand	9	Chamber	Good	1.00
Bed	10	Walnut bedstead	Good	5.75
Bed	11	Blankets	Good	1.50
Bed	12	Blankets	Good	1.50
Bed	13	Quilt	Good	1.00
Bed	14	Blankets	Good	1.00
Bed	15	Pillows	Good	4.00
Bed	16	Fellow slips	Good	1.40
Bed	17	Sheets Walnut	Good	1.00
Bed	18	Sheets Walnut	Good	.57 1/2
Carpet	19	Ingrain	Worn	20.00
Mirror	20	10 inches x 14 inches	Worn	31.88
Stool	21	Walnut	Worn	10.00
Stool	22	Walnut	Worn	10.00
Stool	23	Walnut	New	4.00
Stool	24	Walnut	New	.50
Stool	25	Walnut	New	200.50
Stool	26	Walnut	New	50.00
Stool	27	Walnut	Worthless	50.00
Stool	28	Walnut	Worthless	1.00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	No.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Wall brackets.....	2	Vases.....	.....	\$ 1.00
Pictures.....	1	Capitol at Washington.....	.....	1.50
Pictures.....	1	Lord's Prayer.....	.....	1.50
Pictures.....	1	General William T. Sherman.....	.....	.50
Pictures.....	1	Forever with the Lord.....	.....	6.00
Pictures.....	1	For me to live is Christ.....	.....	6.00
Pictures.....	1	Photo.....	.....	1.00
Pictures.....	1	Mrs. E. G. Platt.....	.....	1.00
Pictures.....	1	Oleograph.....	.....	1.00
Pictures.....	1	Morning Beverage.....	.....	1.00
Pictures.....	1	Dressing for the Ball.....	.....	1.00
Pictures.....	1	Women at the Cross.....	.....	.50
Pictures.....	1	Steel.....	.....	.50
Pictures.....	1	George Washington.....	.....	.50
Pictures.....	1	Steel.....	.....	.50
Pictures.....	1	Abraham Lincoln.....	.....	.50
Piano covers.....	2	Sheet and 1 linen.....	Good.....	4.00
Table spreads.....	2	Woolen and 1 linen.....	.....	1.00
Lamps.....	1	4 Light Chandelier, complete.....	Good.....	10.00
Lamps.....	1	Large bracket.....	Good.....	2.00
Lamps.....	2	Perkins and House.....	.....	1.00
Lamps.....	2	Large glass.....	.....	1.00
Window shades.....	6	1 Buff and 5 blue Holland.....	.....	.75
		Total.....	.....	\$ 987.98

FURNITURE IN OFFICERS' ROOMS.

Rockers.....	1	Cane back.....	Worn.....	\$ 2.00
Rockers.....	1	Wooden.....	Worn.....	1.25
Rockers.....	1	Cane back sewing.....	.....	1.00
Chairs.....	2	Common.....	Worn.....	.75
Chairs.....	5	Small walnut.....	Worn.....	3.25
Table.....	1	Small walnut.....	Good.....	2.00
Bureau.....	1	Wash.....	Worn.....	1.50
Sink.....	2	Wash.....	.....	2.00
Sink.....	2	Ewers and basins.....	.....	2.50
Sink.....	2	Chamber.....	.....	.75
Sink.....	2	Painted tin pails.....	.....	1.50
Bed.....	2	Walnut bedstead.....	Good.....	8.00
Bed.....	6	Pilows.....	.....	2.00
Bed.....	2	Ticks.....	.....	1.50
Bed.....	2	Blankets.....	.....	3.50
Bed.....	2 1/2	Blankets.....	.....	4.00
		Total.....	.....	\$ 10.00

Bed.....	2	Quilts.....	.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Bed.....	1	Comfortable.....	.....	.....	1.00
Bed.....	9	Comfortable.....	.....	.....	3.88
Bed.....	14	Pillow slips.....	.....	.....	1.40
Bed.....	17	Towels.....	.....	.....	1.70
Bed.....	28	Ingrain.....	Worn.....	.....	10.50
Carpet.....	28	Walnut bedstead.....	New.....	1.00	15.00
Carpet.....	15	Large walnut.....	.....	.....	20.00
Wardrobe.....	1	Small pine.....	Good.....	.....	15.00
Lamp.....	1	Small glass.....	.....	.....	1.00
What-not.....	1	Walnut (corner).....	Good.....	.....	2.00
		Total.....	.....	.....	\$ 126.23

FURNITURE IN EMPLOYEES' ROOMS.

Rockers.....	2	Cane back.....	Worn.....	.....	4.00
Rockers.....	1	Wooden.....	Worn.....	.....	1.00
Rockers.....	1	Wooden.....	.....	.50	1.00
Rockers.....	6	Sewing.....	Worn.....	1.00	6.00
Chairs.....	37	Small walnut.....	Worn.....	.50	18.50
Tables.....	2	Small pine.....	Worn.....	1.25	4.25
Tables.....	2	Small pine.....	Worn.....	.75	1.50
Bureaus.....	2	Wash.....	Good.....	10.00	20.00
Bureaus.....	2	Wash.....	Worn.....	4.00	8.00
Stands.....	14	Ewers and basin.....	.....	1.00	6.00
Stands.....	11	Small pitcher.....	.....	1.25	17.50
Stands.....	14	Small pitcher.....	.....	.40	4.40
Stands.....	11	Walnut bedstead.....	.....	.75	10.50
Bed.....	11	Walnut bedstead.....	Worn.....	3.00	12.00
Bed.....	4	Basswood bedstead.....	.....	1.00	4.00
Bed.....	16	Large pillows.....	.....	2.00	62.00
Bed.....	31	Small pillows.....	.....	1.25	7.50
Bed.....	6	Comfortables.....	.....	1.00	17.00
Bed.....	17	Comfortables.....	.....	1.00	10.00
Bed.....	71	Chambers.....	.....	.75	7.19
Bed.....	19	Quilts.....	Worn.....	8.50	66.50
Bed.....	10	Blankets.....	.....	.30	21.30
Bed.....	71	Blankets.....	.....	.10	7.19
Bed.....	19	Pillow slips.....	.....	.90	8.90
Bed.....	89	Towels.....	Worthless.....	.....	.....
Table spreads.....	8	Two red and six white linen.....	.....	.....	3.90
Window shades.....	24	Buff and blue Holland.....	.....	.....	13.50
Carpet.....	18	Ingrain.....	Good.....	.....	36.00
Carpet.....	36	Ingrain.....	Nearly new.....	1.00	36.00
Carpet.....	40	Ingrain.....	Much worn.....	.25	10.00
Carpet.....	93	Ingrain.....	Worthless.....	.....	.....

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	No.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Carpet.....	17	Yards.....	Rag.....	Worn..... \$.15 \$ 2.55
Wardrobes.....	3	.....	Large pine.....	Good..... 15.00 45.00
Wardrobes.....	1	.....	Small pine.....	Much worn..... 3.00
Wardrobes.....	1	.....	Large walnut.....	Good..... 20.00
Wardrobes.....	1	.....	Small walnut.....	Good..... 15.00
Mirrors.....	16	.....	Common.....	..... 19.40
Book shelves.....	2	.....	Hanging walnut.....	Good..... 1.50 3.00
Lamps.....	4	.....	Large glass.....	..... 4.00
Lamps.....	8	.....	Small glass.....	.50 4.00
Lamps.....	4	.....	Perkins and House.....	..... 4.00
Stoves.....	2	.....	Small parlor.....	..... 8.00
Total.....				\$ 599.40

WARD FURNITURE AND BEDDING.

Rockers.....	1	.....	Wooden.....	Worn..... \$.50
Rockers.....	5	.....	Sewing.....	..... 5.00
Chairs.....	218	.....	Common.....	\$.40 87.20
Lounges.....	2	.....	Walnut.....	..... 4.00
Tables.....	10	.....	Round walnut.....	Good..... 5.00 50.00
Tables.....	4	.....	Square walnut.....	Good..... 5.00 20.00
Tables.....	4	.....	Square pine.....	..... 2.00 8.00
Sinks.....	8	.....	Pine.....	..... 3.50 28.00
Sinks.....	24	.....	Tin washbasins.....	..... .10 2.40
Sinks.....	3	.....	Iron dust pails.....	..... 1.50 4.50
Pictures.....	2	.....	Wide Awake and Fast Asleep (com.).....	..... 5.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Oleograph.....	"Ouel..... 3.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Oleograph.....	Hopeless..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Oleograph.....	The Surprise..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Oleograph.....	Feeding the Pels..... .75
Pictures.....	1	.....	Oleograph.....	Fluck (companion)..... .75
Pictures.....	2	.....	Lithograph.....	Ten Commandments..... 6.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	The Lord's Prayer..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	The Fathers Grave..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	Victory..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	Lincoln at Home..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	Officers of our Navy, 1861..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Steel.....	My First Pants..... .50

Pictures.....	1	Steel.....	Lincoln and his Cabinet.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Pictorial History of Old Testament.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Pictorial History of New Testament.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	William Sherman.....	..... 8.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	American Authors.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	General Grant and Family.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Nightly Disturbance.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Help me Up.....	..... 8.00
Pictures.....	12	.....	Small.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	Photograph.....	Scuyler Colfax.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	Oval.....	Grace Darling.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Charlie in Trouble.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Evening Prayer.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Prayer.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Cinderella.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Jack Lantern.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Love's Messenger.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Sailor's Dream.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Light of the World.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Book of Life.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Artists' Wild Flowers.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Crossing the Stream.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Mud Pies.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	Print.....	She Sees Him Coming.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Harvest Field.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	2	.....	The Season of Grapes.....	..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Little Scholar.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Peace.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Summer.....	..... 1.00
Pictures.....	1	.....	May Blossoms.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Apples and Plums.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Jack Lantern.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Little Wanderer.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Home of Washington.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Cherries.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Friendly Meal.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	Who Said Rats.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Three Friends.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	A. Medley.....	..... .50
Pictures.....	1	.....	American Piano Forte.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	American Farmyard.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Battle of the Wilderness.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	On a Farm.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Two Little Fraud Cats.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Little Brothers.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	The Stag at Bay.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	John Young Ducks.....	..... .25
Pictures.....	1	.....	Fishing.....	..... .25

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	NO.		KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Pictures	1	Print	Little Scholar		\$.25
Pictures	3	Crayon	Soldiers' Orphans' Home		.25
Beds	128		Ward bedssteads	Worn	1.00 128.00
Beds	124		Ticks		.50 88.50
Beds	174 1/2	Pairs	Pillows		2.00 218.00
Beds	31		Blankets		443.25
Beds	31		Quills		28.25
Beds	503	Pairs	Sheets		20 100.00
Beds	145		Pillow slips		.10 14.50
Beds	82		Towels		.15 12.30
Beds	11		Table spreads		.75 8.25
Beds	3		Table spreads		
Window shades	23		Buff Holland		2.88
Window shades	39		Blue or green Holland		1.50
Carpet	179	Yards	Rag	Nearly new	.50 89.50
Carpet	322			Worn	.20 64.40
Mirrors	7		Common		6.65
Book shelves	2	Sets	Walnut		3.00
Lamps	4		Two light chandeliers	Good	3.00 12.00
Lamps	4		Three light chandeliers	Good	7.50 30.00
Clocks	3		Common	Good	7.50
			Total		\$ 1,524.33

SCHOOL FURNITURE AND APPARATUS.

Desks	72	Double	A. H. Andrews & Co, No. 2, school	Good	5.50	\$ 396.00
Desks	36	Double	A. H. Andrews & Co, No. 3, school	Good	5.50	198.00
Desks	11	Double	A. H. Andrews & Co, back seats	Good	3.50	38.50
Desks	36		A. H. Andrews & Co, No. 4, school	Good	5.00	180.00
Desks	3	Double	A. H. Andrews & Co, back seats	Good	3.00	9.00
Tables	3		Teachers' cherry	Good	5.00	15.00
Tables	1		Teachers' small, cherry	Good		4.00
Tables	1		Teachers' pine	Worn		2.00
Chairs	15		Common		.50	9.00
Organ	1		Smith's Cabinet	Worn		10.00
Book case	1		Large pine	Good		10.00
Placardium	1		Metallic	Good		15.00
Microscope	1		Household	Good		7.00
Bells	2		Call			1.00
			Common		\$ 2.50	\$ 7.50
Clocks	3		Sheet iron cast			1.00
Pails	32					2.88
Window shades	50		Buff and blue Holland			25.00
Books	22		Reference		.60	10.80
Books	18	Copies	Gray's Botany, first part		.45	17.10
Books	38	Copies	Cuttler's Physiology, first part		.75	8.00
Books	12	Copies	Riddle's Elementary Astronomy		.75	13.50
Books	18	Copies	Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Philosophy		.75	
Books	1	Copy	Quackenbos' Rhetoric			28.40
Books	1	Copy	Quackenbos' Philosophy			.75
Books	26	Copies	National Fifth Reader		.40	24.80
Books	62	Copies	Independent Fifth Reader		.30	23.40
Books	78	Copies	Independent Fourth Reader		.20	16.00
Books	47	Copies	Independent Third Reader		.15	7.05
Books	47	Copies	Independent Second Reader		.10	2.50
Books	25	Copies	Independent First Reader		.50	8.50
Books	17	Copies	Robinson's Elementary Algebra		.50	1.00
Books	1	Copy	Key to Elementary Algebra		.40	5.00
Books	14	Copies	Robinson's Higher Arithmetic		.30	24.00
Books	80	Copies	Robinson's Practical Arithmetic		.30	7.50
Books	1	Copy	Key to Practical Arithmetic		.20	15.40
Books	1	Copy	Robinson's Rudiments of Arithmetic		.15	18.00
Books	77	Copies	Robinson's Intellectual Arithmetic		.20	21.00
Books	80	Copies	Robinson's Arithmetic		.50	2.00
Books	115	Copies	Ray's Elementary Algebra		.10	23.00
Books	4	Copies	Monteith's First Lessons in Geography		.15	6.75
Books	230	Copies	Monteith's Manual of Geography		.20	21.40
Books	107	Copies	Monteith's and McNally's Physical and Political Geography		.50	17.00
Books	34	Copies	McNally's Political Geography		.80	5.60
Books	7	Copies	Harvey's Grammar		.50	12.00
Books	43	Copies	Barnes' History of the United States		.50	8.50
Books	17	Copies	Goodrich's History of the United States		.50	8.00
Books	16	Copies	Webster's School Dictionary		.30	22.80
Books	76	Copies			.40	1.80
Books	4	Copies	Bibles			8.05
Books	161		Testaments			24.00
Slates	179		Medium sized			1.50
Cards	1	Box	Webb's School and Family			5.00
Scales	5 1/2	Dozen	Map drawing		.50	2.90
Block	13		Walnut cube			.50
Erasers	45		A. H. Andrews & Co		1.50	5.00
Maps	12 1/2	Dozen	School		.25	3.00
Charts	1		School			2.50
Charts	1		Chemical			4.00
Charts	8		Cutter's Anatomical			10.00
Books	80		Song books			
			Total			\$1,555.68

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

DINING HALL FURNITURE, CROCKERY AND CUTLERY.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Chairs	33	Common	Worn	\$.30
Stools	260	Dining	Worn	.25
Wardrobe	1	Small pine	Good	10.00
Tables	1	Walnut extension	New	12.50
Cupboard	31	Milk	Worn	3.50
Stand	1	Small light	Good	5.00
Benches	1	Table cloth	Worn	.75
Linens	89	Wooden	Worn	1.00
Pails	4	Sheet iron dust	Worn	9.75
Pails	1	Buf Holland	Worn	.40
Pails	1	2 Light chandeliers	Worn	.50
Window shades	7	Bracket	Worn	.85
Lamps	8	Hanging	Much worn	12.00
Lamps	4	"Iowa Honors Our Fathers; We will Honor Her"	Good	5.00
Lamps	2	Common plates	Worn	1.00
Motto	1	Soup plates	Good	1.35
Crockery	23	Desert plates	Worn	8.82
Crockery	3	Tureens	Worn	1.35
Crockery	23 1/2	Tea cups and saucers	Worn	.85
Crockery	3 1/2	Sugar bowls	Worn	3.34
Crockery	7 1/2	Large bowls	Worn	2.25
Crockery	6 1/2	Platters	Worn	1.75
Crockery	2	Scolloped dishes	Worn	8.13
Crockery	1	Regule dishes	Worn	3.50
Crockery	2 1/2	Cream pitchers	Worn	2.40
Crockery	3 1/2	1 Gallon water pitchers	Worn	3.00
Crockery	3 1/2	Sauce dishes	Worn	5.00
Crockery	1 1/2	Butter dishes	Worn	1.50
Crockery	1 1/2	Pieckle dishes	Worn	2.40
Glassware	13 1/2	Tumblers	Worn	.10
Glassware	3 1/2	Molasses pitchers	Worn	2.20
Glassware	2 1/2	Spoon holders	Worn	3.70
Glassware	2 1/2	Salt cellars	Worn	1.35
Glassware	1 1/2	Castors complete	Worn	15.00
Cutlery	4 1/2	Knives and forks	Worn	88.00
Cutlery	1 1/2	Butcher knives	Worn	2.70

Tinware	3	Teaspoons	Worn	.60
Tinware	26	Large spoons	Worn	1.80
Tinware	2	Molasses pitchers	Worn	2.00
Tinware	2	Soup ladles	Worn	3.50
Tinware	2 1-12	Bread tins	Worn	1.05
Tinware	15	Tin cups	Worn	3.75
Total				\$ 428.82

KITCHEN FURNITURE AND APPARATUS.

Chairs	3	Common	Worn	.30
Tables	3	Small	Worn	1.50
Tables	1	Long	Worn	2.50
Cupboard	1	Walnut	Much worn	2.50
Sink	1	Jewell and Roots No. 15, and furniture	Worn	20.00
Stove	1	Number 2 Profit	Good	15.00
Boiler	1	Sidon Patent	Good	50.00
Beller	1	Large Coffee	Good	3.50
Mill	1	Fairbanks, six hundred pounds	Good	15.00
Scales	1	Apple	Good	1.00
Paper	1	Ice	Good	5.00
Box	1	White Mountain Ice Cream	Good	10.00
Freezer	1	Ten gallon milk cans	Good	2.00
Tinware	4	Six quart tin pans	Good	4.38
Tinware	3	Large dish pans	Worn	1.00
Tinware	1	Galvanized iron pan	Worn	.40
Tinware	2	Steamers	Worn	.15
Tinware	3	Skimmers	Worn	.25
Tinware	2	Scalloped cake tins	Worn	1.00
Window shades	8	Buf Holland	New	12 1/2
Carpet	55	Ingrain	New	1.00
Carpet	22 1/2	Rag	Worn	37 1/2
Pictures	1	Saratoga Lake	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	American Homestead	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Common Oak	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Christmas Eve	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Phillips' Dictionary	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Wood Print	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Certificate of Membership of E. Association	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Photograph	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Abraham Lincoln	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	Papa's Birthday	Worn	.50
Pictures	1	St. Peter's M. M. C.	Worn	.25
Pictures	1	God is Love	Worn	.55
Pictures	1	God is Love	Worn	.55
Pictures	1	God is Love	Worn	.55
Pictures	1	All's mine	Worn	.55
Pictures	1	Behave Well	Worn	.55

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	No.	KINDS	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Pictures.....	1	Oval.....	Doll's Birthday.....	.55
Clock.....	1	.....	Common.....	2.50
Lamps.....	1	.....	Large Glass.....	1.00
Lamps.....	2	.....	Small hand.....	1.50
Whinol.....	1	.....	Walnut corner.....	1.75
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Assafoetida.....	.35
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Arnica, tincture of.....	.50
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Antimony, wine of.....	.60
Medicine.....	1	Pint.....	Aconite fluid extract.....	.15
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Aloe, tincture of.....	.30
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Aromatic sulphuric acid.....	.35
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Beeswax.....	.30
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Arset Liq. Pot.....	.10
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Bismuth, el. pp. 8.....	.50
Medicine.....	1	Gallon.....	Carbolic acid, saturated solution.....	.75
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Camphor, tincture of.....	1.75
Medicine.....	2	Pounds.....	Capsicum, tincture of.....	1.20
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Cherry, wine of wild.....	.25
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Chloroform.....	.60
Medicine.....	4	Ounce.....	Ca si um.....	.20
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Cet. Teri et Quil.....	.75
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Colodion, surg.....	.50
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Composition, Thompsonian.....	.60
Medicine.....	1	2 Pounds.....	Elixir, aromatic.....	1.75
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Elixir, phosphorus, iron, quinine and strychnine.....	1.75
Medicine.....	1	14 Pounds.....	Essence of.....	.50
Medicine.....	1	Gill.....	Holland gin.....	.15
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Hydrate chloral.....	.82
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Hydrocyanic.....	.15
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Ipecacuanha.....	1.13
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Iodide of iron, syrup of.....	.04
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Iodine, tincture of.....	.40
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Laudann.....	.40
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Iron of quina, citrate of.....	.40
Medicine.....	1	1 1/2 Pounds.....	Kalca aqua.....	.30
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Kino, tincture of.....	.60
Medicine.....	1	Ounce.....	Laudann.....	.15
Medicine.....	1	2 Pounds.....	Licorice root.....	.44
Medicine.....	1	Pound.....	Myrrh.....	.45
Tinware.....	3	.....	One gallon measures.....	.20
Tinware.....	3	.....	One-fourth gallon measures.....	.80
Tinware.....	2	.....	One-half gallon measures.....	.30

Tinware.....	2	.....	1/2 Gallon dippers.....	.50
Tinware.....	30	.....	Common.....	3.00
Tinware.....	50	.....	Pie tins.....	5.00
Tinware.....	5	.....	Gen tins.....	.59
Tinware.....	6	Bread pans.....	Worn.....
Tinware.....	14	.....	Walnut.....	4.00
Pails.....	8	.....	Wooden.....	1.40
Tubs.....	7	.....	Wooden.....	5.25
Clock.....	1	.....	Common.....	2.50
Total				\$ 198.28	

HOSPITAL FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES.

Rockers.....	1	.....	Cane back.....	Good.....	\$ 3.50
Rockers.....	1	.....	Wooden.....	.....	2.00
Chairs.....	6	.....	Common.....	.....	3.00
Chairs.....	3	.....	Rattan bottom.....	Worn.....	1.50
Chairs.....	1	.....	Reclumbent.....	.....	10.00
Lounges.....	2	.....	Walnut.....	W. Th.....	4.00
Tables.....	2	.....	Walnut falling leaf.....	Worn.....	6.00
Bureau.....	1	.....	Cherry with mirror.....	Good.....	14.00
Sink.....	1	.....	Walnut.....	.....	1.00
Sink.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.50
Sink.....	2	.....	Wooden pails.....	.....	.20
Sinks.....	2	.....	Small bath tubs.....	.....	1.25
Cupboard.....	1	.....	Pride of America, No. 10, with furniture.....	W. Th.....	10.00
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Walnut.....	Good.....	10.00
Cupboard.....	2	.....	Plates.....	.....	.40
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Cups and saucers.....	.....	.50
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Boys stone jars.....	.....	.40
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Vegetable dishes.....	.....	.85
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Sauce dishes.....	.....	.25
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Boys water pitcher.....	.....	.50
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Tumblers.....	.....	.50
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Salt cellars.....	.....	.20
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Molasses pitchers.....	.....	.25
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Knives and forks.....	.....	1.00
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Butcher knife.....	.....	.15
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Teaspoons.....	.....	.30
Cupboard.....	1	Dozen.....	Large spoons.....	.....	.40
Beds.....	6	.....	Single beds.....	Good.....	4.50
Beds.....	7	.....	Ticks.....	Good.....	1.00
Beds.....	8	.....	Small pillows.....	Good.....	1.25
Beds.....	4	.....	Blankets.....	.....	10.00
Beds.....	4	.....	Quilts.....	.....	12.00
Beds.....	4	.....	Comfortables.....	.....	4.00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLES.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Beds	15	Sheets		\$ 4.50
Beds	14	Pillow slips		1.40
Beds	11	Towels		1.10
Beds	3	Chambers		2.25
Beds	1	Bed pan		.50
Medicine	2	Hospital		2.00
Medicine	1/2	Pounds	Irish moss	.05
Medicine	1/2	Ounces	Morphia, sulphus	.05
Medicine	1/2	Pounds	Nitre, spirits	.75
Medicine	1/2	Pounds	Olive oil	.20
Medicine	1/2	Pounds	Oil, castor	.45
Medicine	1	Pound	Paregoric	.75
Medicine	1	Pound	Pal. od. op.	5.30
Medicine	1	Pound	Potassa, chlorate	1.00
Medicine	4	Ounces	Potassa, nitrate	.80
Medicine	1	Pound	Precipitate, white	1.60
Medicine	3/4	Pound	Precipitate, red	1.60
Medicine	1	Ounce	Potassa acetates	.10
Medicine	3	Ounces	Phumbl.	.15
Medicine	1/2	Ounce	Pills, cathartic	.40
Medicine	10 1/2	Ounces	Squills, syrup of	.75
Medicine	2	Pounds	Epsom salts	.20
Medicine	1	Ounce	Silver, nitrate	1.15
Medicine	1 1/4	Ounce	Seed, pul. flax	.15
Medicine	1	Ounce	Silperry oil, pul.	.05
Medicine	2	Pound	Tall potassa, bl.	.30
Medicine	2	Ounces	Spirits of turpentine	.30
Medicine	10	Ounces	Taracacum, F. E.	.20
Medicine	1/2	Ounce	Tartis ant. et. pot.	1.00
Medicine	1/2	Ounce	Tannin	.05
Medicine	1/2	Ounce	Zinc, sulphate of	1.12
Medicine	1	Pound	Glass graduate	.35
Medicine	3	Pounds	Probangs	.75
Medicine	1	Ounce	Family syringes	1.00
Medicine	1	Ounce	Spodices scales	1.00
Medicine	1	Ounce	Hagerly's nasal douche	1.15
Medicine	1	Ounce	Morfar	1.00
Medicine	1	Ounce	Medicine sizes	4.50
Vials	93 1/2	Dozen		1.00
Total				\$270.67

SEWING ROOM FURNITURE AND MACHINES.

Chairs	6	Common	Worn	.50	3.00
Tables	1	Long Walnut			5.00
Tables	1	Short Walnut			3.00
Tables	1	Falling Leaf			3.00
Cupboard	1	Pine		2.50	2.50
Carpet	2	Yards			12.00
Lamps	1	Rag	Nearly new	.40	.75
Lamps	2	Glass medium size		.60	1.20
Machines	2	Hand lamps		45.00	90.00
Machines	1	Singer Medium	Good		20.00
Machines	2	Singer Family	Worn	15.00	30.00
Machines	1	Howe Medium	Worn		10.00
Machines	1	Florence Family	Worn		10.00
Machines	1	Grover and Baker	Worn		10.00
Shears	1	Tailors			5.00
Total					195.85

CHAPEL FURNITURE.

Slips	40	Childrens			
Chairs	2	Cane bottom		1.00	2.00
Palpit desk	1	Walnut			
Organ	1	Smith's Cabinet	New		125.00
Stool	1	Musc (cane bottom)			2.00
Window Shades	16	Blue Holland		2.50	15.00
Lamps	6	Bracket, with reflectors			
Total					244.50

LAUNDRY APPARATUS.

Steamer	1	Anderson, No. 3			50.00
Machines	+1	Washing	Nearly new		7.50
Machines	1	Washing	Worthless		6.00
Machines	1	Hot Water Ring			
Tubs	3	Wooden	Worthless		10.00
Falls	2	Wooden		.10	.20
Tables	2	Long pine	Worn	2.50	5.00
Tables	27	Flat			8.45
Stoves	1	Ironing	New		15.00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Sloves	1	Ironing	Worthless	.....
Lamps	2	Perkins & House	.....	2.50
Lamp	1	Bracket with tin reflector	.....	.75
Total				\$ 95.40

BAKERY.

Trough	1	Pine kneading	.....	2.50
Bin	1	No. 15, Crow	.....	3.00
Cupboard	1	Proving	.....	2.00
Pans	17	Bread	.....	.15
Pans	7	Potato	.....	.70
Tins	26	Cake	.....	8.15
Tins	9	Brown bread	.....	.80
Scales	1	Counter, Fairbanks	.....	10.00
Slove	1	Common	.....	15.00
Clock	1	Common	Worn	2.50
Chairs	2	Common	Worthless	.80
Stand	1	Wash	.....	.40
Stand	1	Towels	.....	.50
Lamps	1	Hanging	.....	.40
Pails	4	Wooden	.....	.40
Total				\$ 44.30

SHOE FINDINGS, &C.

Lasts	10	Boots	New	4.00
Lasts	6	Shoe	New	.40
Lasts	4	Boots	Worn	2.40
Block	1	Cobblers	.....	1.00
Clock	1	Small parlor	Worn	2.50
Slove	1	Hanging	.....	.75
Lamp	1	Globe	.....	.75
Total				\$ 12.65

STEAM ROOM FURNITURE.

Chairs	3	Common	.....	\$ .30	\$.90
Pails	4	Wooden	.....	.10	.40
Towels	5	Long	.....	.15	.75
Lamps	1	Bracket, with reflector	.....		2.50
Lamp	1	Globe	.....		.75
Total				\$ 5.30	

STEAM FITTERS' TOOLS.

Tools	1	Pipe vise	.....	\$ 12.50
Tools	1	Die plate	.....	15.00
Tools	1	Solid die plate, Walworth's patent	.....	10.00
Tools	1	Die 1 1/2 inch R	.....	3.00
Tools	1	Die 1 1/4 inch R	.....	2.50
Tools	1	Die 1 inch R	.....	2.50
Tools	1	Die 3/4 inch R	.....	2.25
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch R	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	3.00
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch R	.....	2.50
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	2.25
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	2.25
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Die 1/2 inch L	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Tap 1 inch R	.....	1.75
Tools	1	Tap 3/4 inch R	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Tap 1/2 inch R	.....	1.00
Tools	1	Tap 3/8 inch R	.....	.75
Tools	1	Tap 1/4 inch R	.....	.75
Tools	1	Small die plates and 5 taps	.....	2.50
Tools	1	Stanley's pipe cutter	.....	8.00
Tools	1	Steel punch, 1 1/2 inches	.....	1.50
Tools	3	Cold chisels	.....	.75
Tools	1	Brown's patent adjustable pipe tongs, No. 3	.....	5.00
Tools	1	Brown's patent adjustable pipe tongs, No. 4	.....	9.00
Tools	1	Pipe tongs, 1 1/2 inches	.....	2.00
Tools	1	Pipe tongs, 1 1/4 inches	.....	1.50
Tools	1	Pipe tongs, 1 inch	.....	2.50
Tools	2	Pipe tongs, 3/4 inch	.....	2.00
Tools	1	Pipe tongs, 1/2 inch	.....	1.00
Tools	2	Pipe tongs, 1/4 inch	.....	.85
Furnace tools	2	Slide bars	.....	3.00
Furnace tools	1	Poker	.....	1.00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Furnace tools.....	1	Scraper.....		1.00
Furnace tools.....	1	Scoop shovel.....		1.00
Furnace tools.....	1	Wheelbarrow.....		5.00
Furnace tools.....	1	Boiler scraper.....		1.50
Furnace tools.....	1	Chustoff's Boiler Tube.....		.....
Furnace tools.....	1	Brush, two and one-half inches.....		2.50
Furnace tools.....	1	Chustoff's Boiler Tube.....		.....
Furnace tools.....	1	Brush, two inches.....		2.00
		Total.....		\$125.10

CARPENTERS' TOOLS.

Carpenters' tools.....	1	Shingle hatchet.....		.50
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Hand Ax.....		.50
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Claw-Hammer.....		.40
Carpenters' tools.....	3	Planes.....	.30	.90
Carpenters' tools.....	6	Chisels.....	.10	.60
Carpenters' tools.....	2	Screw Drivers.....		.75
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Two feet Steel Square.....		.15
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Tri-Square.....		.15
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Bevel Square.....		.15
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Gauge.....		.15
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Draw Shave.....		.20
Carpenters' tools.....	2	Saws, (one Rip and one common).....		1.00
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Compass.....		.25
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Saw Set.....		.25
Carpenters' tools.....	3	Braces and five bits.....		1.00
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Oil Stone.....		.25
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Auger, one and one-half inch.....		.75
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Auger, one and one-quarter inch.....		.60
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Pair Chisels.....		.30
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Bench Vise.....		2.00
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Small Grindstone.....		1.00
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Crowbar.....		2.50
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Sledge Hammer.....		3.00
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Oil Can, one-half gallon.....		.30
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Oil Can, one gallon.....		.30
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Brick Trowel.....		.30
Carpenters' tools.....	1	Dozen Axes.....		10.00
		Total.....		\$28.30

GARDEN IMPLEMENTS.

Mower.....	1	Light Champion.....		\$ 90.00
Seeder.....	1	Holtbrook's.....		10.00
Plow.....	1	Small.....		7.50
Plows.....	2	Double Shovel.....		8.00
.....	1	Farm.....		15.00
.....	1	Drag.....		8.00
.....	1	Stone boat.....		5.00
.....	1	Wheelbarrow.....		3.00
.....	1	Straw Cutter.....		15.00
.....	7	Spades.....	.50	3.50
.....	10	Shovels.....	.50	5.00
.....	13	Hoes.....	.40	6.40
.....	15	Rakes.....	.25	3.75
.....	2	Picks.....	.50	1.00
.....	3	4 Tined forks.....	.60	1.80
.....	3	Spading forks.....	.75	2.25
.....	7	Hay rakes.....	.15	1.05
		Total.....		\$ 184.75

LIVE STOCK.

.....	3	Horses.....	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00
.....	10	Stock hogs.....		240.00
.....	14	Pigs.....		70.00
		Total.....		\$ 760.00

VEHICLES AND HARNESS.

Wagon.....	1	Farm.....		\$ 50.00
Carriage.....	1	Four seated.....		175.00
Carriage.....	1	Two seated.....		60.00
Sleighs.....	1	Bob.....		25.00
Cutters.....	1	Two seated.....		20.00
Harness.....	1	Double.....	Much worn.....	5.00
Harness.....	1	Single.....	Much worn.....	3.00
		Total.....		\$ 333.00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	NO.	KIND.	CONDITION.	VALUE.
Extinguishers.....	3	Same	.....	15.00
Tank.....	1	10 gallon galvanized iron, kerosene	.....	15.00
Tank.....	1	50 gallon galvanized iron, kerosene	.....	15.00
Stove.....	1	1 gallon tin, kerosene	.....	12.50
Stove.....	3	.....	Worn	22.00
Pipe.....	1	Lot of stove	.....	7.50
Tub.....	1	Large bath tub	.....	15.00
Hose.....	10	Large hydrant hose	.....	15.00
Ladders.....	2	Hydrants	.....	5.00
Stools.....	2	Stap	.....	3.00
Cans.....	1	Crab	.....	2.40
Cans.....	1	Spice	.....	2.40
Jars.....	4	One-half gallon glass, fruit	.....	100.00
Saw.....	4	.....	.25	3.00
Saw.....	4	.....	.....	3.00
Lamp.....	1	Hanging lamp	.....	75
Matting.....	13	Cocoa	New	8.45
Matting.....	1	.....	Worn	10.00
Matting.....	1	Food glass	10.00
Matting.....	1	Steroscope and views	15.00
Total.....				\$ 272.50

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SUPPLIES IN STORE, NOV. 1, 1875.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
39 1/2 Dozen youths' hats.....	\$ 26.00	195 Pounds of dried apples.....	\$ 23.40
82 Pair boys' shoes.....	123.00	398 Pounds of rice.....	36.80
70 Pair girls' shoes.....	105.60	850 Pounds of butter.....	187.00
8 Pair children's shoes.....	8.00	60 Bushels of turnips.....	21.00
50 Yards repellant.....	55.00	40 Bushels of onions.....	20.00
300 Yards Kentucky jeans.....	165.00	90 Bushels of oats.....	28.20
500 Yards prints.....	35.00	30 Bushels of corn.....	13.50
150 Yards check flannel.....	45.00	30 Cordis of wood.....	105.00
12 Dozen girls' hose.....	42.00	10 Tons of coal.....	47.50
35 Dozen spools of thread.....	24.50	180 Gallons kerosene.....	28.80
2 Barrels of syrup.....	67.85	1 Case of matches.....	6.00
41 Gallons of sorghum.....	26.65	20 Boxes of soap, 60 pounds each	69.00
900 Pounds of sugar.....	168.00		
Total.....			\$ 1,377.20

TOTAL VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

Including supplies in store..... \$9,174.64

RECOMMENDATIONS.

A few improvements and repairs are needed. A small engine is much needed to propel the pump and light machinery. It should be combined with a portable boiler for summer use; steam laundry apparatus could then be introduced, which it is believed would facilitate and economize labor in that department. Water could be raised regularly and conveyed to convenient reservoirs for use in water closets. For hygienic reasons these should be conveniently near, if not within the building. At present the nearest is two hundred and twenty-five feet from the house, nor can they safely be nearer without this improvement.

ESTIMATES.

For the two years ensuing there will be needed for one eight-horse power combined vertical engine and boiler, nine hundred and fifty dollars; for the Nonpariel washing machine, large laundry, three hundred dollars; for brick water closet, 24x10 feet, two stories, six hundred and fifty dollars; for plumbing and for steam and water pipe and sewer, eight hundred and thirty dollars; for cesspool and for excavating sewer, five hundred and fifty dollars; for ceiling and painting, eight wards, five hundred dollars; for kitchen, dining-hall and other furniture, fifteen hundred dollars; for enlarging and improving laundry, seven hundred and twenty dollars; for lumber, carpenter's salary, whitewashing and general repairs, eight hundred dollars; for insurance, five hundred dollars. Total, six thousand and seventy-three dollars.

There should be a small addition to the library annually of recent publications. I recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the library.

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The railroad companies have very kindly transported those children of the Home who visit their mothers at the time of the summer vacation, at greatly reduced rates of fare, or free, viz.: Illinois Central railroad, Chicago and Northwestern railroad, Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota railroad, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, and the Central Railroad of Iowa.

Many publishers of newspapers and other periodicals continue to remember us weekly. These contribute a very important element to our reading, current news and local items. One daily, thirteen weeklys and four monthlies comprise the list, viz:

Dubuque Daily Times.	Iowa City Republican.
Iowa State Register.	Cedar Rapids Times.
Iowa Commercial.	Mason City Express.
Cedar Falls Gazette.	New York Observer.
Waterloo Courier.	Lippincott's Magazine. (monthly.)
Iowa State Reporter.	Records Five Points, H. I., New York.
Buchanan County Bulletin.	Home Visitor, Chicago. (ten copies.)
Clayton County Journal.	Christian Press, one year. (Forty copies, by favor of Hon. W. H. Leas.)
Wright County Monitor.	
Eldora Ledger.	

It is always a pleasant duty to acknowledge the benefactions of friends of the children, but it is especially so, when such favors are bestowed with hearty good wishes and are oft repeated, which is true of the railroad companies and publishers, whose names appear above. This remark applies with even greater force to those clergymen who come out in storm and sunshine, without pecuniary reward, to point the dear ones the way to a purer life and a happier home.

W. M. and C. J. Fields and other citizens of Cedar Falls have several times remembered us with donations of apples, grapes, nuts, and other edibles that were greatly enjoyed by the children.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

By request the children gave a reception on the night of February 12th, 1874. Guests from different sections of our own and other States, to the number of 150, assembled at an early hour. After an hour

spent in pleasant chatting with the children in their wards, our visitors were called to the chapel to listen to songs, declamations, colloquies, etc., which some of the older members of the Home family had provided for their entertainment. The frequent and hearty applause accorded the children was gratifying as evidence of the appreciation by our guests of their efforts. At the conclusion of chapel exercises, supper; then followed an hour in our large reception rooms, in which music, reminiscences of the war, of the early efforts of benevolent citizens to organize the Homes, and of the discouragements, struggles and final triumph of this philanthropic enterprise, in which Iowa had the honor to lead,—were so interspersed as to make it the happiest of the evening. Our guests left, as a token of their regard, two chromolithographic mottos valued at twenty-five dollars, and ninety-two dollars in currency.

It has been our custom to provide refreshments, consisting of nuts, candy and cakes (the latter made by our own baker), for the children on Christmas eve, New Year's night, and at one or two other times during the year. Exercises of a literary character, such as declamations, essays and songs, also plays, or light gymnastics, are provided for such occasions. During the last year four such entertainments have been given, at a cost of forty-seven dollars, fourteen of which were contributed by the board of trustees.

DECREASE IN ATTENDANCE.

On the first day of November, 1869, there were 300 children in attendance; November 1st, 1871, 288; November 1st, 1873, 256, and November 1st, 1875, 189, of whom 49 are fifteen years of age. Under present rules of the board the attendance will not exceed one hundred and twenty-five next year.

PROBABLE TIME OF CLOSING THE HOMES.

I am of opinion, therefore, that as an institution for soldiers' orphans this Home might be closed in the summer of 1877, when suitable provisions should be made for those who at that time will be less than sixteen years of age. But ought these Homes,—the glory of a great commonwealth, practically out of debt, and whose State tax is less than that of any of her sister States,—to be closed to the indigent orphans of any soldier who stood under the "old flag" for the defense of our homes, our institutions and our sacred honor.

RETROSPECTION.

Nearly one decade has elapsed since Iowa, moved by a grand impulse of gratitude to her living and dead heroes, assumed the guardianship of the orphans of the fallen. Not to mention the greater number who have been kindly watched over and fitted for "truest proficiency in life" in the other Home, permit me to state that during these years eight hundred and sixty-one children have been admitted here on application, and one by transfer—in all, eight hundred and sixty-two. The mortality has been: in 1866, *nine*; in 1867, *one*; in 1868, *none*; in 1869, *one*; in 1870, *one*; in 1871, *none*; in 1872, *one*; in 1873, *three*; in 1874, *none*; in 1875 (to date), *none*—in all sixteen. Measles, by the supervention of whooping-cough, resulted fatally in eight cases, in 1866, and by congestion of the lungs, in 1873, in two cases—in all, ten. The average monthly attendance has been 255. There has been paid by the State for their support, two hundred and eighty-six thousand seven hundred and eleven and eighty-six one-hundredths dollars.

I am not aware that *one* of these for whom this money has been expended has ever been sent to any institution for punishment or correction, nor have any become drunkards; and from information deemed reliable I am satisfied that not more than *one in a hundred* have become in any sense inimical to the peace of society.

Shall a work so nobly begun, and which promises such sure returns in good citizenship in the near future, be abandoned at an hour when philanthropy, true economy and enlightened civilization suggest its enlargement. There should be no retrograde movement in so beneficent a work.

The good day seems to be dawning when the innocent child shall no longer be scorned and spirit-broken on account of the vices or poverty of its parents,—*when misfortune will not be made the stepping-stone to crime*,—but when the little vagrants of twelve years or less who are to be met in our larger towns, and those, too, who at present are kept in our county poor houses with persons whose companionship is objectionable, shall receive similar care and instruction to that so wisely accorded to soldiers' orphans.

The State cannot give them this care as a tribute of gratitude for service rendered by patriot fathers, as in the case of those for whom

the Homes were instituted; but it may be given in recognition of the claims of humanity,—what obligations are higher?—to those whose cry, if unheeded in childhood while lifting innocent hands beseechingly for care suited to their conditions, may be heard in other and very different tones at a later period in their lives, in our court rooms and penitentiaries.

With thanks to each of you for kindness to us, personally, the above is respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. TUCKER, *Superintendent.*

Cedar Falls, Iowa, November 10, 1875.

REPORT
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE
IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.
AT DAVENPORT.

FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the [Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Homes:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to report to you, at this time, the important events of the past two years, and the present condition of the Davenport Home, together with such other facts as will be of interest to the public.

In passing in review the events of the biennial period just closed, we find abundant cause for gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all good, for the manifold blessings and mercies bestowed upon us, and the general prosperity of the Home in all its departments. There has been an increasing interest in the Home, manifested by the people generally, throughout the State, and a greater appreciation of its value, in educating and training the many needy, yet worthy children, here assembled.

The children are separated into five families, and occupy as many different buildings, called cottages. The smaller and medium sized children are by themselves, and the older by themselves. The boys occupy buildings in the north row, and the girls in the west row. Each cottage is 35x35, one story high, and contains a sleeping room 20x32,

a sitting room 15x22, and a sleeping room for the lady in charge 12x12, also a bath room, and a goodly number of closets, and will accommodate twenty-five children. Each cottage has its play ground and flower garden.

Our hospital, a large commodious building, with dining-hall and diet kitchen, is well furnished, and has been unoccupied, except for about four weeks.

The number of children enrolled November 1, 1873, was 154. The number admitted since that time is 44. The number honorably discharged is 79. The number that have died is 3. The number that have left without our consent is 7. The present enrollment is 40 girls and 69 boys; total 109. The average monthly attendance has been 132 1-6. These children represent 67 families; 31 have been born since the close of the war. But one of our present number was a member of the home at its commencement at Farmington. Eighty-one have only a mother living; seventeen have neither father or mother living; five have only a father living; six have both parents living—father disabled or deserted his family. One of the fathers living is insane. Fourteen fathers enlisted in other States. Two of the mothers have deserted their children.

During the spring and summer of 1876 there will be ten children to leave the home on account of age, and about the same number for other reasons. During the summer of 1877 there will be twenty-two to leave on account of age, and twenty-one in 1878.

It seems to me that the number of children will be so few that it will not be practicable to continue this institution as a Solders' Orphans' Home longer than the fall of 1877.

This Home has been established 11 1/4 years, and during that time 1,109 different children have enjoyed its benefits, and will ever be thankful to the State for what it has done for them. A large number of the former inmates of this Home, who are now men and women, of whom we are proud, have visited us during the last two years. Their hearty thanks for the counsel and instruction here received, have cheered and encouraged us much in our work.

The names and ages of the present inmates of the Home are as follows:

GIRLS.		GIRLS.	
	Age.		Age.
Blackman, Jessie.....	13	La Fevre, Mary.....	14
Blackman, Belle.....	8	Leake, Nettie.....	15
Blackman, Ruth.....	7	Leake, Mary.....	13
Bean, Louisa.....	15	Leake, Mattie.....	12
Brown, Nellie.....	7	Leake, Eva.....	9
Burns, Jennie.....	7	McDonald, Mary.....	13
Bently, Rhoda.....	9	Milner, Ross.....	12
Chatterton, Emma.....	14	McGure, Orlin.....	15
Crawford, Florence.....	9	Moon, Minnie.....	11
Downs, Sarah.....	13	Norris, Bessie.....	13
Downs, Cora.....	10	*Norris, Belle.....	11
Donovan, Jennie.....	13	Peiter, Leisa.....	12
Everett, Flora.....	12	Roberts, Bertie.....	12
Graham, Vira.....	13	Robinson, Estelle.....	13
Gregory, Emily.....	8	Robinson, Nora.....	8
Huyette, Surlita.....	15	Seelbinder, Lydia.....	13
Hummer, Katie.....	8	T. Pliff, Eva.....	13
Harris, Minnie.....	10	Van Vultureberg, Eliza.....	13
Irvine, Elizab.....	13	Walp, Alice.....	15
Kerr, Clara.....	13	Wells, Mary.....	14
BOYS.		BOYS.	
	Age.		Age.
Bently, Charles.....	12	Kelley, George.....	9
Bently, Freddie.....	14	Kilton, Fred.....	14
Barrs, George.....	10	Lowe, Eddie.....	14
Barr, William.....	14	Lowe, Abner.....	15
Brown, Thomas.....	12	Lowe, Sherman.....	10
Blair, Joseph.....	9	Lowe, Eugene.....	8
Conrad, John.....	13	Mitchell, Keule.....	12
Casner, George.....	8	Mitchell, John.....	10
Cottle, William.....	14	McDonell, William.....	14
Crawford, Willie.....	9	Miler, Charles.....	13
Crawford, Oscar.....	8	McNabb, Henry.....	9
Claybaugh, Clayton.....	14	McNabb, Dow.....	7
Dupron, Antonia.....	13	Miland, William.....	12
Dupron, Charles.....	10	McGure, William.....	14
Davis, George.....	12	McDonald, James.....	14
Davis, William.....	14	Moorehouse, Charles.....	10
DeBoard, George.....	13	Nesdham, Frank.....	15
DeBoard, William.....	10	Nesdham, James.....	12
Everett, Joseph.....	14	Petitt, William.....	15
Evans, William.....	13	Petitt, Thomas.....	13
Gasky, James.....	11	Showers, Henry.....	14
Grey, Amos.....	12	Sweeney, Charles.....	12
Grey, Lemuel.....	11	Sweeney, Philip.....	10
Hughis, William.....	12	Sweeney, James.....	7
Hughis, Benjamin.....	12	Skelly, Frank.....	10
Helling, Arthur.....	14	Sundy, Eddie.....	14
Hunt, Gustif.....	14	Sundy, William.....	13
Hunt, William.....	12	Stiles, Frank.....	14
Howard, Perry.....	11	Strong, John.....	7
Hobert, Charlie.....	12	Underwood, George.....	10
Hummer, William.....	12	Sweeney, James.....	13
Jones, George.....	12	Williamson, Sherman.....	14
Jones, Charles.....	9	Ward, William.....	15
Koukel, McClelland.....	11	Wolington, Samuel.....	13
Kelley, Simon.....	13		

They are from the several counties as follows :

Allamakee.....	1	Lucas.....	1
Boone.....	1	Mahaska.....	3
Butler.....	1	Muscatine.....	8
Champaign, Illinois.....	1	Marion.....	2
Clinton, Iowa.....	1	Madison.....	2
Clayton.....	1	Mills.....	3
Cedar.....	1	Polk.....	11
Davis.....	1	Pottawattamie.....	1
Des Moines.....	1	Scott.....	19
Dubuque.....	1	Story.....	2
Fremont.....	3	Union.....	1
Guthrie.....	2	Van Buren.....	1
Greene.....	3	Wapello.....	7
Iowa.....	1	Washington.....	3
Johnson.....	7	Winnebago Wisconsin.....	2
Jackson.....	1	Wayne, Iowa.....	1
Lee.....	9		
Louisa.....	1	Total.....	109
Linn.....	1		

The following are the names, duties and salaries of the officers and employes of this institution.

S. W. Pierce.....	Superintendent.....	\$ 100.00
F. W. Pierce.....	Matron.....	50.00
W. F. Peck.....	Physician.....	33.33
G. M. Suter.....	U. -ok-keeper and general assistant.....	30.00
Carson Hartz.....	Watchman.....	20.00
Thomas Hackwell.....	Carpenter and fireman.....	26.00
Isaac Burton.....	Baker.....	28.00
Fred Wood.....	Laborer and teamster.....	18.00
Mrs. M. P. Woods.....	Cottage manager.....	20.00
Miss M. K. Bruce.....	Cottage manager.....	20.00
Miss S. J. Edwards.....	Cottage manager.....	20.00
Miss M. Burris.....	Cottage manager.....	20.00
Miss K. A. Allen.....	Cottage manager.....	20.00
Miss M. I. Boone.....	Teacher.....	30.00
Miss E. E. Marsh.....	Teacher.....	25.00
Miss Ida Wagener.....	Sewing room manager.....	15.00
Mrs. M. F. Suter.....	Seamstress.....	10.00
Miss E. J. Wilmot.....	Housekeeper.....	15.00
Miss C. M. Bard.....	Kitchen and dining hall manager.....	20.00
Miss Annie Edwards.....	Kitchen help.....	12.00
Miss Mary Malron.....	Laundry manager.....	15.00
Miss Maggie Malron.....	Laundry help.....	12.00

The department of the children has constantly improved. A system of merits and demerits is used. Corporal punishment is only administered by the superintendent or Matron, and that *very seldom*. The voluntary subjecting oneself to the judicious restraints, and wise discipline of the family, is God's ordained method, for the highest and noblest pursuits of manhood.

Every year's experience increases my conviction, that the absence of such physical restraints as are naturally odious and humiliating, with kind and firm *personal* influence over *each individual* mind is the true method of securing self respect, and awakening self reliance. These with firm moral principles, promise a successful life, in the future.

The condition of our schools is highly satisfactory. Especial attention is paid to those studies which will be of immediate service, and which will enable each pupil to transact the ordinary business of life

with accuracy and pleasure. Until the present term we have had three grades: Primary, Intermediate and Grammar. The present term we have but two grades, the Primary and Grammar; each in charge of a competent, faithful and successful teacher. The scholars that go out from our higher classes enter the high schools and colleges in different parts of the State, with credit to themselves and their instructors. Many of them have proved themselves successful teachers. It is quite common for us to admit children here, thirteen years old, that cannot read in the first reader, or write; consequently they are obliged to commence in the lower grades.

Schools are in session five hours a day, and five days in the week, from the first week in September till the middle of June.

The following has been the course of study:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

First Year.—Reading and spelling from charts; reading in first reader; oral spelling; writing, drawing and calisthenics.

Second Year.—Reading in first and second readers; oral lessons in number, form, place and color; primary speller; writing, drawing and calisthenics.

INTERMEDIATE.

First Year.—Second reader; primary speller, elementary arithmetic, writing.

Second Year.—Third reader; primary speller, completed; intellectual arithmetic; elementary geography, and writing.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

First Year.—Third reader; oral grammar; grammar school speller; intellectual arithmetic to interest; primary geography, completed; common school arithmetic; writing; map drawing; engraving, and composition.

Second Year.—Fourth reader; intellectual arithmetic, completed; common school arithmetic; common school geography, and map drawing; elementary grammar; engraving; composition and writing.

Third Year.—Fourth reader; common school speller; common school arithmetic; common school geography, and map drawing; United States history; engraving, composition; declamation; grammar and writing.

Fourth Year.—Fifth reader; higher speller; higher geography and map drawing; United States history; physiology; common school arithmetic; grammar; elementary algebra; oral instruction in natural science; engraving; composition and declamation; writing.

For the coming year the primary and intermediate departments are to be united in one. Each teacher is guided in her daily duties by a written programme of study and recitation.

Our library consists of 1,300 volumes of well selected books, that are kept in good condition, and read with great interest and profit to all. The value of the books is estimated at \$875.

I was requested by the Trustees to go to the Glenwood Home on January 1, 1875, and take temporary charge of it till a Superintendent should be obtained to take the place of T. L. Stephens, resigned. I remained in charge till the 29th of January, when, on account of the indebtedness and the small number of children there, the Home was closed, and I was directed to receive the fourteen remaining children into the Davenport Home, where they have since been cared for.

The sanitary condition of the Home has been excellent. No epidemics have visited us.

The sudden death of Miss Kate Lias, one of our cottage managers, in November, 1874, was a sad event. Although she had been with us but a few months, she was successful in her work, and had endeared herself to all by her cheerful and amiable life.

There have been three deaths among the children. One was a case of consumption of long standing. One of a little girl who was taken sick while away on a visit to her mother and was brought back and died in a few days, of inflammation of the stomach. One was a case of hereditary erysipelas, who had been a member of the Home but a short time.

Dr. Peck, our physician, has ever been ready to attend to our wants, in cases of sickness and accident.

For a more detailed statement in sanitary matters, you are respectfully referred to the physician's report.

The children are all thoroughly bathed and provided with clean linen and bedding every Saturday (and oftener when necessary) and sleep in thoroughly ventilated apartments. They are provided with a plentiful supply of plain wholesome food, and have abundant exercise in the open air. The hours for play are before breakfast an hour, and after dinner an hour, and after supper from a half hour in the winter to two hours in the summer. The hour for rising is 5 a. m. in the summer,

and 5:15 in the winter. The hour for retiring is 9 p. m. during the year, for all except the smaller children, who retire at about 7 o'clock in the winter and 8 in the summer. During the winter months an hour each evening is spent in study by all except the youngest children.

Below will be found a copy of our diet list:

FOR BREAKFAST.

Sunday and Wednesday.—Baked beans and Boston brown-bread, white bread, butter and pickles.

Monday and Thursday.—Boiled thickened milk, bread and syrup.

Friday.—Boiled potatoes, bread and butter and apples.

Tuesday and Saturday.—Meat stew, bread and syrup.

FOR DINNER.

Sunday.—A cold dinner of bread and milk, butter, pie or cake, cheese, pickles, apples, and cold meat occasionally.

Monday.—Vegetable soup, corn bread, white bread, butter, cold slaw or pickles, and apples.

Tuesday.—Potato soup, mashed potatoes, pickles, bread and syrup.

Wednesday and Saturday.—Hash, onions or other pickles, bread, butter and apples.

Thursday.—Noodle soup, mashed potatoes, bread, syrup and apples.

Friday.—Bean soup, cold slaw or pickles, corn bread, white bread, syrup, hominy or rice, and apples.

FOR SUPPER.

On Sunday evenings a luncheon is sent to each cottage of plain cake and apples, (except for four months in the summer). On all other days in the week, the supper is bread and milk, with warm rusk once a week, corn meal mush once, corn bread once, and warm ginger-bread twice. Water is the drink for breakfast and dinner, and milk for supper. Graham bread is furnished for all, three times a day. In the winter, if milk is scarce, butter or syrup is used in its place, and fried mush in place of boiled thickened milk. The above is followed closely for eight months in the year. The variations from the diet list are as follows: During the four summer months vegetables are used freely in place of

fruit. Apple sauce is used often in the winter and spring; pudding and fruit sauces are used in the spring of the year twice a week. Tomatoes, green corn, beets, peas, beans, and other vegetables from the garden, are used three times a week in their season. Squashes are used freely in the fall and winter. Canned tomatoes, beet, tomato, and cucumber pickles and catsup are used freely during the winter.

The hour for breakfast is 6.30 A. M. in the summer, and 6.45 in the winter. Dinner, 12.15. Supper, 5.30 in the summer, and 5.15 in the winter.

The children are admitted free to all the entertainments in the city that we think best for them to attend. Entertainments are provided for the children, such as a grand display of fireworks on each 4th of July, interesting lectures, elocutionary readings, etc., during the fall and winter months. During the winter the older children meet once in three or four weeks and give entertainments for the benefit of all, consisting of declamations, compositions, tableaux, and singing. A liberal supply of games are annually furnished to each cottage on Christmas eve. Each child regularly receives some useful Christmas present, and a large supply of nuts and candy. On all the holidays of the year bountiful dinners are provided for all, consisting of the *choicest substantial* and *luxuries* of the season, with an abundance of nuts, candy, cake, and fruit. During the winter evenings, pop-corn, nuts, and apples are furnished as often as once in two weeks.

Religious services, conducted by the clergy of the city, are held in the chapel each Sabbath afternoon. Sabbath-school is held in the chapel each Sabbath morning at 9½ o'clock, and prayer meeting for all each Tuesday evening.

I feel that the home in its several departments is prospering. The grounds are becoming more beautiful and valuable, and the trees and lawns more attractive each year. The buildings are comfortable, though needing constant repairs. They are all suitably and neatly furnished. Each of the girls' cottages and the chapel contains an organ. The walls of our buildings are adorned with some thirty-six steel engravings, and forty oil paintings and chromos, all neatly framed, beside much ornamental work made by the children. The roofs of most of the buildings have been rendered more durable, as well as fire-proof, by the application of Langley's slate coating. Double windows are used during the winter, on all the north and northwest windows. The fronts of the cottages, the dining hall, and the main building have been painted.

Judge Grant having notified us that he wished to use the land on which one of our school buildings stood, and which we had been allowed the use of for nearly nine years free of rent, I was directed by the trustees to remove a part of the building and sell the remainder, which was done. One of the unoccupied cottages in the north row was fitted up, and made a very comfortable school room. The best cable lightning rods have been put upon all the occupied buildings.

One of Hall's No. 5 fire-proof safes has been purchased for the safe keeping of the books and papers of the institution. One hundred and forty feet of lattice work has been put up along the west porch of the main building, adding much to its appearance and comfort. New water gates and supports for the same have been built at the creek. A new sewer has been built from the laundry. Fence and sidewalks have been rebuilt. A new refrigerator room, 8x14 feet, has been built, and the many other necessary repairs made that are constantly needed to keep all departments in working order. The condition of all the property belonging to the institution is good.

There are forty acres of land belonging to the institution. There are twenty-seven buildings (not including coal houses and other out buildings) built in the form of a hollow square, occupying about six acres.

In my last biennial report is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of \$4,000.00 of the special appropriation of \$6,000.00 made by the Fourteenth General Assembly, for improvements, repairs, and furniture during said biennial period. As a part of said appropriation has been expended in the present biennial period, I give below a recapitulation of the previous statement, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the remaining \$2,000.00.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from G. B. Van Saun up to November 1, 1873, as shown by last biennial report.....	\$1,000.00
Cash received from other sources as shown by last report.....	128.72
Cash received from G. B. Van Saun from November 1, 1873, to July 1, 1874.....	2,000.00
Cash received from other sources during same period.....	48.50
Total receipts.....	\$6,177.22

EXPENDITURES.

Amount expended up to November 1, 1873, as shown by last report.....	\$4,103.52
Amount expended from November 1, 1873, to July 1, 1874, as follows:	
For lumber and hardware	332.72
For furniture, (including fire-proof safe and freight on same)	983.44
For carpenter's salary and repairs on buildings	538.46
For painting and whitewashing	61.83
Total expenditures	\$6,114.97
Balance cash on hand July 1st, 1874.....	62.25

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditures of the special appropriation of \$4,000.00, made by the Fifteenth General Assembly, for the several accounts as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1st, 1874	\$ 62.25
Cash received from G. B. Van Sann, Treasurer	4,000.00
There has also been received from the sale of furniture	5.35
Sale of part of school building and out-houses.....	159.50
Sale of lumber and hardware	54.30
Total receipts	\$4,281.41

EXPENDITURES.

For kitchen, dining hall and cottage furniture.....	\$1,898.73
For carpenter's salary and repairs on building	778.53
For lumber and hardware	630.25
For painting and whitewashing	600.00
Total expenditures	\$3,807.51
Balance cash on hand November 1st, 1875	383.89

The various industries of the Home are under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent and Matron. In each department of labor there is a thorough system. All children of a suitable age, are regularly detailed to work, in some of the various departments. The girls are directed in all their work by persons who labor to teach them neatness and thoroughness in everything. They do a large share of the ironing, assist in the washing, do the dining hall and part of the kitchen work, do the general housework, and have done a large amount of sewing besides doing their mending and making their own underclothes. They are instructed in making and mending the clothing for girls and boys. Two ladies with their assistance have cut and made the following articles, viz; 297 dresses, 558 aprons; 63 skirts; 201

chemise; 211 pairs drawers; 89 night gowns; 67 waists; 39 cloaks; 58 bonnets; 684 handkerchiefs; 114 collars; 24 pairs cuffs; 298 flannel shirts; 174 cotton shirts; 252 coats; 366 pairs pants and 11 waists.

The boys do the numberless chores in each department, cut the wood, keep the roads and lawns in good order, assist in the kitchen, laundry and carpenter shop. When at work on the grounds they are in charge of the book-keeper. They have done all the work in the garden, each having his allotted portion of land to cultivate, which has been done in an excellent manner. Our garden has been enlarged by removing the north fence, and it now contains $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Last year the garden contained nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres and produced the following:

120 bushels carrots valued at 35 cents per bushel	\$ 42.00
100 bushels table beets valued at 40 cents per bushel	40.00
450 bushels mangel wurzels valued at 30 cents per bushel	135.00
900 Hubbard squashes valued at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents apiece	75.00
175 heads cabbage valued at 5 cents apiece	8.75
100 bushels tomatoes valued at 25 cents per bushel	25.00
30 bushels cucumbers valued at 50 cents per bushel	15.00
160 dozen ears sweet corn valued at 6 cents per dozen	9.60
20 bushels of onions valued at 50 cents per bushel	10.00
Total.....	\$300.35

This year it contained nearly three acres, and produced

1800 cucumbers valued at 20 cents per hundred.....	\$ 3.60
55 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels peas valued at 20 cents per bushel.....	10.00
12 bushels string beans valued at 20 cents per bushel	2.40
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels shelled beans valued at \$1.80 per bushel	4.50
334 dozen ears sweet corn valued at 6 cents per dozen.....	20.04
100 bushels onions valued at 40 cents per bushel	40.00
4 bushels Irish potatoes valued at \$1.25 per bushel	5.00
12 bushels Irish potatoes valued at 20 cents per bushel.....	2.40
5 loads pumpkins valued at \$2.50 per load	12.50
95 bushels tomatoes valued at 30 cents per bushel	28.50
486 heads cabbages valued at 3 cents per head.....	14.58
470 Hubbard squashes valued at 6 cents each.....	28.20
10 bushels turnips valued at 30 cents per bushel	3.00
65 bushels carrots valued at 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel.....	88.33
20 bushels parsnips valued at 40 cents per bushel.....	8.00
112 bushels table beets valued at 40 cents per bushel	44.80
75 bushels mangel wurzels valued at 30 cents per bushel	82.50
50 bushels field corn valued at 40 cents per bushel.....	20.00
Total.....	\$418.35

Four and one-half acres are being fenced off in the pasture for cultivation next year.

We need more work for our boys, as but few (not more than one-fifth) of the children go away from the home during the summer vacations. Many have no homes or relatives to visit, and others have no means with which to travel.

We greatly need more land to cultivate that we may furnish our boys regular and useful employment. We have abundance of room in unoccupied buildings for, and I would urge the establishing of a chair caning shop, also the manufacturing of children's carriages, toy wagons, sleds, etc., etc. I am satisfied after a careful investigation of the matter that this work can all be done by the children, with one man to superintend, and be a source of industry and profit. An outlay of \$1,500 would be sufficient to commence operations. Telegraphy can be taught to some of our older boys and girls with an appropriation of \$500 for instruments, instructor and other appliances.

The boys have earned in money \$9.50 for labor outside of the institution. The girls and boys together have made a large amount of cardboard and worsted work, and sold of the same enough to amount to \$40, besides giving largely of it to their mothers and friends.

I would here suggest that there be an appropriation of \$1,500 for industrial pursuits at this home, and \$500, or such a part of it as is necessary, to be expended in teaching telegraphy to a class of our more advanced children.

As our numbers are so few, and our receipts consequently small, I find by a careful estimate that we shall need for the next two years a special appropriation of \$5,300, as follows:

For steam fitting and washing machines for laundry	\$ 200.00
For building fences.....	200.00
For painting, papering and whitewashing	100.00
For library.....	200.00
For insurance on building for two years.....	500.00
For cottage, dining hall and kitchen furniture, including pumps.....	1,500.00
For lumber, hardware, carpenters' salary and general repairs on building	2,500.00
Total	\$5,300.00

The following statement shows the total receipts and expenditures from Nov. 1, 1873, to Nov. 1, 1875:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 1, 1873	\$ 230.31
Cash from G. B. Van Saun, treasurer (support fund)	32,120.00
Cash from G. B. Van Saun, treasurer (imp. fund).....	6,000.00
Cash from G. B. Van Saun, treasurer (library fund).....	200.00
Cash from sale of live stock.....	180.00
Cash from all other sources, as shown by tabular statement.....	1,145.13
Estimated value of beef, pork and milk consumed from Home live stock	2,938.36
Total receipts	\$42,822.80

EXPENDITURES.

For groceries and provisions, including \$2,938.36, the amount consumed from Home live stock as shown above	\$12,665.01
For salaries	13,624.83
For clothing	3,871.85
For implements and repairs.....	3,186.42
For furniture	2,682.54
For incidental expenses	1,306.98
For books and stationery.....	411.62
For drugs and medicine.....	224.03
For library.....	200.25
For tools and implements.....	93.87
For lights.....	182.20
For fuel.....	2,514.25
For live stock.....	1,544.43
Total expenditures.....	\$42,354.83
General support fund	84.08
Balance cash on hand November 1, 1875, Improvement fund	383.89
	467.97

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of Receipts on account of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Davenport, from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	From Treasurer.	Groceries and provisions.	Salaries.	Clothing.	Improvements and repairs.	Furniture.	Incidental expenses.	Books & stationery.	Drugs and medicines.	Tools and implements.	Live stock.	Fuel.	Library.	Home and living expenses not included.
November, 1873	\$ 1,540.00	13.42	.....	24.45	18.00	.....	2.65	1.15	.....	30.00	.....	10.00	.....	811.60
December, 1873	1,960.00	11.35	.....	14.42	.....	.....	2.55	5.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	203.92
January, 1874	1,560.00	6.90	.....	11.17	.....	1.00	4.15	2.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.00
February, 1874	1,450.00	13.42	.....	34.70	.....	.....	33.65	3.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81.00
March, 1874	1,450.00	37.50	.....	12.50	.....	.....	3.25	4.85	1.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.00
April, 1874	1,450.00	30.77	.....	7.00	7.50	.....	4.65	5.10	1.30	2.35	.....	.....	.....	75.20
May, 1874	1,450.00	9.00	3.50	7.00	6.20	.....	2.00	.65	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	87.80
June, 1874	1,400.00	2.61	.....	6.10	1.00	.....	.90	.50	.....	.....	23.00	.....	.....	134.55
July, 1874	1,400.00	11.06	.....	7.78	.....	.....	2.88	.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106.80
August, 1874	1,400.00	9.16	.....	5.45	7.55	.....	1.15	.75	5.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	116.80
September, 1874	1,200.00	14.50	5.00	12.00	2.20	16.10	2.35	1.15	.....	.....	83.50	.....	.....	180.40
October, 1874	1,300.00	37.70	.....	17.50	7.65	.....	2.65	3.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67.20
November, 1874	1,350.00	9.45	.....	7.25	1.30	3.10	5.30	1.92	.....	.....	.....	5.46	.....	370.00
December, 1874	1,200.00	10.14	.....	19.35	.....	.....	1.92	4.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92.50
January, 1875	1,180.00	5.20	.....	8.15	1.50	.....	8.45	2.85	1.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	58.90
February, 1875	1,310.00	56.57	.....	89.90	9.50	.....	3.10	2.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.32
March, 1875	1,310.00	.65	.....	5.10	167.80	.....	2.05	3.65	1.50	.....	.....	5.00	.....	68.40
April, 1875	1,300.00	1.45	.....	4.20	.....	.....	2.00	1.25	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.25	93.80
May, 1875	1,290.00	1.05	.....	3.60	.....	.....	2.38	1.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	136.00
June, 1875	1,240.00	.75	.....	3.35	.....	.....	4.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111.56
July, 1875	1,180.00	1.45	2.00	.....	.....	.....	1.65	1.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99.50
August, 1875	1,140.00	3.75	11.40	.....	.....	2.25	1.35	1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	136.00
September, 1875	1,350.00	28.50	.....	.....	.....	11.31	5.00	1.40	3.85	.....	38.00	.....	.....	115.84
October, 1875	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Library Fund	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$38,320.00	\$363.78	22.50	\$206.83	\$231.00	\$306.65	\$103.89	\$57.27	\$19.15	\$32.35	\$189.00	\$21.46	.25	\$2,588.86
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1873.....														
299.34														
														\$42,822.80

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME. [1875.]

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Expenditures on account of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Davenport, from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1875.

EXPENDITURES.

DATE.	Groceries and provisions.	Salaries.	Clothing.	Improvements and repairs.	Furniture.	Incidental expenses.	Books and stationery.	Drugs and medicines.	Tools and implements.	Lights.	Fuel.	Live stock.	Library.	
November, 1873	681.91	615.23	92.64	111.29	5.20	12.20	37.22	17.50	.....	3.80	.....	11.45	.....
December, 1873	497.88	634.33	192.60	132.82	102.92	300.01	55.96	11.29	.....	16.50	327.17	185.15	.....
January, 1874	367.12	614.33	93.51	89.15	31.24	8.09	32.52	4.51	.....	.....	139.20	90.72	.....
February, 1874	297.88	615.43	241.24	124.82	215.52	34.95	18.47	7.35	.....	.....	.....	41.00	.....
March, 1874	714.02	617.98	228.27	111.25	17.65	22.45	39.83	8.40	25.80	1.70	356.78	162.48	.....
April, 1874	388.62	592.33	280.62	105.68	388.44	37.62	6.05	12.30	16.30	23.80	81.28	61.10	.....
May, 1874	318.82	630.58	153.68	62.60	75.57	29.50	.....	13.34	4.40	.....	.....	22.50	.....
June, 1874	478.45	529.39	117.29	166.80	149.52	81.55	4.44	8.70	25.00	.....	68.75	.....	.....
July, 1874	486.05	523.86	.....	106.63	39.85	21.49	.....	8.90	.....	.....	33.50	51.90	.....
August, 1874	375.79	535.18	4.41	713.47	47.86	73.74	.....	2.90	2.00	.....	11.70	8.45	.....
September, 1874	846.38	601.08	317.92	129.72	91.03	62.25	56.33	7.75	.....	91.32	.....	37.60	.....
October, 1874	887.50	588.33	213.80	164.29	142.70	6.49	25.36	5.50	.....	31.18	212.82	226.57	.....
November, 1874	799.21	592.58	150.11	111.87	24.37	102.15	12.28	7.22	.....	.....	106.42	152.13	.....
December, 1874	625.61	602.33	220.82	80.67	81.74	29.65	59.83	.....	1.60	.....	59.31	99.30	.....
January, 1875	627.17	600.63	73.36	67.80	110.12	223.50	.....	7.13	.....	11.90	95.28	214.05	.....
February, 1875	254.77	560.77	45.53	37.00	20.62	8.00	23.10	9.95	.....	.....	192.23	166.15	33.27
March, 1875	585.32	385.01	335.57	67.75	188.42	21.00	12.11	17.15	.....	.....	301.20	104.83	143.44
April, 1875	349.46	566.83	181.81	81.44	39.06	24.25	6.85	1.50	.....	.....	174.23	9.00	17.54
May, 1875	516.82	560.83	221.15	115.75	18.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101.70	.....	.....
June, 1875	457.13	593.33	50.55	86.69	152.19	37.50	8.53	3.80	.....	.....	37.12	.....	.50
July, 1875	395.91	601.33	129.12	201.44	32.79	48.17	14.55	.....	.....	.....	67.46	104.83	143.44
August, 1875	403.68	416.33	22.74	134.58	82.15	33.15	9.25	6.40	.....	.....	69.91	30.00	.....
September, 1875	457.12	495.48	166.67	72.91	22.96	25.35	15.40	15.35	.....	.....	166.05	.....	.....
October, 1875	1,089.30	515.83	325.10	81.91	516.53	23.05	11.84	14.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$12,965.01	\$13,624.38	\$3,871.85	\$3,188.42	\$2,632.51	\$1,206.98	\$411.62	\$224.03	\$93.87	\$182.50	\$2,514.25	\$1,541.42	\$293.25	
Total expenditures.....														\$42,354.83
Balance cash on hand Nov. 1, 1875.....														467.97
														\$42,822.80

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT. [1875.]

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INVENTORY OF THE FURNITURE, LIVE STOCK,
AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THIS INSTITUTION.

ARTICLES.		Each.	Estimated Value.
193	Dining hall stools.....	75	\$ 144 75
24	Bureaus.....	6 50	150 00
76	Chapel seats.....	6 50	494 00
5	Sewing machines.....	40 00	200 00
9	Center tables.....	2 00	18 00
17	Clothes racks.....	80	18 00
7	Square tables.....	2 00	14 00
52	Dining hall tables.....	1 50	78 00
15	Long tables.....	2 50	45 00
2	Extension tables.....	8 00	16 00
3	Walnut center tables.....	6 50	19 50
2	Wash stands with drawers.....	4 50	9 00
33	Wash stands.....	1 00	33 00
24	Cane seat rockers.....	4 00	96 00
10	Wood rockers.....	1 00	10 00
6	Small rockers.....	35	2 10
6	Cane seat chairs.....	2 00	20 00
15	Cane seat chairs.....	1 50	22 50
3	Cane seat chairs.....	3 00	9 00
12	Cane seat chairs.....	1 00	12 00
5	Kush seat chairs.....	60	3 00
20	First class yellow chairs.....	75	150 00
319	Second class yellow chairs.....	50	158 00
51	Black chairs.....	40	21 00
62	Small black chairs.....	30	18 00
125	Unpainted chairs.....	25	31 25
7	Rustic settees.....	4 50	31 50
3	Walnut bedsteads.....	8 00	24 00
123	Common bedsteads, double.....	60	252 00
33	Common bedsteads, single.....	1 50	49 50
106	School desks.....	4 00	424 00
4	Wardrobes.....	6 00	28 00
4	Carpet lounges.....	5 00	20 00
3	Cassocks.....	2 00	6 00
1	Dispensary case.....		10 00
3	Office desks.....	85	15 00
3	Office chairs.....	3 00	12 00
4	Book cases.....	8 00	2 50
2	Cupboards.....	1 00	2 50
1	Small cupboards.....	3 50	7 00
2	Walnut stands.....	2 75	5 50
2	Whatnots.....	10 00	20 00
2	Refrigerators.....	1 00	2 00
2	Hat racks.....	1 00	14 00
14	Common lounges.....		160 00
1	Piano.....	75 00	300 00
4	Organs.....		200 00
1	Organ.....		30 00
1	Metodeon.....		1 00
6	Piano stools.....	5 00	10 00
2	Parlor gains.....		3 00
1	Foot rest.....		40 00
16	Clocks.....	25	40 00
25	Looking glasses.....	40	10 00
2	Stereoscopes and views.....		18 00
1	Kalidoiscope.....		2 00
119	Lamps.....	50	58 50
20	Wall brackets.....	60	12 00
1	Fire-proof safe.....		125 00
10	Door mats.....	80	8 00
15	Tiles.....	7 50	49 50
4	Table mats.....	40	1 80
5	Wood boxes.....	25	1 25
1	Dozen sunburners.....		5 00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.		Each.	Estimated Value.
4	Gross lamp wicks.....	\$ 25	\$ 1 00
2	Large sun burners.....	30	60 00
5	Dozen brooms.....	3 00	15 00
15	Small brooms.....	25	1 25
13	Chromos, framed.....	5 00	75 00
20	Steel engravings, framed.....	4 00	116 00
7	Oil paintings, framed.....	2 00	14 00
14	Colored engravings, framed.....	2 00	28 00
2	Photographs, framed.....	1 00	6 00
2	Bath tubs.....	5 00	10 00
2	Large fridges.....	50 00	100 00
2	Steam tables.....	12 00	24 00
2	Cook stoves and pipe.....		90 00
31	Coal stoves and pipe.....	12 00	372 00
13	Wool stoves and pipe.....	10 00	130 00
1	Laundry stove and pipe.....		20 00
8	New stove bowls.....	6 00	48 00
16	Stove grates.....	1 00	16 00
2	Tin wash boilers.....	1 50	3 00
1	Tin can.....		1 00
2	Sets steam tinware.....	1 00	18 00
4	Large biscuit pans.....	60	2 40
115	Pudding pans.....	15	17 25
5	Sets muffin pans.....	40	4 00
1	Copper teakettle.....		1 50
1	Large molasses can.....		1 50
28	Small molasses cans.....	10	2 80
3	Coffee pots.....	50	1 50
1	Tea pots.....	25	7 00
1	Milk strainer.....		25 00
7	Milk strainers.....	10	70 00
9	Milk pails.....	30	2 70
138	Tin cups.....	10	18 00
36	Tin water pitchers.....	25	9 00
1	Coffee boiler.....		1 00
1	Tea boiler.....		1 00
27	Brown-bread pans.....	15	4 05
12	Large cake pans.....	20	2 40
48	Large cake pans.....	05	2 45
3	Cake cutters.....	05	15 00
15	Stove boilers.....	1 00	15 00
21	Milk pans.....	25	3 25
3	Dish pans.....	20	60 00
65	Quart dippers.....	20	40 00
85	Large bread pans.....	20	21 20
106	Tin burners.....	20	5 30
106	Pie pans.....	05	5 30
4	Frying pans.....	50	2 00
13	Large tin pans.....	25	2 50
29	Table bread pans.....	10	2 30
3	Large dust pans.....	33	75 00
3	Callenders.....	25	75 00
2	Tea canisters.....	30	60 00
2	Watering pots.....	25	50 00
12	Tin pintes.....	05	60 00
2	Walters.....	1 00	2 00
1	Water cooler.....		2 20
17	Soap dishes.....	05	85 00
4	Stop jars.....	20	20 00
3	Tin scoops.....	10	40 00
4	Tin match safes.....	20	60 00
18	Tin bean pans.....	20	9 00
23	Quart cups.....	15	1 50
23	Oil cans.....	40	2 00
48	Wash pans.....	20	9 60
28	Dust pans.....	1 1	4 35

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	Each.	Estimated value.
24 Dust brushes.....	15	3.00
5 Wooden sugar-buckets.....	2	2.50
1 Coffee mill.....	50	3.50
5 Wooden bowls.....	20	1.00
3 Lemon squeezers.....	90	2.00
5 Small tubs.....	50	2.50
6 Flour sieves.....	40	2.00
2 Yeast cakes.....	50	1.00
4 Wash tubs.....	85	2.00
9 Market baskets.....	25	2.25
3 Long baskets.....	40	1.20
5 Clothes baskets.....	40	2.00
3 Wash-boards.....	15	45
3 Clothes wringers.....	4.00	12.00
2 Waste paper baskets.....	50	1.00
23 Potato mashers.....	15	3.45
3 Cake boxes.....	2	1.50
48 Wooden buckets.....	15	7.20
1 Hash mill.....	50	60.00
2 Large kettles.....	6.00	12.00
2 Porcelain kettles.....	1.00	2.00
3 Iron kettles.....	1.00	3.00
2 Gridirons.....	50	1.00
4 Fly-traps.....	25	1.00
14 Fly screens.....	15	2.10
10 Coll bells.....	50	5.00
2 Egg beaters.....	25	5.00
11 Bird cages.....	40	4.40
4 Handle bells.....	35	1.40
37 Smoothing irons.....	20	7.40
17 Iron stands.....	10	1.70
1 Fluting iron.....	10	2.50
6 Lanterns, small.....	1.00	6.00
8 Lanterns, large.....	20	16.00
9 Pair fire-tongs.....	25	2.25
4 Toasters.....	20	2.00
4 Chopping knives.....	12	48
4 Graters.....	20	80
1 Meat presser.....	20	75
2 Meat pounders.....	30	60
3 Scales.....	40	1.20
3 Knife rests.....	10	20
6 Thermometers.....	40	2.40
2 Dusters.....	35	70
20 Zincs.....	30	6.00
7 Pinking irons.....	8	56
24 Pairs shears.....	40	9.60
1 Pair tailors' shears.....	25	75
3 Pair scissors.....	30	30
1 Pair button-hole shears.....	10	30
3 Corn poppers.....	10	30
6 Papers carpet fax.....	5	5
10 Boxes stove polish.....	50	5.00
51 Boxes shoe polish.....	8	4.32
1 Dozen shoe brushes.....	20	2.00
1 Cleavers.....	1.00	2.50
2 Meat saws.....	1.25	2.50
1 Meat block.....	1.12	1.00
17 Fire shovels.....	20	2.40
23 Coal buckets.....	75	17.25
80 Gallons earthenware.....	6.50	6.50
7 Jugs.....	20	1.40
8 Meat platters, china.....	50	4.00
37 Small bowls, china.....	20	7.40
2 Soup bowls, china.....	35	70

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	Each.	Estimated value.
16 Vegetable dishes, china.....	80	12.80
8 Cream pitchers, china.....	25	2.00
100 Tea cups, china.....	8	8.00
163 Sauce s, china.....	7	11.75
15 Plates, china.....	15	35.25
3 Syrup cups, china.....	35	1.05
7 Sugar bowls, china.....	35	1.75
47 Sauce dishes, china.....	85	2.25
7 Nappies, china.....	30	2.10
12 Small butter dishes, china.....	6	.72
33 Water pitchers, china.....	50	17.50
24 Wash bowls, china.....	50	12.00
3 Mugs, china.....	125	.62
12 Salt dishes, china.....	10	1.20
41 Drinking glasses.....	10	3.42
4 Spoon holders, glass.....	125	.50
6 Long handled spoons.....	10	.60
1 Large fork.....	20	2.50
160 Table knives.....	20	32.00
329 Table forks.....	15	48.00
15 Table castors.....	2.00	30.00
32 Soup ladles.....	15	4.80
6 Carving knives and forks.....	8.00	8.00
225 Iron teaspoons.....	3	6.75
4 Butter knives.....	35	8.50
1 Large ladle.....	75	75
2 Bread knives.....	50	1.00
4 Butcher knives.....	20	.80
109 Table spoons.....	3	3.27
5 Vases.....	30	1.50
53 Flower pots.....	15	7.95
6 Glass jars.....	15	.90
8 Lamp chimneys.....	7	6.16
28 Chambers.....	30	8.40
2 Bed pans.....	1.50	3.00
62 Bed spreads, linen.....	10	10.40
112 Bed spreads, cotton.....	35	30.20
50 Loungie spreads.....	50	1.00
130 Counterpanes.....	1.00	15.00
191 Bed ticks.....	80	132.80
357 Sheets.....	80	300.60
133 Quilts.....	1.00	311.50
221 Comforts.....	1.00	131.00
271 Blankets.....	1.25	338.75
8 Loungie beds.....	50	4.00
8 Loungie pillows.....	40	6.20
50 Blankets.....	2.21	112.50
269 Pillows.....	50	80.70
317 Pillow slips.....	15	52.05
2 Hair mattresses.....	12.00	2.40
6 Flusk mattresses.....	4.00	1.40
80 Table cloths.....	75	60.00
38 Table covers.....	1.00	38.00
13 Feather beds.....	5.00	65.00
230 Towels.....	15	37.50
7 Loungie covers, damask.....	80	6.00
7 Napkins.....	7	1.25
38 Yards table damask.....	55	20.80
12 Yards crash.....	17	19.01
4 Bolster cases.....	40	1.60
650 Yards good carpet.....	1.00	650.00
200 Yards partly worn carpet.....	75	150.00
35 Yards oil cloth.....	1.00	35.00
2 Yards table oil cloth.....	30	1.00
7 Rugs.....	2.00	14.00
83 Yards curtain Holland.....	13	10.79

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.		Each.	Estimated Value.
21	Yards bed ticking.....	8	9 60
160	Yards jeans.....	65	60 00
28	Yards water proof.....	90	25 20
377	Yards brown muslin.....	9	33 93
32	Yards cotton flannel.....	20	6 40
12	Yards red flannel.....	37 1/2	4 50
167 1/2	Yards casimere.....	1 20	19 80
4	Yards wool damask.....	80	3 20
28	Yards scotch gingham.....	105 1/2	4 62
215	Yards alpaca.....	30	75 50
186	Yards gingham.....	135	25 11
182	Yards check.....	28	59 86
63	Yards bleached muslin.....	47 1/2	9 14
91	Yards gray flannel.....	28	8 88
228	Yards plaid.....	47 1/2	108 30
15	Yards corset jeans.....	2	2 02
1104	Yards cambric.....	81	93 84
114 1/2	Yards pink tartan.....	50	5 75
64	Yards bobinet.....	3	3 20
36	Yards elastic cord.....	2	8 84
42	Yards elastic cord.....	10	60
6	Yards silk cord.....	30	2 88
12	Yards red braid.....	2 1/2	18
6	Yards white braid.....	4	20
63	Pairs boys shoes, new.....	1 75	110 25
100	Pairs girls shoes, new.....	1 75	175 00
5	Pairs boots.....	2 25	11 25
4	Pairs slippers.....	50	2 00
343	Pairs girls hose, new.....	30	102 90
182	Pairs socks, new.....	30	48 09
53	Boys caps.....	75	37 75
7	Girls winter hats.....	40	4 29
28	Girls summer hats.....	40	11 20
5	Pairs gaiter gloves.....	15	7 25
68	Boxes paper collars.....	12	6 96
7	Linon collars.....	23	1 75
13	Linon handkerchiefs.....	127 1/2	1 03
9	Paper shirt fronts.....	123	1 12
18	Aprons.....	35	6 80
7	Boys tippets.....	60	2 10
7	Hair brushes.....	1 00	7 00
26	Fans.....	5	1 30
5	Bunches shoe laces.....	35	1 75
29	Balls knitting cotton.....	1 75	1 95
9	Bolts velvet ribbon.....	40	4 40
9	Bolts narrow ribbon.....	50	4 50
4	Bolts dress braid.....	75 1/2	4 33
1	Dozen spools white thread.....	75	73 59
98	Dozen spools colored thread.....	75	2 15
2	Pounds carpet thread.....	3	2 13
71	Skeins linen thread.....	8	2 13
1	Spools black silk.....	5	9
30	Spools button hole twist.....	5	1 50
9	Papers large darning.....	10	90
9	Papers small darning.....	10	40
45	Papers pins.....	65 1/2	2 81
83	Papers needles.....	5	4 65
10	Dozen thimbles.....	10	1 00
114	Dozen fine combs.....	30	2 50
13 1/2	Dozen coarse combs.....	1 20	2 00
12	Dozen quilt pens.....	60	7 20
3	Gross rubber comb buttons.....	85	2 25
12	Gross shirt buttons.....	25	3 00
7	Gross pants buttons.....	25	1 75
7 1/2	Gross dress buttons.....	1 00	7 90

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.		Each.	Estimated Value.
35 1/2	Gross ivory dress buttons.....	\$ 1 20	\$ 4 20
4	Gross colored dress buttons.....	1 08	4 82
1 1/2	Gross glass dress buttons.....	3 60	90
10	Gross large agate buttons.....	25	2 50
21	Gross hooks and eyes.....	02	42
6	Ounces indelible ink.....	1 50	9 00
9	Bottles bluing.....	20	1 80
8	Boxes matches.....	30	2 40
19	Mouse traps.....	10	1 60
31	Small flags.....	10	3 10
1	American eagle.....	1 00	10 00
1	Flower stands, wood.....	6 00	12 00
2	Flower stands, wire.....	4	3 00
1	Pair scales.....	3	6 75
3	Pairs pipe lugs.....	3 00	18 00
6	Sip ladders.....	25	50
2	Step ladders for dry room.....	20	70 00
1	Babcock fire extinguishers.....	20	80 00
400	Feet rubber hose.....	6 00	15 00
1	Hydropail.....	12 00	12 00
1	Scroll saw.....	1 50	70 00
1	Letter press.....	4 50	9 00
1	Revolver.....	3 00	3 00
1	Set dental instruments.....	2 75	3 00
1	Pair letter scales.....	2 75	3 00
2	Imitation bronze images.....	50	2 75
1	Varnished tin box.....	3 00	1 00
2	Buggy whips.....	2 00	4 00
2	Paper files.....	1 50	3 00
2	Rubber wagon covers.....	1 50	6 00
4	Horse blankets.....	12 00	12 00
2	Rubber blankets.....	2 50	20 00
2	Lap robes.....	12 00	12 00
3	Buffalo robes.....	10 00	1 50
8	Rubber door mats.....	5	6 00
1	Oil tanks.....	20	30 00
2	Velocipedes.....	1 50	1 50
1	Pair skids.....	25	6 00
1	Large meal sheet.....	30	8 00
129	Empty barrels.....	4 00	8 00
2	Boxes glass.....	30	2 10
7	Corn baskets.....	1 00	1 00
1	Roll zinc.....	2 00	2 00
1	Log chain.....	1 00	3 00
4	Short chains.....	4 00	12 00
1	Gross cut saw.....	75	4 00
3	Kegs nails.....	60	4 00
60	Feet rope.....	8 00	16 00
1	Iron vise.....	20	60
4	Jack screws.....	10	40
3	Wooden clamps.....	10	10 00
1	Grindstone.....	4 00	6 00
340	Red brick.....	2 00	3 00
3	Wheelbarrows.....	2 00	3 00
1	Peck measure.....	50	20
1	Half bushel measure.....	2 1 50	2 00
2	Cutting boards.....	1 50	1 50
1	String bells.....	1 50	8 00
1	Wheel jack.....	50	50
1	Hay rack.....	2 00	8 00
4	Long ladders.....	6 00	6 00
2	Large bells.....	7 50	20 00
2	Ice cream freezers.....	25	3 00
1	Set double harness.....	10 00	10 00
3	Sets single harness.....	10 00	10 00
1	Saddie and bridle.....	10 00	10 00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	Each.	Estimated Value.
3 Halters.....	75	2.25
2 Curry combs.....	1	1.00
2 Curry brushes.....	2	2.00
1 Stone hammer.....	1	1.00
14 Shovels.....	50	7.00
1 Large iron poker.....	1	5.00
2 Scoop shovels.....	1.00	2.00
4 Pair lee tongs.....	4	4.00
1 Ice ax.....	1	5.00
2 Crowbars.....	75	1.50
8 Meat hooks.....	10	.80
1 Single shovel plow.....	1	5.00
2 Stirring plows.....	10.00	20.00
1 Small garden plow.....	1	3.50
1 Lawn mower.....	1	14.00
1 Seed drill.....	1	10.00
1 Garden weeder.....	1	7.00
9 Wood saws.....	50	4.50
14 Garden hoses.....	40	5.60
9 Garden rakes.....	75	6.75
8 Garden spades.....	1.00	8.00
2 Grass scythes.....	75	1.50
4 Axes.....	50	2.00
7 Monkey wrenches.....	40	2.80
8 Grain and manure forks.....	75	6.00
1 Potato fork.....	1	75
2 Pick axes.....	1.50	3.00
9 Wheelbarrows.....	150.00	3.00
1 Spring wagon.....	1	80.00
1 Covered buggy.....	1	80.00
1 Open buggy.....	150.00	3.00
2 Lumber wagons.....	25.00	50.00
1 Sleigh.....	1	50.00
1 Pair buggy shafts.....	1	6.00
1 Harrow.....	1	4.00
1 Bob sled.....	1	15.00
8336 Feet flooring.....	3	180.88
456 Feet fencing.....	3	6.00
1067 Feet mixed lumber.....	12.00	12.00
30 Thousand shingles.....	2.00	72.00
Feet 4x4 lumber.....	3.00	3.00
42 Feet 2x4 lumber.....	75	75
768 Feet 2 inch plank.....	10.00	10.00
6 Barrels kerosene.....	12.50	75.00
6 Barrels sugar.....	30.00	180.00
7 Barrels syrup.....	187.00	187.00
4 Barrels vinegar.....	10.00	40.00
Barrel cranberries.....	1	12.50
1 Barrel sauer kraut.....	1	7.00
6 Barrels beans.....	10.00	60.00
3 Barrels salt.....	12.50	5.75
10 Barrels flour.....	8.25	82.50
500 Pounds corn meal.....	7.50	7.50
800 Pounds soap.....	50.00	50.00
Cans peaches.....	20.00	20.00
144 Cans corn.....	25.00	25.00
113 One half gallon cans tomatoes.....	40	45.20
4 Boxes cheese.....	1	25.00
Box starch.....	1	20.00
30 Gallons catsup.....	35	10.50
2 Barrels mixed pickles.....	6.00	12.00
100 Dozen cucumber pickles.....	1	4.00
200 Heads cabbage.....	3	6.00
250 Bushels squashes.....	6	15.00
250 Bushels potatoes.....	20	40.00
8 Bushels turnips.....	30	2.40

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.—CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	Each.	Estimated Value.
150 Bushels carrots.....	333 1/2	50.00
30 Bushels parsnips.....	40	4.00
100 Bushels table beets.....	40	40.00
250 Bushels mangel wurzels.....	30	75.00
100 Pounds white lead.....	1	30.00
1 Barrel roof paint.....	1	18.00
25 Gallons linseed oil.....	30	12.00
40 Bushels oats.....	30	12.00
40 Bushels corn.....	7.00	14.00
2 Tons bran.....	13.00	195.00
15 Tons hay.....	45.00	630.00
3 Horses.....	13.00	78.00
14 Head cattle.....	4.00	48.00
6 Hogs.....	25	40.00
12 Shoats.....	1.00	31.00
160 Fowls.....	80	40.00
31 Fish Readers.....	70	53.25
62 Fourth Readers.....	50	43.50
76 Third Readers.....	40	12.80
87 Second Readers.....	65	42.90
32 First Readers.....	30	25.50
66 Practical Arithmetics.....	15	8.15
85 Intellectual Arithmetics.....	75	11.25
21 Primary Arithmetics.....	75	8.00
15 Clark's Grammars.....	40	8.40
12 Greene's Grammars.....	30	18.00
16 Greene's Introductory Grammar.....	25	18.75
40 Spellers, large.....	14.00	14.00
55 Spellers, small.....	50	24.50
14 Intermediate Geography.....	1	6.50
49 Elementary Geography.....	75	6.75
1 Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries.....	8	6.75
9 Webster's High School Dictionaries.....	75	12.00
19 United States Histories.....	80	4.80
6 Primary Physiology.....	10	10.00
106 Copy books.....	15	25.50
157 Slates.....	1.00	6.00
6 School globes.....	2.00	30.00
15 Maps.....	25	27.50
22 Outline maps.....	75	12.00
48 School charts.....	2.50	5.00
2 Large bibles.....	75	15.75
21 Small bibles.....	27	6.75
Song books.....	1	875.00
1300 Volumes library books.....	6.00	360.00
90 Cordis hard wood.....	3.00	60.00
20 Cordis pine wood.....	13 1/2	121.50
600 Bushels of cordis saws.....	1	14.00
4 Sets croquet.....	1	20.00
1 Carpenter's tools.....	1	20.00
Total.....		\$ 15,403.39

This inventory does not include any of the clothing belonging to the children.

The entire indebtedness of the Home is always paid at the close of each month, leaving no unpaid bills. It requires the most careful economy to conduct the Home as it should be done, with the small number of children we now have and the consequent decrease in receipts.

Should our average monthly attendance be one hundred or less, the appropriation for general support will need to be \$12.50 for each child per month, instead of \$10.00, which we now receive, to enable us to provide for those under our care in a proper manner.

When children arrive at the age of 16, and leave the Home, we provide them with the following: The boys with one good summer coat and a pair of pants; one good winter coat, vest, and pair of pants; one every-day coat and pair of pants; two cotton, and two flannel shirts; two pairs cotton, and two of woolen socks; one pair good shoes; two caps; four handkerchiefs; one box collars; one pair suspenders; one tippet, a bible, and a certificate stating the length of time they have been here, and their standing in scholarship and deportment, etc.

The girls are provided with one poplin, one flannel, one light and three dark calico dresses; five aprons; two flannel, and two cotton skirts; three chemise; four pairs drawers; two night gowns; two underwaists; one water-proof cape; one water-proof cloak; one hood; one summer and one winter hat; four handkerchiefs; four collars; one pair cuffs; one or more neck-ties; one pair gloves; three pairs cotton, and two of woolen hose; one pair shoes; a bible, and also a certificate.

Thanks are due the D. & St. Paul and C., R. I. & Pacific railroads for favors granted.

We desire to thank the publishers of the following, for regularly donating the same: Davenport Daily Gazette; Davenport Western Weekly; Weekly State Press, Iowa City; Annals of Iowa; Westborough Chronotype, Mass; and the Hon. W. H. Leas, for twenty copies of the Christian Press.

All unite in returning thanks to the several clergymen of the city, who have preached to us on Sabbath afternoons.

All agree that it has been wise to provide for the needy soldiers' orphans, as the state has nobly done. Will it not be as wise to provide for the many needy orphans not of soldiers, now pleading in vain for admission to these Homes?

The number of destitute, orphaned, and half-orphaned children in the state is great. Scarcely a week passes in which I am not urged to admit needy, worthy cases. The widow is often unable not only to feed and clothe her children, but to govern and control them. There are many children here whose mothers cannot control them, and were they left without such a home as this, would find their way to the Reform School, as many such have already done. As the present inmates leave these homes, let their places be filled by the needy orphaned or aban-

doned children now being cared for, if at all, with adult paupers. It is certainly wise statesmanship to provide for, educate, and train all such children for good citizens, rather than permit them to grow up in ignorance and vice.

Situated as I have been for a number of years, I am able to understand the need of providing some proper means for the care and education of such children, and I most respectfully urge you to take such action in the matter as you deem wise in presenting its importance to our legislators.

It has ever been our aim to provide for those under our care so as to make them as comfortable and happy as the circumstances would allow, always expending the means entrusted to us in the most judicious manner possible. The inmates of the Home value it for its means of protection and cultivation, and love it for the kind treatment here received. They go from us well fitted for the responsibilities of life.

The contentment, harmony and prosperity prevailing in all departments, together with the health and happiness of the children, has ever been encouraging to the matron and myself, and we feel that all are laboring successfully for the best good of the inmates of this institution.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your kind constant sympathy and confidence, and for the aid you have rendered me in your many efforts to promote the highest good of this institution, I submit this report for your consideration.

Yours truly,

S. W. PIERCE, *Superintendent.*

November 1, 1875.

REPORT
OF W. F. PECK, M. D., PHYSICIAN,
OF THE
IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,
AT DAVENPORT,
FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

President Board of Trustees Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Davenport:

In reporting upon the physical condition and health of the children, I desire to state that since my last biennial report the hygienic arrangements of the Home have been all that could be desired under the existing State provisions. The clothing has been plain but warm and well adapted to the habits of the occupants. The food has been uniformly good and abundant. Such suggestions as have been offered from time to time have been adopted without hesitation by those whose duty it is to select and prepare the diet. The hospital has not been open for general use for more than two years. Its existence, however, serves an excellent purpose for occasionally isolating those cases wherein special quiet and unirritating surroundings are particularly desired. The Home may now be said to be perfectly free from diseases of the eyes and skin. Formerly many of the inmates suffered not a little from those troublesome and painful maladies, and it is now a cause for more than ordinary congratulation that not even one case of the foregoing can be found in the institution.

No epidemic of serious importance has prevailed since my last report. During the months of August and September, 1875, about

twenty of the children suffered from typho-malarial fever, which was no doubt caused by the emanations from the unusually hot and moist condition of Duck creek flat, which is on the north contiguously located to the Home grounds. None of the cases effected by this malarial influence terminated fatally.

There have been a few cases of fractured bones, due to the unguarded practice on the artificial apparatus furnished for the purpose of physical exercise.

The number of deaths during the last two years have been three, and are as follows:

NAME.	DATE.	AGE.	DISEASE.
Gilman Jones.....	November 9, 1873	15	Phlegmonous erysipelas.
Jane Brown.....	August 12, 1874	8	Inflammation of the bowels.
Frank James.....	July 30, 1875	15	Phthisis (consumption.)

I desire to especially compliment Mr. S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, and Mrs. S. W. Pierce, Matron, for their ever faithful care and unswerving discharge of duty in watchfully guarding the interests of those entrusted to their supervision.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. PECK, *Surgeon.*

Davenport, Nov. 9, 1875.

REPORT

DR. S. N. PIERCE, MEDICAL ATTENDANT,

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT CEDAR FALLS,

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home:

GENTLEMEN :—It becomes my duty at this time to lay before you some of the more important facts in relation to the sanitary history of this branch of the Home during the biennial period just closed.

With an average monthly attendance of two hundred and forty, but one death has occurred during this period: Sarah G. Baird, aged fourteen years, died November 21st, 1873, after a brief sickness, with congestion of the lungs. The Home has not been afflicted during this period with any prevailing epidemic, and such sickness as has occurred has been in isolated cases, and generally of short duration. During the winter months there were a few cases of pneumonia. With two or three exceptions these cases were of a mild type and of brief duration. In December, 1874, Thomas Burbank and George McQueen had very severe attacks of pneumonia, but both recovered without any unfavorable *sequela* resulting from the disease. During the earlier history of

the Home, ophthalmia prevailed to considerable extent, and was the cause of much suffering, but during the past two years, and more particularly during the past year, this disease has been almost entirely eradicated. Since the last vacation but very few cases have been developed, and these were all mild and easily cured. A few cases of intermittent fever have occurred. These have yielded readily to treatment, and were of short duration in each instance. Of cutaneous diseases, there are at present none. A few cases have occurred in children who had such diseases when admitted to the Home. Prompt attention to these cases has resulted in a speedy cure in every instance, without the disease being communicated to other inmates.

In the matter of accidents, but two have occurred that I deem worthy of mention in this report. John Alguire while absent during the vacation of 1874, received a very severe gun shot wound in the right leg by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a comrade. The result was a severe flesh wound with extensive fracture of the *fibula*. Considering the nature and extent of the injury, I consider his present condition to be very satisfactory. The wound is not entirely healed, but I think the final result will be a complete restoration without any permanent disability.

In April, 1874, Thomas Howard had a fall, producing a fracture of the right radius. His recovery is complete, with no disability resulting.

Such other injuries as have occurred have been of so trivial a nature as to need no mention here.

In regard to the domestic arrangement of the Home, I deem it proper to state that in my judgment, there has been a change made during the present season that is admirably calculated to promote the welfare of the children in a hygienic point of view. I refer to the appropriating the rooms in the upper story of the building for dormitory purposes. By this arrangement these rooms are not occupied during the day time and evening, thereby admitting of the steam being cut off and the windows thrown open during the day, and up to within a short time before the hour for retiring. By this means the air becomes thoroughly renovated, and is fresh and pure at the time the children retire. The arrangement of these rooms is such that by leaving the hall doors open during the night, a good circulation of air can be obtained without submitting the inmates to an immoderate current of air.

Before closing this report I trust your Honorable Board will allow me to suggest that the present arrangement of the Privies is not just

what it should be, when considered in a sanitary point of view. The most efficient and complete remedy for this evil, would be the furnishing of some means for elevating a free supply of water to a suitable height for use in water closets. This plan would admit of these buildings being placed in a more convenient locality, and would go far toward promoting cleanliness, thereby advancing the hygienic interests of the home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. PIERCE, *Attending Physician.*

Cedar Falls, November 1, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Homes:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with law I present herewith my biennial report of the receipts and disbursements for the several Homes, from November 1st, 1873, to November 1st, 1875, inclusive.

GEORGE B. VAN SAUN, Treasurer, in account with the State of Iowa:

1873.		DR.
Nov. 1.	To balance cash on hand last report.....	\$ 196 50

SUPPORT FUND.

To Warrants from Auditor of State for Cedar Falls Home..	\$ 57,480 00	
To Warrants from Auditor of State for Davenport Home..	31,980 00	
To Warrants from Auditor of State for Glenwood Home..	13,920 00—	\$ 103,380 00

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

To Warrants from Auditor of State for Cedar Falls Home..	1,700 00	
To Warrants from Auditor of State for Davenport Home..	6,000 00	
To Warrants from Auditor of State for Glenwood Home..	750 00—	8,450 00

LIBRARY FUND.

To Warrants from Auditor of State for Cedar Falls Home..	200 00	
To Warrants from Auditor of State for Davenport Home..	200 00—	400 00

1875.		
Mar. 19.	To cash received from I. C. Otis, Resident Trustee at Glenwood from sales of personal property.....	339 08
		\$112,765 58

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CEDAR FALLS HOME.

By amount paid H. F. Tucker, Superintendent for Support Fund.....	\$57,480 00	
By amount paid H. F. Tucker, Superintendent for Library Fund.....	200 00	
By bills paid by G. B. Van Saun, Resident Trustee for Improvement Fund, viz:		
I. T. Hughes, carpenter work	\$ 52 50	
B., C. R. & M. R. R., freight, boiler	90 00	
Walworth, Burke & Co., boiler brick, etc.....	919 58	
Daniel Wild, brick	391 35	
Townsend & Knapp, brick.....	94 00	
D. S. Willard, stone work.....	22 75	
D. C. Carpenter, stone	60 00	
C. D. Billings, lime.....	108 90	
C. D. Billings, brick work..	247 42—	\$1,896 50—\$59,576 50

DAVENPORT HOME.

By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent for Support Fund.....	\$ 31,980 00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent for Improvement Fund.....	6,000 00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent for Library Fund.....	200 00—\$38,180 00

GLENWOOD HOME.

By amount paid T. L. Stephens, Superintendent for Support Fund.....	12,840 00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent for Support Fund.....	780 00
By amount paid T. L. Stephens, Superintendent for Improvement Fund.....	750 00—\$14,370 00
Mar. 18. By amount paid B. R. Sherman, Auditor of State, from Glenwood Home drawn for Jan. attendance per order of Board Trustees.....	300 00
Aug. 7. By amount paid B. R. Sherman, Auditor of State, proceeds sale of personal property at Glenwood Home, per order of Board Trustees.....	339 08
	\$112,765 58

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. VAN SAUN, Treasurer.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, NOV. 1, 1875.

REPORT

S. W. PIERCE, TEMPORARY SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.

AT GLENWOOD,

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Homes.

GENTLEMEN.—Having been called upon by you to take charge of the Glenwood Home till you could secure the services of a superintendent, I entered upon the work on the third day of January, 1875, assisted by the Hon. President of the Board of Trustees, he having found it necessary to go there several days earlier. He was obliged to leave, however, in a few days, when I found myself quite alone, with no competent help about me, unless I except the cook.

I found about twenty of the smaller children in charge of two of the older Home girls, who were acting in the capacity of ward managers, though not competent for such responsibilities. I at once put the small children under the care of the same ladies that had charge of the older ones, and did all that I could toward cleanliness and order in every department. I had but very few employes to assist me, and was obliged to give my constant personal attention to every department, working till midnight nearly all the time. The children had

been informed by the Superintendent about Christmas that the home would break up on the 1st of January. They were allowed to open such wardrobes and closets as they chose and help themselves to what ever of clothing they desired and leave the home, as a few of them did. A state of quiet, however, had been brought about by Mr. Leas before I arrived.

An invoice of all the movable property of the institution was taken by the President of the Board, assisted by the Superintendent of the Home, which will be found in book "C."

I found that the groceries and provisions were as low as they could possibly be, there being nothing laid in for winter, except twenty-five bushels of potatoes of their own raising.

The former Superintendent gave me a list of sixty-five names of children as inmates of the Home. There were fifty-two present when I took charge of the Home. The average attendance for the month of January was forty-four. It was soon evident to the Executive Committee that the closing of the Home was a necessity and it was closed; and the children that would not be prevailed upon by the former officers and friends of the Home to return to their friends or remain in that vicinity, were taken by me to the Davenport Home.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures on account of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Glenwood, Iowa, for the month of Jan. 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from T. L. Stephens, Superintendent—	
Improvement Fund.....	\$178 92
Support Fund.....	1 92—\$180 84
Cash received from G. B. Van Saun, Treasurer.....	640 00
Cash received from other sources.....	44 25—\$865 99

EXPENDITURES.

For outstanding debts.....	\$394 89
For groceries and provisions.....	108 11
For salaries.....	103 05
For clothing.....	29 34
For improvements and repairs.....	31 29
For furniture.....	63 65
For incidental expenses.....	36 65
For books and stationery.....	9 05
For drugs and medicines.....	2 05
Total Expenditures.....	\$748 08
Balance cash on hand—Improvement Fund.....	\$ 61 13
General Fund.....	55 88—
	117 01

There were thirty-six outstanding bills amounting to \$1,013.75. I paid thirty of them, amounting to \$361.89, leaving outstanding debts amounting to \$648.86.

On the 28th of January I turned over all my books and vouchers to the Executive Committee, together with the cash on hand, and on the morning of the 29th, left Glenwood, with thirteen children for the Davenport Home, where we arrived in safety.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

S. W. PIERCE, *Superintendent.*

JUNE 1, 1875.

REPORT

OF THOMAS L. STEPHENS, SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT GLENWOOD.

UP TO NOVEMBER, 1874.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor and pleasure of reporting to you on this occasion the general condition of that branch of the Home committed, for the time, to my more immediate care and supervision.

At the time of my last report, June 1st, 1874, there were enrolled at this Home ninety-three children. Admitted since that time, four. Discharged, sixteen. Present enrollment, eighty-one, of these forty-two are boys and thirty-nine girls.

The health of our children during the summer and fall has been excellent. During the past six weeks we have not had occasion to call a physician for any purpose, and but few cases needing medical treatment have occurred for months and they of the milder type, yielding readily to gentle remedies.

Our school which began on the 29th day of September has been progressing finely. All our children seem disposed to apply themselves to study and training—of course with various degrees of success according to their different capacities.

Outside of school hours the boys are required to do whatever work there is to be done in their department, such as cutting, splitting and carrying in wood, caring for our horses and hogs, and assisting at various classes of work within doors. The girls wash dishes, clean rooms and halls, make beds, and assist in repairing clothing. While on this subject of work, permit me to take occasion to say that in my opinion it would be wise to organize in this Home limited departments of sewing, knitting, and cobbling, so that our girls and boys might learn to do these things well, thereby fitting themselves for usefulness when they go out from us and saving a few hundred dollars to the institution and themselves while they remain here.

With what would probably be our proportion of the \$1200 appropriated by the last Legislature for industries in the Homes, we could, I think, put in one or two sewing machines, a knitting machine and a small cobbler's kit, and I feel confident if these classes of work can be done by our boys and girls, as I think they can, there will be a saving to our general fund for support, of from \$300 to \$500 yearly, besides giving employment and skill to all who may become operatives. I mention this matter to you suggestively, gentlemen, and from the attention I have given the subject, feel like recommending that we give the industries above referred to a trial. I do not know how my brother Superintendents from the other Homes feel, but I find that with our small and constantly decreasing numbers, it will stand us in hand to save in every possible way, and especially so when it is no disadvantage, but rather an advantage to the children. The moral training of our children receives constant attention, and I feel glad to be able to report that the good influences brought to bear upon the minds and hearts of those placed under our charge are not unavailing.

I think God is hearing our prayers for these children and youth, and I am confident in committing them daily to his mercy and grace. Our library and periodicals assist us greatly in the culture of our children. They are silent monitors. A boy or girl, once thoroughly interested in good books and papers, is far on the way toward a good life.

I have now employed in the Home the following persons in the departments, and with the wages per month named:

Mrs. S. V. Proudfit, teacher	\$ 35.00
Miss L. A. Prior, manager of sewing and clothing	30.00
Spencer Stout, (colored), cook.....	25.00
Luther Stroud, general laborer.....	20.00
Mrs. Martha F. Martin, boys' manager.....	15.00

Mrs. Annie Gayword, girls' manager	15.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Wiley, assistant cook.....	13.50
Mrs. Elizabeth Tibbett, nurse and seamstress	12.00
Mrs. Charlotte French, laundress.....	12.00
Sarah Flanagan, dining-room manager	8.00

I am happy to say of my present corps of employes, that they are *all* co-workers with us, and are faithful in the discharge of their several duties. Two of them, Luther Stroud and Sarah Flanagan, were formerly inmates of the Home.

During the past season, our boys have cultivated about an acres of land, supplying the tables with vegetables in their season, and giving us about 200 bushels of potatoes for winter use.

Our stock consists of one horse and twelve head of hogs.

With the above brief report on the condition of our Home, and asking your attention, while here, in person, to all the minutia of the institution, I close with the following financial exhibit:

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, SUPERINTENDENT *in account with the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home, at Glenwood:*

STATEMENT.—SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

1874.		Dr.	
July 13.	To State warrant of Treasurer Van Saun.....		\$750 00
		Cr.	
Nov. 1.	By disbursements on the various accounts as enumerated in the appropriation act, as follows:		
	For repairs on old building		\$ 57 21
	For new floors, repairing and plastering.....		56 51
	For furniture.....		298 53
	For walks and fences		66 38
	Total		\$478 63
Nov. 1.	To balance cash on hand.....		271 37
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	Balance	\$750 00	— \$750 00
	Balance special appropriation not drawn from State Treasury...	450 00	
	Add cash on hand.....	271 37	
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	And we have of special fund yet to be expended.....	\$721 37	

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, *Superintendent, in account with the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Glenwood.*

STATEMENT.—GENERAL SUPPORT FUND.

1874.		DR.	
June 1.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$	21 87
July 8.	To State Warrant of George B. Van Saun.....		930 00
11.	To State Warrant of George B. Van Saun.....		930 00
Aug. 8.	To State Warrant of George B. Van Saun.....		940 00
Sept. 7.	To State Warrant of George B. Van Saun.....		920 00
Oct. 10.	To State Warrant of George B. Van Saun.....		880 00
Oct. 1.	To error.....		4 30
Total.....		\$4,626	17
		CR.	
July 1.	By expenditures in June or the various accounts.....	\$	784 18
Aug. 1.	By expenditures in July on the various accounts.....		770 03
Sept. 1.	By expenditures in August on the various accounts.....		1,235 66
Oct. 1.	By expenditures in September on the various accounts.....		722 29
Nov. 1.	By expenditures in October on the various accounts.....		948 24
Total.....		\$4,560	40
Nov. 1.	To balance cash on hand.....		65 77
Balance.....		\$4,626 17—	4,626 17
Nov. 1.	With outstanding accounts of.....		802 49
Of which amount \$365 is contracted for winter supplies.....			395 00
Making the indebtedness of the Home November 1, 1874.....		\$	437 49
With balance cash on hand.....			65 77
Net indebtedness.....		\$	371 72

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, Superintendent.

Glenwood, Iowa, November 11, 1874.

REPORT

OF THOMAS L. STEPHENS, SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME,

AT GLENWOOD,

FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1874.

STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1874.

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, SUPERINTENDENT, *in account with the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Glenwood, Iowa:*

GENERAL FUND.

1874.		DR.	
Nov. 1.	To balance from October.....	\$	65 77
Nov. 13.	To warrant of Treasurer Van Saun.....	810 00—	875 77

CR.

By expenditures, as follows:

For groceries and provisions, including kerosene, lamp fixtures, and wooden ware.....	\$	87 77
Clothing and dry goods.....		109 17
Salaries.....		308 50
Medical attendance.....		23 50
Fuel.....		180 00
Incidentals.....		9 75

\$898 69

Dec. 1. To balance on hand..... 7 08—\$875 77

SPECIAL FUND.

DR.		
Nov.	To balance on hand from October.....	\$271 37—\$271 37
Cr.		
By expenditures, as follows:		
	For repairs on old building.....	\$ 2 35
	For furniture.....	38 65
	For walk and fences.....	14 85
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		\$ 55 95
Dec. 1.	To balance cash on hand.....	215 42— 271 37

STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1874.

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, SUPERINTENDENT, *in account with Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Glenwood, Iowa:*

GENERAL FUND.

1874.		Dr.	
Dec. 1.	To balance from November, 1874.....	\$ 7 08	
Dec. 19.	To warrant from Treasurer Van Saun.....	670 00	
	Total.....		\$677 08
		Cr.	
By bills paid on various accounts, as follows:			
	Groceries and provisions, including some crockery and table ware.....	\$233 79	
	Clothing.....	137 87	
	Salaries.....	204 50	
	Feed for stock.....	11 80	
	Incidentals.....	27 20	
	Total.....	\$675 16	
Dec. 31.	To balance cash on hand.....		1 92—\$677 08

SPECIAL FUND.

DR.		
Dec. 1.	To balance from November, 1874.....	\$215 42—\$215 42
Cr.		
By amounts expended on accounts, as follows:		
	For repairs about building.....	\$ 6 20
	For furniture.....	6 30
	For laundry boiler.....	24 00
	Total.....	\$ 36 50
Dec. 31.	To cash on hand.....	178 92—\$215 42

THOMAS L. STEPHENS, Superintendent.

STATE OF IOWA, }
County of Mills. }

I, Thomas L. Stephens, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Glenwood, Iowa, and that the foregoing account as rendered is just and true as I verily believe.

THOMAS L. STEPHENS,
Superintendent.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by Thomas L. Stephens, this December 31st, 1874.

S. V. PROUDFIT,
Notary Public.