

dents are trained and taught by experiment and familiar lecture the principles and details of this too much neglected science. If the young ladies shall not become better women and mothers for their instruction here we are sure it will not be the fault of this teacher.

Additional facilities are greatly needed by this institution to enable it to do its legitimate work. More boarding cottages are imperatively demanded to meet the immediate necessities. Four professors need residences that they may be on the field of service all the time. Ordinary prudence would suggest safety for valuable papers and important accounts. Contemplated experiments with cream and milk cannot be prosecuted successfully unless cold storage and a creamery shall be provided, the little cellar now used for the purpose being wholly inadequate.

Your committee are of the opinion that the best interests of the State would be promoted by appropriating the full amount recommended by the Faculty and Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. PARKER,

On the part of the Senate.

H. F. TUCKER,

F. A. DUNCAN,

On the part of the House.

Des Moines, Iowa, February 3, 1882.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME

AND HOME FOR INDIGENT CHILDREN.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1881.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

THE Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Home for Indigent Children, in pursuance of law, herewith submit their eighth biennial report, embracing a period of two years, ending September 30, 1881, and respectfully ask your consideration of the same. We also call your attention to the report of Superintendent Pierce for a full and detailed statement of the management. The work done by him and his assistants, has been thorough, practical, and for the best interests of the children.

HEALTH.

The good health of the children may be attributed to the mutual efforts of Physician, Superintendent and Matron, to good and substantial food in abundance, regularity of meals, regular outdoor exercise, the older ones assisting in doing all kinds of work, periodical bathings, and wholesome family government. For a more detailed statement we refer you to the report of the Physician in charge, Dr. W. F. Peck.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Herewith submitted you find a concise statement of the receipts and disbursements during the biennial period. Duplicate vouchers for all disbursements are forwarded to the executive office.

ATTENDANCE.

On September 30, 1879, soldiers' orphans	92
On September 30, 1879, county children	38
On September 30, 1881, soldiers' orphans	76
On September 30, 1881, county children	93
Decrease in soldiers' orphans	16
Increase in county children	55

There are thirty-four counties represented. For a more detailed statement we refer you to the report of the Superintendent.

BUILDINGS.

The amount appropriated, \$20,000, by the Eighteenth General Assembly for the erection of buildings, was expended as follows:

1 brick school-house, 35x68.....	\$ 3,780
8 brick cottages, 31x51.....	15,200
4 out-buildings.....	620
Architect for the same	400

FIRE.

On the 13th of July, 1880, the building used for dining-hall, kitchen and bakery was consumed by fire. On the building was an insurance of \$2,000, which was promptly paid. The Governor and Council visited the Home immediately after the fire, when it was decided to erect a building for permanent use at a cost of \$7,185, \$2,000 of the amount being derived from the insurance as above, and owing to the excellent business management of the Superintendent there was a surplus of \$2,000 in the support fund, which could be transferred without detriment to the children. That being done, the remaining \$3,185 was drawn from the providential fund.

BUILDINGS.

There are now buildings as follows:

2 brick cottages, erected in.....	1877
8 brick cottages, erected in.....	1880
1 school-house, erected in.....	1880
4 out-houses, erected in.....	1880
1 frame chapel, erected.....	1869
1 frame stable, erected in.....	1862
5 out-buildings, erected in.....	1862
1 building, erected in.....	1862

The last named is now used for home of Superintendent, officers reception-room, library, sewing-room, and store-room, and with continued repairs has been made to answer the above uses, but is now in a tumble-down condition and past repairs.

INDEBTEDNESS.

There is no indebtedness, all bills are paid with the close of each month.

LAND.

You will please permit us to urge the necessity of making a small appropriation for the purchase of land. The present rate of support, \$83.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per month (instead of \$10, as allowed by law), has been, to some extent, accomplished by renting land adjoining that of the Home, but in renting there is too much uncertainty, and the advantages are very much lessened by non-ownership.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

For central building.....	\$ 20,000
For completion of dining-hall.....	2,000
For hospital building.....	4,000
For five additional cottages.....	15,000
For furniture	4,500
For the purchase of land.....	6,000
For laundry machinery.....	1,200
For steam heating in central building and cottages.....	2,500
For boiler-house.....	1,200
For painting and general repairs	2,000
For industrial pursuits.....	2,000
For sewerage	800
For library.....	200
For lot in cemetery and fencing same.....	600

The amounts asked for may appear large, but it must be taken into consideration that the last General Assembly made the first and only appropriations for permanent improvements, and that the property used for the benefit of soldiers' orphans' was given to the State, and the buildings given were erected for camp life, and not for permanent occupancy, and they have been made to answer the purpose thus far, by constant repairs. The most of the old cottages have been taken down, being no longer suitable, or safe for occupancy. We recommend the appropriation of \$20,000 for the erection of a central building. The frame building now used for that purpose was erected in 1862, for temporary use, consequently is now in a very dilapidated condition and not safe for occupancy.

We recommend the appropriation of \$15,000 for the erection of five additional cottages—there are now ten brick cottages, seven of them occupied by the children and one by employer, leaving two vacant, but children from the counties are now coming in quite rapidly, and if the same ratio of increase continues, it will not be late

than May, 1882, before there will be no cottage room for county children. The supervisors of many counties are now realizing the advantages to their taxpayers, of a more liberal policy in the treatment of their indigent children, by placing them in the Home, where they are free from the vicious and debasing association of the county poor-house, thereby giving to the commonwealth in the future, good and productive citizens, and of relieving the counties of their permanent attaches, thereby decreasing taxation.

There are at the Home but seventy-six soldiers' orphans, and the number is gradually diminishing, consequently the cost to the State for their support is but small. That being the fact, should not the State extend to the Home its fostering care, by making appropriations for the buildings, land and improvements, so urgently required? It will be seen after the State has furnished the plant, it is then relieved of the support of county children.

It is patent to every thinking person that by the State and counties pursuing a just and liberal policy towards their indigent children, there must result great pecuniary advantage to the State and counties in the future.

Buildings cannot be erected now as cheaply as in 1880. Cottages built then at a cost of about \$2,000 each, would now cost some 15 or 20 per cent more, and experience has shown that they should be different in some respects from the ones now in use, thereby better adapting them to the wants of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. BRYANT, *President.*

C. M. HOLTON, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Home for Indigent Children:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with law, I herewith present my biennial report of the receipts and disbursements of the Home from September 30, 1879, to September 30, 1881, inclusive.

C. C. HORTON, *Treasurer, in account with the State of Iowa:*

SUPPORT FUND.

To warrants from Auditor of State on account of soldiers' orphans.....	\$ 17,612.23
To warrants from Auditor of State on account of county children.....	12,099.93—\$ 29,712.26

CR.

By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, for support fund..	\$ 29,711.10
Exchange on warrant.....	1.16

Total	\$ 29,712.26
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

To warrants from Auditor of State on account of furniture	\$ 3,000.00
To warrants from Auditor of State on account of industrial pursuits	1,300.00
To warrants from Auditor of State on account of library.....	200.00
To warrants from Auditor of State on account of general repairs.	1,500.00

CR.

By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, for furniture	\$ 3,000.00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, for industrial pursuits	1,300.00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, for library.....	200.00
By amount paid S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, for general repairs.	1,500.00

BUILDINGS.

To warrants from Auditor of State on account of cottages, school-house, and out-houses.....	\$ 20,000.00
To warrant from Auditor of State on account of dining hall and kitchen.....	3,185.00
To insurance on dining hall and kitchen, burned on July 13, 1880.....	2,000.00
To amount from S. W. Pierce, Superintendent, from support fund.....	2,000.00—\$ 27,185.00

CR.

By amount paid for the building of cottages, school-house, and out-houses.....	\$ 20,000.00
By amount paid for the building of dining hall and kitchen.....	7,185.00—\$ 27,185.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. HORTON, *Treasurer.**September 30, 1880.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Biennial report of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Home for Indigents.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, September 30, 1881.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Home for Indigent Children:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the laws of the State, I respectfully present to you for transmission to the General Assembly, the eighth biennial report of this institution for the period closing September 30, 1881. At the date of the last report (September 30, 1879), there were in attendance 68 boys and 62 girls; total, 130 children. Of these, 92 were admitted as soldiers' orphans and 38 as county orphans. During the last two years, 427 children have been admitted, 2 have died, and 86 have been discharged.

The present number in attendance is 169. Of these, 90 are girls and 79 are boys; and 76 were admitted as soldier's orphans, and 93 as county orphans. Of the soldier's orphans, 46 are girls and 30 are boys. Of the county orphans, 44 are girls and 49 are boys. The present inmates are from 34 counties, as follows:

COUNTY.	COUNTY ORPHANS.		COUNTY.	SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.		
	County orphans.	Soldiers' orphans.		County orphans.	Soldiers' orphans.	
	Total.		Total.			
Allamakee.....	0	5	Jackson.....	1	1	2
Benton.....	7	0	Jasper.....	3	0	3
Black Hawk.....	0	2	Johnson.....	4	3	7
Cass.....	3	0	Linn.....	11	0	11
Cedar.....	10	0	Louisa.....	2	2	10
Clayton.....	5	0	Madison.....	5	1	6
Clinton.....	11	1	Mahaska.....	3	2	5
Dallas.....	0	1	Mills.....	0	3	3
Davis.....	2	2	Muscatine.....	0	10	10
Delaware.....	6	0	Pocahontas.....	0	2	2
Des Moines.....	0	2	Polk.....	1	10	11
Fayette.....	1	1	Pottawattamie.....	1	0	1
Floyd.....	1	1	Poweshiek.....	4	0	4
Fremont.....	0	4	Scott.....	11	7	18
Guthrie.....	0	3	Story.....	1	0	1
Hardin.....	0	2	Wapello.....	0	1	1
Iowa.....	0	1	Washington.....	0	3	3
Total.....					83	109

The average monthly attendance has been 144½. There are 40 children under eight years of age.

On the 13th day of July, 1880, our dining-room, kitchen, and bakery were burned, together with a large stock of groceries and provisions, and all of the kitchen furniture.

Being insured for \$2,000 on the above buildings, and having a cash balance of over \$3,000, we were enabled, by the advice and counsel of Gov. Gear, coupled with a warrant for \$3,185 from the providential fund, to erect and partially complete a substantial brick building, 66 by 80 and two stories high—the first story of which is now completed and used as dining-room, kitchen, pantries, and bakery. It is a very substantial, commodious building.

The second story, when finished, is to be used for a sewing-room and store-room for clothing, and for lodging-rooms for employes. Such rooms are needed at the earliest possible day.

With the appropriations granted by the Eighteenth General Assembly, many permanent improvements have been made, adding greatly to the comfort and convenience of our home.

The grounds enclosed by our buildings have been much improved in appearance by grading and the removal of the old, dilapidated buildings and the erection of new ones.

Eight new cottages and one school-house have been erected, also four coal-houses and out-buildings. These buildings are all of brick, and are neat, substantial, and commodious. The cottages are 31 by 51, one and a-half stories high. The living and sleeping-rooms are on the first floor; the upper stories are used as store-rooms.

The school building is 35 by 68 and two stories high. It contains four school-rooms 26 by 32, and has accommodations for 250 children.

Seven of the new cottages are now occupied by children. The eighth cottage is furnished, and will be occupied soon. The two cottages built four years ago we are obliged to use as guest-rooms, and lodging-rooms for a part of our employes. Twelve of our employes have not suitable rooms at this time.

Two large cisterns have been built, and one well has been dug.

In order to accommodate those likely to seek admission as inmates of this Home for the two years to come, there will be needed five new cottages at least and one hospital building. The only one of the old wooden buildings now in use is the one now occupied as Superintendent's rooms, offices, reception-room, sewing-room, library, store-room, etc. It is in such a state of decay that it is unfit to occupy longer. It is unsafe and unhealthy to live in, and cannot longer be made comfortable by repairs.

A new central or administration building must be erected at once. A new stable for the cattle and horses is needed. New laundry machinery is needed. We need new and substantial sewers.

We need more land; we also need more steam heating capacity.

The girls occupy the four cottages south, and the boys the three north of the central building. The younger children are in cottages by themselves. Each cottage is in charge of a competent Christian lady. Careful attention is paid to cleanly, orderly and industrious habits. Children never go to their meals or to school uncombed or with unwashed faces or hands, or with ragged clothes. All are thor-

oughly bathed and provided with clean garments once each week, and as much oftener as is necessary to keep them neat and clean. The bedding is also changed each week. Each child is furnished a Sunday suit. The name of each child is plainly marked on all of its clothing. The lady in charge of each cottage attends to all the wants of those under her care, except the washing and ironing and the cooking. At their meals the children are attended by the cottage manager, who controls their behavior at the table. An abundant supply of well-cooked, wholesome food is provided at regular intervals. No child is ever deprived of its meals as a punishment. Any child can remain at the table until it has finished its meal. The physical, mental, and moral natures are each carefully guarded. There are regular hours for work and play. All the children six years old and over attend school regularly five days in the week for nine months in the year. The older children are in school 5½ hours a day; the younger children are in school about 1½ hours. It is our design to combine labor and study with recreation in such a way as not to make either irksome. The discipline of the Home is mild, but firm; corporal punishment is resorted to only when *absolutely* necessary, and then it is administered only by the Superintendent or Matron, and in private. The conduct of each child is carefully noted, each day, by those who in any way have charge of the children in the various industries of the institution, and a record is kept which affects their standing in deportment. We try by precept and example to teach those under our care to love work as the true way to their securing an honest living.

There are to-day, in our young State of plenty, as a result of idleness, intemperance, and vice, scores of children growing up in great ignorance, and surrounded, many of them, by all manner of vice, because one or both parents are dead. Experience and observation leads me to say that in the ten larger cities of our State there are 300, in the remaining smaller towns and farming districts 150, and in the several poor-houses 150 more orphans or half-orphans, that are destitute of homes, growing up in a way to make the poorest kind of citizens. The hope of the State is in the children. The prevention of pauperism and crime is a subject that demands our earnest attention as citizens.

The Home in all its departments is in good condition. The various industries are under the supervision of the Superintendent and Matron, aided by the employes in charge of the different departments. Each child old enough to be useful is regularly employed at labor suited to its capacity. The girls do a greater part of the general housework, the ironing and mending, and much of the making of the boys' and girls' clothing. A few each year are taught to cook.

The following articles of clothing have been cut and made in the sewing-room, besides the making of all the bedding, towels, curtains, and carpets needed: 407 dresses, 659 aprons, 172 skirts, 228 chemises, 315 pairs drawers, 116 gowns, 207 waists, 52 cloaks, 101 sun-bonnets, 29 hoods, 728 handkerchiefs, 438 collars, 220 coats, 370 pairs pants, 460 shirts, and 26 vests. The girls have done a large part of this work, except the cutting.

The limited appropriation received for industrial pursuits has enabled us to do little else than general farming and gardening with our

boys. For the last two years we have not been able to rent land near at hand suitable to till; consequently we have been obliged to buy nearly all of our vegetables, making the cost of living higher than formerly. We are in great need of more land for cultivation and pasture.

The sanitary condition of the Home has been excellent, except for brief periods during March and April, 1880, and in January, 1881. In March, 1880, we were visited by the long-dreaded disease, scarlet-fever. Four of the employes and 42 children, including all my own family, suffered from the disease. A part of the time there were 18 children and two employes sick at once. One child who had been in the Home but a few weeks when the disease broke out, died on the 15th of March, 1880. The name of the deceased was Josie Harbert. All the other cases recovered, with no unfavorable results. In January, 1881, there were several cases of bronchitis resulting from being obliged to occupy the new cottages too soon after they were completed, and the severe cold weather not allowing the building to dry properly. January 24, 1881, Grace Richmond died from a complication of scrofula and bronchitis. These two are the only deaths during the last four years and nine months. At the present time there is no sickness in the Home. For further particulars in sanitary matters you are respectfully referred to the report of the Physician of the Home, Dr. W. F. Peck.

The number of worthy, needy children seeking admission to this institution, through those interested in their welfare, is constantly increasing. During the present month an unusually large number of children were admitted; viz., six soldiers' orphans and twelve county orphans. There are eight county orphans waiting admission during the coming month. Those admitted are younger than in former years, and have had little or no chance for schooling; consequently our schools are not up to so high a grade as they have been in the past.

The schools are thoroughly graded and in good condition. They are presided over by two competent, faithful teachers. Children do not attend school till they are six years old. The schools are in session five and a-half hours a day. The higher room contains 58 pupils. They are arranged in three classes of different grades. The higher class contains 14 pupils. The studies pursued by these are reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, and history. The next class contains 16 pupils. They study the same except grammar and history. The lowest class contains 28 pupils, who study the same as the preceding class. The lower or primary school contains 81 pupils. Only 60 of them are in attendance at any one time, as the lower or primary class is divided into two parts, one of which attends school in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. The higher class contains 14 pupils, who study reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic. The next class contains 28 pupils, who study the same as the preceding class. The lowest class consists of beginners just commencing to read, write, and spell. Oral lessons are given from time to time in various branches, and industrial drawing is also taught.

On sabbath morning, at 9 o'clock, all assemble in sabbath-school, held in the chapel; and at 3:30 p. m. there is preaching by the different ministers of the city.

Our library now contains 1,150 volumes of choice books which are read with pleasure and profit by children and employes.

Since the establishment of this home, 1,425 children have here found shelter and protection, and received what education the limited time of their stay would allow. Many on leaving here have been returned to their homes; others have gone out to care for themselves—all being under the care of a relative or guardian. It is our custom, as far as possible, to keep up a correspondence with all that leave the Home, and continue our counsel and advice as far as seems best. Many of the former inmates of the institution visit it each year. Their words of gratitude for what has been done for them here cheer and encourage us greatly in our work and give us renewed strength to labor on with all diligence.

INVENTORY

Of personal property and supplies September 30, 1881.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
SUPPLIES IN STORE OCTOBER 1, 1881.		
10	Barrels flour.....	\$ 84.00
2	Barrels corn-meal.....	12.00
1	Barrel oat-meal.....	7.00
2	Barrels pork.....	14.00
6	Barrels sugar.....	186.00
5	Barrels sirup.....	112.00
5	Barrels salt.....	8.00
2	Barrels vinegar.....	15.00
2	Barrels kerosene.....	14.00
½	Chest tea.....	30.00
20	Pounds coffee.....	4.50
1	Box starch.....	2.00
50	Gallons canned fruit.....	37.50
264	Cans fruit.....	60.00
3	Gallons tomato-catsup.....	6.00
18	Boxes soap.....	99.00
15	Yards curtain holland.....	1.95
235	Yards muslin.....	21.15
420	Yards gingham.....	42.00
400	Yards flannel.....	144.00
40	Yards dress-plain.....	10.00
500	Yards prints.....	37.50
30	Yards cotton-skirting.....	3.50
46	Yards drilling.....	4.60
81	Yards crash.....	8.91
140	Yards table-linen.....	77.00
100	Yards jeans.....	50.00
108	Skeins yarn.....	8.64
160	Skeins linen thread.....	3.20
9	Skeins carpet thread.....	50
1490	Spools cotton thread.....	68.20
300	Lamp-wicks.....	1.00
1	Box slate-pencils.....	.25
1	Box crayons.....	.15
50	Quill pens.....	.75
24	Boxes shoe blacking.....	1.75
5	Papers stove blacking.....	.30
4	Papers tacks.....	.20
360	Papers matches.....	8.00
84	Pairs shoe-laces.....	.50
600	Dozen buttons.....	24.00
100	Lamp-chimneys.....	3.00
4	Dozen thimbles.....	1.00
6	Dozen hooks and eyes.....	.15
1000	Needles.....	2.00

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
ARTICLES IN STORE OCTOBER 1, 1881.		
35	Boxes paper collars.....	\$ 3.50
20	Hand lamps.....	5.00
6	Mops.....	.75
8	Coal buckets.....	1.75
12	Wash-pans.....	1.80
15	Soap dishes.....	3.00
4	Bowls and pitchers.....	6.00
3	Chambers.....	2.00
2	Table-spreads.....	2.00
10	Bed-spreads.....	15.00
8	Comforts.....	8.00
10	Sheets.....	10.00
20	Pairs pillow-slips.....	6.00
50	Pillows.....	20.00
30	Straw ticks.....	30.00
3	Feather beds.....	20.00
30	Pairs boys' shoes.....	50.00
30	Pairs girls' shoes.....	50.00
40	Caps.....	30.00
25	Suspenders.....	5.00
5	Overcoats.....	25.00
12	Woolen shirts.....	9.00
48	Pairs boys' socks.....	8.00
60	Pairs girls' hose.....	10.00
600	Brooms.....	125.00
96	Broom brushes.....	12.00
50	Bushels corn.....	25.00
200	Heads cabbage.....	20.00
30	Bushels beets.....	12.00
100	Pounds butter.....	26.00
	Sundry hardware.....	50.00
	New and old lumber.....	35.00
75	Cords pine wood.....	100.00
4500	Bushels soft coal.....	630.00
4	Kegs nails.....	14.00
CLOTHING—BOYS.		
157	Boys' suits.....	400.00
192	Flannel shirts.....	96.00
130	Cotton.....	26.00
56	Vests.....	14.00
30	Waists.....	15.00
192	Caps.....	55.00
90	Pairs shoes.....	45.00
220	Pairs socks.....	36.00
50	Suspenders.....	8.00
294	Cotton handkerchiefs.....	3.00
15	Overcoats.....	30.00
60	Tippets.....	6.00
CLOTHING—GIRLS.		
96	Flannel dresses.....	120.00
250	Calico dresses.....	125.00
380	Gingham aprons.....	100.00
130	Flannel skirts.....	97.00
180	Cotton skirts.....	54.00
182	Night gowns.....	80.00

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
CLOTHING—GIRLS.		
200	Chemises.....	\$ 40.00
200	Pairs cotton drawers.....	50.00
40	Pairs flannel drawers.....	20.00
150	Cloaks.....	160.00
96	Hoods.....	10.00
150	Hats.....	90.00
120	Pairs shoes.....	60.00
288	Pairs hose.....	40.00
275	Collars.....	3.00
50	Pairs cuffs.....	0.50
30	Pairs gloves.....	4.00
90	Neck-ties.....	9.00
40	Round combs.....	6.00
50	Tooth-brushes.....	5.00
BOOKS, MAPS, ETC.		
1150	Library books.....	575.00
50	Song books.....	15.00
6	Large Bibles.....	15.00
50	Small Bibles.....	25.20
120	Testaments.....	7.00
2	U. S. Dispensaries.....	6.00
2	Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries.....	15.00
48	Webster's School Dictionaries.....	12.00
20	Maps and charts.....	30.00
5	Globes.....	3.00
120	Slates.....	15.00
20	Copy-books.....	2.00
40	Appleton's First Readers.....	10.00
44	Appleton's Second Readers.....	15.00
64	Appleton's Third Readers.....	20.00
49	Appleton's Fourth Readers.....	25.00
17	Appleton's Fifth Readers.....	10.00
26	Primary Arithmetic.....	3.00
75	Mental Arithmetics.....	15.00
43	Robinson's Elements of Arithmetic.....	12.00
31	Robinson's Complete Arithmetic.....	15.00
155	Geographies.....	60.00
30	English Grammar.....	6.00
30	Quackembos' U. S. History.....	15.00
99	Spellers.....	25.00
16	Gray's How Plants Grow.....	5.00
10	Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Philosophy.....	5.00
44	Cutter's First Book in Anatomy.....	18.00
6	Robinson's Elementary Algebra.....	3.00
1	Kiddle's Elementary Astronomy.....	1.00
106	Volumes Public Documents.....	
1	Code of Iowa.....	
1	Revision.....	
16	Laws of Iowa.....	
730	Common chairs.....	240.00
20	Rocking chairs.....	30.00
1	Hospital chair.....	3.00
310	Stools.....	75.00

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
FURNITURE.		
94	Tables.....	\$ 100.00
15	Stands.....	5.00
27	Wash-stands.....	30.00
5	Wardrobes.....	20.00
20	Bureaus.....	60.00
15	Lounges.....	30.00
12	Bedsteads.....	450.00
13	Spring-beds.....	30.00
34	Soft coal stoves.....	200.00
3	Hard coal stoves.....	100.00
940	Yards woolen carpet.....	400.00
70	Yards lenolian carpet.....	60.00
18	Clocks.....	40.00
41	Looking-glasses.....	12.00
3	Carpet-sweepers.....	4.00
18	Mops.....	2.00
18	Chambers.....	2.00
20	Bowls and pitchers.....	20.00
50	Hand-lamps.....	20.00
20	Bracket-lamps.....	30.00
2	Ice cream freezers.....	3.00
18	Thermometers.....	5.00
1	Piano.....	200.00
6	Organs.....	300.00
6	Organ-stools.....	3.00
3	Office-desks.....	40.00
3	Office-chairs.....	6.00
1	Fire-proof safe.....	100.00
1	Medicine-case.....	10.00
140	Towels.....	14.00
23	Slop-jars.....	10.00
20	Dye-shelves.....	2.00
42	Coal-buckets.....	8.00
2	Cook-stoves.....	50.00
1	Cooking-range.....	150.00
1	Oil-stove.....	4.00
3	Flat-iron-heaters.....	40.00
1	Steam-kettle.....	60.00
3	Large iron kettles.....	10.00
4	Small iron kettles.....	3.00
4	Granite iron kettles.....	3.00
3	Tin tea-kettles.....	3.00
5	Skillets.....	2.00
5	Griddles.....	2.00
2	Broilers.....	1.00
2	Tin boilers.....	1.00
2	Toasters.....	1.00
5	Gem-pans.....	2.00
2	Coffee-mills.....	5.00
2	Coffee-pots.....	1.00
3	Tea-pots.....	1.50
48	Soup tureens.....	120.00
24	Soup-ladies.....	4.00
39	Tin vegetable-dishes.....	4.00

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

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Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
FURNITURE.		
		\$ 20.00
202	Tin-cups	8.00
60	Baking-pans	3.00
13	Cake-pans	1.50
36	Pie-pans	2.00
4	Dish-pans	5.00
24	Milk-pans	2.00
5	Dish-tubs	1.50
5	Large tin-dippers	1.50
12	Quart-cups	3.00
1	Large bread-knife	1.00
6	Common bread-knives	1.50
6	Butcher-knives	40.00
277	Table-knives	26.00
268	Table-forks	5.00
6	Carving-knives and forks	6.00
285	Tea-spoons	2.00
54	Large spoons .....	.50
5	Large iron spoons	1.00
1	Meat presser	10.00
1	Honey-strainer	3.00
1	Fruit-strainer .....	.50
4	Milk-strainers .....	.60
3	Lemon-squeezers	1.00
16	Dust-pans	4.00
38	Wash-pans	3.00
24	Soap-dishes	50.00
42	Window-screens	10.00
5	Door-screens	500.00
75	Chapel-seats	200.00
110	School-desks	3.00
3	Rustic settees	2.00
4	Rustic chairs .....	.50
17	Match-safes .....	.50
5	Sieves .....	.20
2	Colanders .....	.30
2	Egg-beaters .....	.16
4	Skimmers .....	.20
2	Chopping-knives .....	.60
4	Slaw-knives	1.00
3	Rat-traps	1.50
12	Mouse-traps	2.00
18	Dust-brushes	1.50
10	Hair-brushes	4.00
20	Scrubbing-bushes	2.00
1	Student's lamp	2.00
8	Lanterns	4.00
8	Step-ladders	11.00
11	Clothes-racks	4.00
13	Water-heaters	3.00
6	Tubs	6.00
2	Bath-tubs	2.00
6	Wall-brackets	4.00
6	Flower-stands	20.00
4	Refrigerators	20.00

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
FURNITURE.		
1	Extension table	\$ 6.00
14	Sirup cups	3.00
11	Milk buckets	3.00
60	Water buckets	9.00
12	Bushel baskets	2.00
4	Clothes baskets	1.80
4	Grocery baskets	1.60
19	Work baskets	3.50
3	Waste baskets	1.50
11	Spice-boxes	6.00
7	Wooden bowls	2.00
2	Funnels .....	.20
2	Moulding-boards .....	.50
3	Ironing-boards	1.00
4	Washboards .....	.50
3	Rolling-pins .....	.25
3	Tin graters .....	.30
2	Meat saws	1.00
2	Cleavers	2.00
1	Hash-mill	40.00
40	Stone jars	16.00
73	Fruit jars	10.00
12	Call bells	10.00
1	Large steel bell	50.00
36	Pair shears	10.00
1	Pair tailor shears	3.00
30	Flat irons	4.00
17	Iron stands	1.00
1	Fluting iron	1.00
1	Polishing iron	1.00
1	Meal chest	3.00
1	Kneading trough	5.00
12	Tack hammers	1.00
14	Oil cans	3.00
75	Window curtains	25.00
8	Comb cases	1.00
24	Coarse combs	2.00
20	Fine combs	1.00
3	Bird cages	2.00
108	Flower pots	3.00
1	Letter-press	5.00
2	Whatnots	2.00
12	Rubber door mats	10.00
10	Husk door mats	10.00
70	Tablecloths	80.00
4	Tin boxes	4.00
20	Stove zincs	8.00
30	Napkins	3.00
20	Tidies	6.00
BEDDING.		
80	Feather beds	8.00
60	Feather pillows	6.00
100	Straw ticks	100.00
21	Sheets	21.00

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAMES OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
BEDDING.		
220	Pairs pillow-slips.....	\$ 44.00
300	Blankets.....	300.00
70	Comforts.....	56.00
120	Bed-spreads.....	120.00
20	Table-spreads.....	14.00
6	Mattresses.....	12.00
CROCKERY.		
160	Bowls.....	24.00
245	Plates.....	30.00
60	Tumblers.....	6.00
49	Salt-cellars.....	2.94
34	Teacups.....	2.70
87	Saucers.....	6.00
13	Platters.....	6.00
40	Water-pitchers.....	12.00
51	Vegetable dishes.....	20.00
8	Fruit dishes.....	4.00
6	Pickle dishes.....	.80
23	Butter dishes.....	3.00
33	Sauce dishes.....	4.00
7	Cream pitchers.....	1.50
7	Spoon-holders.....	1.20
3	Sugar bowls.....	1.00
LIVE STOCK.		
3	Horses.....	400.00
14	Cows.....	700.00
5	Heifers.....	150.00
36	Fowls.....	9.00
17	Hogs.....	175.00
40	Shotes.....	100.00
VEHICLES AND HARNESS.		
1	Top-buggy.....	125.00
1	Open buggy.....	75.00
1	One-horse spring wagon.....	25.00
1	Two-horse spring wagon.....	125.00
3	Farm wagons.....	150.00
1	Pair bob-sleds.....	5.00
1	Single sleigh.....	30.00
3	Sets double harness.....	55.00
3	Sets single harness.....	25.00
4	Halters.....	2.00
1	Saddle and bridle.....	5.00
TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS.		
1	Hay scales.....	100.00
1	Grocer's scales.....	6.00
1	Druggist's scales.....	2.00
1	Letter scales.....	1.00
18	Wheelbarrows.....	20.00
15	Shovels.....	10.00
9	Spades.....	9.00
4	Wood-saws.....	2.00
8	Hoes.....	4.00
2	Pick-axes.....	2.00
10	Pitchforks.....	5.00
13	Iron rakes.....	1.50

INVENTORY—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS.		
3	Scythes.....	\$ 1.50
4	Grass-hooks.....	1.00
3	Ice-picks.....	1.00
1	Ice-hook.....	.50
5	Ice-tongs.....	3.00
12	Wheel-hoes.....	1.00
2	Grindstones.....	3.00
2	Crowbars.....	2.00
4	Plows.....	24.00
1	Two-horse corn-plow.....	12.00
1	Harrow.....	10.00
2	One-horse cultivators.....	6.00
1	Hand-cart.....	5.00
1	Barrel-cart.....	10.00
6	Axes.....	3.00
1	Adz.....	1.00
1	Iron maul.....	1.00
2	Pairs pruning-shears.....	2.00
1	Iron bench-vise.....	2.50
1	Iron hand-vise.....	.50
1	Corn-knife.....	.50
1	Hay-knife.....	1.00
2	Brick-trowels.....	1.00
1	Set carpenter's tools.....	25.00
MACHINERY.		
1	Steam-washer.....	150.00
1	Steam-wringer.....	20.00
1	Hand-wringer.....	5.00
2	Hand-washers.....	6.00
2	Steam-pumps.....	350.00
1	Steam-engine.....	50.00
1	Knitting machine.....	20.00
4	Sewing-machines.....	60.00
1	Circular-saw and attachments.....	24.00
1	Seed-drill.....	2.00
2	Lawn-mowers.....	6.00
1	Corn-sheller.....	2.00
1	Hay-cutter.....	10.00
1	Bracket-saw.....	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS.		
2	Stereoscopes.....	3.00
100	Stereoscopic views.....	10.00
1	Field-glass.....	5.00
2	Buffalo robes.....	20.00
3	Lap-robes.....	4.00
3	Horse-blankets.....	3.00
3	Buggy-whips.....	3.75
2	Strings sleigh-bells.....	1.50
400	Feet rubber hose.....	20.00
200	Feet rope.....	5.00
1	Log-chain.....	1.00
10	Street-lamps.....	20.00
2	Babcock's fire-extinguishers.....	15.00
7	Fountain-pumps.....	40.00

INVENTORY—CONCLUDED.

Number.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	VALUE.
MISCELLANEOUS.		
4	Well pumps	\$ 16.00
10	Cistern pump	50.00
1	Velocipede	10.00
1	Revolver	10.00
75	Pictures	75.00
13	Flower-vases	3.50
4	Dozen sea-shells	12.00
1	Set dentist's forceps	5.00
	Sundry drugs and medicines	25.00
1	Gallon writing ink	1.00
24	Miscellaneous games	5.00
3	Sets croquet	5.00
24	Bee hives	50.00
2	Oil tanks	8.00
2	Soup tanks	10.00
	Shoe lasts and findings	12.00
50	Old doors	40.00
100	Old sash	100.00
10	Boxes window glass	30.00
50	Pounds putty .....	.40
50	Pounds white lead	4.00
2	Gallons linseed oil	1.40
3	Gallons paint	3.00
6	Paint brushes	4.00
1	Stevens' cooling room	100.00
Total value of personal property and supplies		\$ 14,800.20

The long cold winter of 1880 and 1881, together with extremely high prices of the present season make it very difficult for us to carry on the institution as we desire to on the small per capita allowed; viz., \$8½ per month.

The live stock consists of 14 cows, 5 heifers, 3 horses, 17 hogs, 40 shoats, and 36 fowls. During the biennial period they have furnished us, for consumption, the following:

2,780 pounds beef, valued at	\$ 209.90
1,220 pounds veal, valued at	95.10
21,320 pounds pork, valued at	915.10
150 pounds poultry, valued at	14.10
340½ dozen eggs, valued at	47.39
13,320 gallons milk, valued at	1,781.30
Total value	\$ 3,062.89

The number of officers and employes, and their salaries, is as follows:

	SALARY PER MONTH
1 Superintendent	\$ 100.00
1 Matron	50.00
1 Physician	33.33
1 Book-keeper	20.00
1 Teamster	20.00
1 Shoemaker	20.00
1 Laborer	20.00
1 Carpenter and fireman	20.00
1 Baker	25.00
1 Night watchman	16.66
2 Teachers, each	25.00
7 Cottage managers, each	20.00
1 Sewing-room manager	15.00
1 Laundry manager	15.00
1 Laundress	12.00
1 Seamstress	10.00
1 Superintendent kitchen and dining-hall	20.00
1 Assistant cook	10.00
1 Housekeeper	12.00

After carefully considering the wants of this Institution for the next two years, I earnestly request that the following special appropriations be made:

For erecting a new central or administration building	\$ 20,000
For completing the present dining-hall and kitchen building	2,000
For a hospital building	4,000
For 5 new cottages	15,000
For furniture	4,500
For land	6,000
For laundry machinery	1,200
For steam heating	2,500
For new boiler-house	1,500
For painting and general repairs	2,000
For industrial pursuits	2,000
For sewerage	800
For library	200
For purchase of lot in cemetery, and fencing the same	600

Total

\$ 62,000

The bequest of J. L. Bouman, of Pella, has enabled us to employ A. N. Carpenter, of Galesburg, Illinois, as landscape architect, and we are working according to a complete set of plans in grading and laying out walks, drives, lawns, and play-grounds.

I wish to return thanks to the officers of the Chicago, Rock Island, & Pacific Railway, and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, for all the favors granted the institution. Many thanks also to the publishers of the following for donating the same: *Daily Gazette*, Davenport; *Daily Democrat*, Davenport; *Iowa State Press*, Iowa City; *The Presbyterian Banner*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Grand Rapids* (Michigan) *Eagle*; *Clinton Eagle*, Clinton; *Examiner and Express*, Lancaster, Pa.; *Lippincott's Magazine*, *Arthur's Home Magazine*, and *The Christian Woman*, Philadelphia, Pa., and the *Home Weekly*, Xenia, Ohio.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for the untiring interest you have ever manifested in the welfare of this institution, I submit this my seventh annual biennial report, for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

S. W. PIERCE, Supt.

Davenport Iowa, September 30, 1881.

STATEMENT.

Showing the total receipts and expenditures from October 1, 1879, to October 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand October 1, 1879.....	\$ 4,003.11
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer general fund.....	29,711.10
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer general repair funds.....	1,500.00
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer industrial fund.....	1,300.00
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer furniture fund.....	3,000.00
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer library fund.....	200.00
Cash from all other sources.....	733.50
	<u>\$40,447.71</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For groceries and provisions.....	\$ 9,341.16
For salaries.....	11,925.57
For clothing.....	4,024.83
For improvements and repairs.....	3,102.45
For furniture.....	3,332.94
For incidental expense.....	3,200.66
For books and stationery.....	162.86
For drugs and medicines.....	254.44
For live-stock supplies.....	1,361.81
For fuel.....	2,015.77
For lights.....	104.82
For library.....	243.22
For industrial pursuits.....	1,047.45
	<u>\$40,117.98</u>

Balance cash on hand Oct. 1, 1881:	(	General fund.....	\$ 48.45)
	(	Industrial fund.....	252.55)
	(	Library fund.....	28.73)
			\$ 329.73	

STATEMENT.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the general fund from October 1, 1879, to October 1, 1881.

Cash on hand October 1, 1879.....	\$ 3,102.72
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer, support soldiers' orphans.....	17,612.33
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer, support county orphans.....	12,098.77
Cash from other sources.....	664.48
	<u>\$33,478.30</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For groceries and provisions.....	\$ 9,341.16
For salaries.....	11,925.57
For clothing.....	4,024.83
For incidental expense.....	3,200.66
For books and stationery.....	162.86
For drugs and medicines.....	254.44
For live stock and supplies.....	1,361.81
For fuel.....	2,015.77
For lights.....	104.82
For improvements and repairs.....	706.49
For furniture.....	331.44
	<u>\$33,429.85</u>

Balance cash on hand October 1, 1881..... 48.45

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the balance of the special appropriation of \$3,000 for furniture and improvements and repairs made by the Seventeenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.

Balance—cash on hand October 1, 1879.....	\$ 826.76
Cash from sale of sundries.....	4.50
Total.....	<u>\$ 833.26</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For carpenter's salary.....	\$ 357.33
For lumber.....	47.12
For pumps and pump repairs.....	45.10
For plumbing.....	30.10
For repairs on bake-oven.....	24.30
For general repairs.....	329.31
Total.....	<u>\$ 833.26</u>

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the special appropriation of \$1,500 for general repairs, made by the Eighteenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer.....	\$ 1,500.00
Cash from sales of sundries.....	62.70
Total.....	\$ 1,562.70
EXPENDITURES.	
For carpenter's salary.....	\$ 228.39
For lumber.....	253.52
For bake-oven.....	220.00
For laying brick on outbuildings.....	95.35
For plumbing.....	631.80
For general repairs.....	138.64
Total.....	\$ 1,562.70

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the special appropriation of \$3,000 for furniture made by the Eighteenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer.....	\$ 3,000.00
Cash from sale of furniture.....	1.50
Total.....	\$ 3,001.50
EXPENDITURES.	
For dining-hall and kitchen furniture.....	\$ 1,709.47
For beds and bedding.....	930.09
For other cottage furniture.....	361.94
Total.....	\$ 3,001.50

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the special appropriation of \$1,300 for industrial pursuits, made by the Eighteenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer.....	\$ 1,300.00
EXPENDITURES.	
For labor.....	\$ 622.05
For tools and implements.....	250.80
For wagon.....	56.00
For difference in exchange of horses.....	65.00
For seeds, plants, and shrubs.....	26.85
For horse-shoeing.....	26.75
Total.....	\$ 1,047.45
Balance—cash on hand October 1, 1881.....	252.55

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the balance of the special appropriation of \$200 for library, made by the Seventeenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance—cash on hand October 1, 1879.....	\$ 71.63
EXPENDITURES.	
For books.....	\$ 26.82
For periodicals.....	44.81
Total.....	\$ 71.63

The following shows the receipts and expenditures of the special appropriation of \$200 for library, made by the Eighteenth General Assembly:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash from C. C. Horton, Treasurer.....	\$ 200.00
Cash from sale of stationery.....	.32
Total.....	\$ 200.32
EXPENDITURES.	
For books.....	\$ 114.82
For periodicals.....	56.77
Total.....	\$ 171.59
Balance—cash on hand October 1, 1881.....	28.73

The following is an itemized statement of incidental expense account:

For advertising for proposals.....	\$ 14.50
For amount transferred to building fund.....	2,000.00
For candies and nuts.....	59.58
For car and hotel fare.....	44.20
For Christmas gifts and games.....	28.06
For cleaning deep well.....	10.00
For coffins.....	25.00
For drafts and money-orders.....	5.10
For fire-works.....	39.61
For horseshoeing.....	32.00
For ice.....	90.00
For insurance.....	220.50
For postage.....	200.29
For printing.....	18.00
For rent of telephone.....	93.90
For repairs on buggy and wagon.....	29.85
For repairs on harness.....	9.20
For rockaway—second hand.....	100.00
For seeds, plants, and bulbs.....	26.30
For services of fire department.....	38.80
For support of F. H. Elliott.....	9.17
For surveying and laying out grounds.....	20.00
For telegrams.....	8.65
For transportation to and use of island.....	15.00
For velocipede.....	18.00
For various sundries.....	44.95
Total.....	\$ 3,200.66

A TABULAR

Of Monthly Receipts and Expenditures on account of the Iowa Soldiers'

STATEMENT

Orphans' Home, at Davenport, from October 1, 1879, to October 1, 1881.

DATE.	RECEIPTS.										
	From Treasurer.	Groceries and provisions.	Salaries.	Clothing.	Improvements and repairs.	Furniture.	Incidental expense.	Books and stationery.	Drugs and medicines.	Live stock.	Fuel.
1879.											
October	\$ 1133.25	\$ 15.99	\$80.00	\$ 2.18	\$..	\$..	\$ 1.12	\$..	\$..	\$..	\$..
November	1108.32	1.00	..	7.45	..	..	13.10	1.00	..	..	..
December	1133.32	1.65	..	5.16	4.50	..	6.40	1.38	.70	..	..
1880.											
January	1116.66	1.97	..	6.96	..	..	1.48	1.65	.75	..	..
February	1162.49	1.00	..	5.64	..	3.60	3.27	1.70	..	12.00	..
March	1187.33	1.00	..	3.16	..	..	4.71	* .32	.65	..	..
April	1154.16	27.00	..	5.15	..	..	1.18	1.12	..	..	..
May	1158.32	..	..	4.85	..	..	1.08	.42	..	..	..
June	1166.66	1.59	..	4.42	..	1.50	5.50	..	1.00	..	..
July	1145.83	2.70	..	6.84	..	..	10.55	..	..	2.00	..
August	1141.66	..	..	5.35	..	..	1.45	1.15	..	..	..
September	1137.50	1.24	..	5.35	..	..	2.85	2.60	1.30	15.00	..
October	1170.83	2.12	1.25	4.52	2.00	..	1.18	.72	..	..	..
November	1165.50	.50	..	3.42	..	..	48.15	1.12	..	..	..
December	1174.99	12.00	..	3.90	..	..	8.70	2.35	2.15	..	..
1881.											
January	1179.16	.50	8.00	5.66	60.70	..	1.76	1.75	1.05	..	..
February	1220.30	7.44	..	4.38	..	..	2.46	1.67	1.20	..	..
March	1227.99	1.28	..	3.93	..	..	1.86	.71	..	..	..
April	1300.00	1.38	..	11.29	..	..	7.71	2.05	..	..	..
May	1283.32	2.52	..	10.46	..	..	2.22	.95	1.20	..	..
June	1275.02	.67	..	4.34	..	..	2.88	.94	.25	..	..
July	1275.00	37.35	..	3.65	..	..	2.05	1.45	..	50	..
August	1316.66	48.80	..	6.28	..	..	1.88	1.62	.70	..	..
September	1333.33	48.60	..	3.57	..	..	17.61	.75	.86	..	..
General repairs fund	1590.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Furniture fund	3000.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Industrial fund	1300.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Library fund	200.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	35711.10	218.12	89.25	127.91	67.20	5.10	151.15	27.46	11.81	35.00	50

* See credit in "special" appropriation for library.

Total receipts	\$36,444.60
Cash on hand October 1, 1879	4,043.11
Total	\$40,447.71

DATE.	EXPENDITURES.												
	Groceries and provisions.	Salaries.	Clothing.	Improvement and repairs.	Furniture.	Incidental expense.	Books and stationery.	Drugs and medicine.	Live stock.	Fuel.	Lights.	Library.	Industrial pursuits.
1879.													
October	\$ 274.73	\$ 566.55	\$ 108.04	\$ 51.60	\$ 34.00	\$ 19.62	\$..	\$ 7.60	\$ 4.00	\$ 92.71	\$..	\$ 5.65	\$..
November	512.12	562.82	175.61	88.58	31.35	29.27	2.70	..	133.55	72.31	..	3.66	..
December	437.37	504.20	365.59	161.28	30.50	151.40	4.67	12.75	82.95	110.27	..	32.31	..
1880.													
January	41.23	511.85	339.35	66.02	51.35	10.02	10.12	11.90	21.50	74.25	..	20.30	..
February	105.80	491.70	182.65	29.60	28.47	33.75	2.68	5.05	159.45	117.49	7.00	..	..
March	185.85	496.60	30.55	64.00	26.27	34.80	..	27.55	60.93	116.58	..	..	..
April	189.13	557.65	227.28	62.99	94.72	20.50	3.75	16.44	43.94	..	..	7.50	18.80
May	347.10	512.85	161.55	81.81	54.47	16.65	3.76	11.50	7.60	..	3.60	10.26	20.70
June	301.65	449.50	85.87	42.30	135.00	66.44	..	1.85	30.55	..	..	..	110.00
July	319.73	447.25	164.75	74.85	171.45	45.04	4.90	7.15	..	..	..	2.80	65.55
August	358.05	438.85	65.10	30.00	4.50	22.90	..	11.20	17.16	..	..	..	..
September	586.60	409.85	328.13	51.75	166.80	74.80	..	17.45	70.70	..	20.70	..	37.65
October	566.95	442.45	122.51	65.12	15.32	2015.75	13.37	6.40	110.85	20.70	..	..	32.00
November	353.60	500.35	91.92	250.00	836.29	31.80	2.93	3.80	..	240.73	..	..	50.00
December	937.05	522.55	284.22	288.22	6.25	47.37	27.89	12.00	156.41	271.49	2.00	5.00	110.80
1881.													
January	318.01	514.40	136.61	814.06	917.20	169.02	6.50	19.05	23.10	..	25.22	32.32	32.65
February	196.23	532.35	116.40	51.77	104.00	175.35	7.87	8.25	54.10	152.63	..	..	..
March	452.49	563.93	322.38	49.57	17.60	15.00	18.35	11.25	216.04	196.98	..	10.50	..
April	320.17	556.77	189.89	47.44	20.14	44.65	..	7.50	60.75	..	18.20	..	22.75
May	241.30	568.27	145.36	25.00	2.10	..	..	13.67	5.20	4.50	..	3.35	5.00
June	333.12	507.00	79.18	..	149.69	15.60	..	22.70	50.01	29.59	..	3.25	37.55
July	529.85	359.50	20.70	64.47	304.24	140.68	8.80	7.85	5.00	..	..	..	138.20
August	1026.28	453.30	189.10	230.63	62.23	20.25	14.10	15.15	13.90	..	25.35	3.95	118.35
September	376.75	515.00	92.09	411.39	79.00	..	..	17.10	34.92	520.04	..	100.72	175.15
Total	9341.16	11925.57	4024.83	3102.45	3332.94	3200.66	162.86	254.44	1361.81	2015.77	104.82	243.22	1047.45

Total expenditures	\$ 40,117.98
Balance cash on hand October 1, 1881	329.73
Total	\$ 40,447.71

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. Sept. 30th, 1881.

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

In furnishing you with a history of the medical and surgical management of the Home since my last biennial report, I have to state in detail, that in the late winter and early spring of 1880, many of the children were subjected to the influence of a severe epidemic of scarlet fever, which was introduced into the institution by an adult female employe. In all, there were forty-six cases—only one death resulting, and that in a boy four years old, Joseph Harbert, who had six weeks before been admitted in an impoverished condition from a county poor-house. Notwithstanding many of the cases had severe and dangerous complications, in no instance did recovery occur attended by deformity or a defective constitution—results which exist after the dreadful disease has passed away. Malaria has shown itself in only one case, that of typho-malarial fever in one of the boys. In the winter of 1881 there were three cases of pneumonia, all of which recovered. In April two of the girls suffered from severe erysipelas of the face. During the same spring there was a slight epidemic of ulcerated sore throat—not diphtheria.

Grace Richmond, of Manchester, died January 24th, 1881, on account of specific disease of the blood, showing itself locally in the bones of the nose and head. The illness was of chronic duration, and toward the close she was a great care to the Matron. There have been but few cases of skin eruptions; in fact, the inmates may be said to be practically free from disorders of the skin. There has been very little proneness to diseases of the eyes, only an occasional case having occurred.

In February, 1881, I vaccinated all of the children and such of the employes as required it for protection purposes.

One case of extensive and long-standing ulceration of the leg has been cured. There is now on hand a case of paralysis of the lower limbs, due to organic disease of one or more of the vertebral bones, making pressure on the spinal cord. The patient cannot recover.

The following surgical operations have been successfully performed:

FOR STRABISMUS (CROSS-EYE).

Fannie Cowgills.....	West Branch.
Lacy Wymore.....	Oskaloosa.
Ella Fuller.....	Mount Vernon.
Martin Dickie.....	Des Moines.
Willie Harbart.....	Belle Plain.

DROOPING OF EYELID.

Dow McNabb..... Agency City.

EVERSION OF UPPER LIP.

Willie Trump..... Des Moines.

ANCHYLOSIS (STIFFNESS) OF ELBOW JOINT.

Eddie Wallace.

The hygienic management of the Home is excellent. The regular hours, the wholesome food, and the plain, good clothing, are the chief causes for the average good health enjoyed by the children. The new buildings furnish warm and comfortable quarters. I am, however, disposed to think that too many children are "homed" in one room. The necessity for this will disappear when the buildings in contemplation are completed.

I desire to especially compliment Supt. Pierce and his excellent wife, the Matron, for their watchfulness over the children, both in sickness and in health, also for the valuable service which they have rendered in assisting me in the discharge of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PECK,
Surgeon.