

MEMORIAL

IN RELATION TO THE

IOWA ORPHANS' HOME

TO THE

TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

AND

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS,

BY

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## MEMORIAL.

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :*

As your memorialist I would most respectfully represent that, my attention was, on yesterday evening, called to an article lately published in a newspaper of this city in relation to the funds of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, and the former officers of that institution. Such an article, professing to give publicity to a "grievous scandal" concerning the misappropriation of the funds of that charitable and most deserving institution, is calculated to prejudice, to a great extent, its healthful support and successful operations. The injury to the individuals thus scandalized is as nothing compared to that inflicted upon the orphans of our patriotic dead, for whom the institution provides.

While I, in common with the benevolent people of Iowa, feel a deep and abiding interest in the success of the Home, I have also, in addition thereto, a feeling for it, akin to that of a parent for his offspring, and for this reason, if for no other, I may be justified in calling the attention of your Honorable Body to the matters herein contained, which relate materially to the well being and success of the Home. Your Honorable Body would not feel like voting a tax upon the people to sustain the Home, nor would the people willingly consent to be taxed therefor, while there were funds already in the hands of its former officers sufficient therefor, and corruptly or improperly withheld therefrom.

While the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, as organized and under the control of the officers referred to, was a corporation under the laws of Iowa, and perhaps not subject to the visatorial power of the Legislature, yet since the corporation, as such, profess to have turned over to the State its entire assets, whether it has done so or not, becomes, it would seem, a legitimate matter for legislative inquiry.

In the Eleventh General Assembly there was added to the Standing Committees of the House, a Committee on the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home. See House Journal, pages 95 and 111. There was also, a select committee, appointed on the matter of appropriation to the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home pursuant to resolutions introduced by Mr. Darwin, the mover of the resolutions who assumed a position, and manifested a feeling of hostility to the then officers and managers of the corporation, was made chairman of that committee. That committee, as will be seen by the House Journal of the Eleventh General Assembly, pages 277 to 280, was charged specially with the duty of investigating thoroughly the financial management of the Home, and the fidelity of those intrusted therewith. That committee did make the investigations, as will be verified by three members thereof, who are also members of your Honorable Body, and although no written report was made by the chairman upon the special matters referred to the committee (see Journal, page 589,) he took occasion, in a speech made in opposition to the bill brought in by the Standing Committee, to vindicate the integrity of those charged with the management of the Home.

There was also a Joint Visiting Committee to said Home, appointed by the Eleventh General Assembly, two members of which, one in each the House and Senate, are also respectively members of the Twelfth General Assembly. (See House Journal, 185, 188, Senate Journal, 186, 212.) That committee also performed its duty, and made a report in writing, which may be found at the close of the 2d Volume of the Legislative documents of the Eleventh General Assembly. That committee was appointed on the 31st day of January, 1866, and shortly thereafter obtained from the clerk, or cashier of the Treasurer, (he being absent), a statement of the funds on hand about February 1st, 1866, showing \$37,400 in Government bonds and \$2,228 cash, beside the unpaid subscriptions. That committee also thoroughly investigated the condition of the Home in its practical workings, as well as its financial management, and fully indorsed the same, and the conduct of those charged therewith.

At the close of the term of office of the then President, which was at the third annual meeting of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home

Association, held at Des Moines, June 6th, 1866, the said President submitted his Annual Address, accompanied with a report of the then Treasurer, of the moneys received and disbursed by him during the year, and also a report of the President showing the orders drawn by the President and Secretary, when drawn, to whom, and for what purpose, together with the vouchers upon which the same were based. A copy of said address and reports, together with the proceedings of said annual meeting, is handed herewith as part hereof. It will appear from said reports that after the statement as to the money in the Treasury was made, there was received upon subscription, including profits on Government bonds of \$4,500, and that there was expended for the support of the children in the two Homes at Davenport and Cedar Falls (about 550 children in all) for the months of February, March, April and May, something over twenty-five thousand dollars; that there was paid for the title in part to Camp Kinsman and for improvements thereon, about four thousand dollars; debts previously incurred for fuel, provisions, arrearages to employes, rent of Farmington Home, physicians' bills, burial expenses, &c., about seven thousand dollars — thereby fully accounting for all the money reported by the Visiting Committee as in the hands of the Treasurer on or about the 1st day of February, 1866. These reports and vouchers were referred to a Committee of the Association, one of whom is now a Senator, to examine and report thereon, which was done and the same found correct, as will appear by the copy of the proceedings of the annual meeting, hereto attached as part of this memorial.

On June 9th, 1866, the officers of the corporation turned over to the care of the State the Homes, the children, and its property, and thereupon the State Board of Trustees made a report to the officers of the corporation, showing at that time the number of children to be 565, and the condition of the Home to be highly satisfactory — a copy of which is also embraced in the annual report herewith submitted.

In view of the fact that all these matters have been extensively printed and circulated, and easily accessible to, and certainly within the reach of every citizen of the State, it is not a little strange that

"grievous scandals," prejudicial to the Home, should still be published or spoken. But in view of the fact that it is so, it seems to me eminently proper that, as one of its originators, and during the most successful years of its existence, its President, I should call your attention to the fact, and ask your Honorable Body, through one of its standing committees, or by a select or joint committee, to again investigate the entire management of the Home, and to most thoroughly inquire into its financial operations, and authoritatively ascertain whether any of the officers or agents have failed to fully account for and faithfully apply every cent received for the benefit of the orphans of Iowa soldiers. I ask for the most full, patient, dilligent and faithful investigation as to the fidelity, or want of it, of every person connected with its financial operations, regardless of what may have been or what may now be his official or social position. Let the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home and its rights be vindicated, whatever may be the consequences to individuals — and as in duty, your memorialist will ever pray, &c.

C. C. COLE,

Late President of I. S. O. Home.

DES MOINES, January 14th, 1868.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

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HELD AT DES MOINES

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## ANNUAL MEETING.\*

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The Association met at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Old School Presbyterian Church, the Hon. C. C. Cole, President of the Association, presiding.

The annual address of the President was presented and read. It is ably written, and presents a comprehensive and accurate history of the "Home" enterprise, and is printed by order of the Association.

### ANNUAL ADDRESS,

*Before the Iowa Orphans' Home Association, delivered by the President, Hon. C. C. Cole, on Wednesday, June 6, 1866, in Des Moines.*

*To the Members of the Iowa Orphans' Home Association:*

Although it is less than two years and a half since our organization was formed, yet this is our third regular annual meeting. You will allow me to congratulate you, that in the Providence of God we have been enabled to accomplish, as we trust, great good. *Faith*, even as a grain of mustard seed, has indeed literally removed mountains of obstacles in our pathway; and *work*, which is little less than a divine attribute, has brought, in our cause, as in every worthy cause it will bring, a gratifying success. It may not be improper for me to present to you a brief review of our past, a like statement of our present, and the reasonable probabilities of our future.

### HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Our organization was formed late in the month of December, 1863. While the names of several honorable and sagacious citizens were connected with it, and thereby it was commended to public favor, yet it was an enterprise that originated with these and a few others who had anticipated its importance and necessity, and it was not comprehended by the many, nor, in advance, demanded by the masses of our people. There was, for this reason, a necessity devolved upon its friends to bring the subject before and press it upon the attention of the public. The object of our organization — to provide a home and education for the orphan children of those who had fallen, or might thereafter fall, in the defense of our country — was itself a passport to the hearts and purses of our citizens.

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\* *Note.* — The proceedings were ordered and expected to be published immediately, but the necessary absence of Rev. P. F. Ingalls, organizing a Home on the Slope, and other causes, have delayed it.

The Tenth General Assembly convened at the Capitol shortly after our Articles of Association were adopted and properly filed and recorded. It was thought best to appeal to that body for aid and co-operation in the accomplishment of our objects. Accordingly a committee was appointed to present the cause to the Legislature, and appeal to the representatives of the people for the means necessary to successfully inaugurate our enterprise. That committee faithfully discharged its duty, and the matter was, by two or three successive memorials, pressed upon the attention of the Legislature. But as too often happens in matters of pure principle and high morality and duty, the political representatives of the people failed to correctly apprehend, and hence to truly represent the public will. The memorials were met by the objections that the plan was impracticable, that mothers would not give up their children, that the amount required for the success of the cause was far beyond the ability of the Association to command, or the people to supply, and other numberless objections; and finally, a memorial asking for the comparatively small sum of five thousand dollars, failed to secure any considerable support, and the whole matter was thus ignored or rejected by the Legislature.

The friends of the cause appealed from this non-action of the Legislature to the people themselves. This appeal was inaugurated by an extensive written correspondence, which was conducted with commendable zeal and ability by our then Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Shelton, who is entitled to our thanks for her early, continued and successful labors in behalf of our enterprise. It was found, however, that the immediate and pressing demand for a home for our helpless soldiers' orphans would not admit of that delay necessary in order to present the cause to the public by correspondence, and awaken that attention to it which its importance and necessities required. To present the cause fully, promptly and effectively, required an active and efficient agent who should make direct and personal appeals to the people. It was, therefore, determined to procure at once a General Agent. Accordingly the services of Rev. P. P. Ingalls was secured in that position. Among the many and unmistakable indications of God's guidance and blessing upon our efforts in this cause, there has been none so signal nor so great as his supply of our General Agent. Rev. Mr. Ingalls was engaged in the ministry at the time, and felt that to be his calling for life, and it was with great reluctance that he consented to sever for the time the mutually strong and affectionate ties existing between him and his congregation. But he fully comprehended the high and holy character, as well as the magnitude of the cause, and with a patriotic and Christian self-abnegation he cheerfully surrendered his personal preferences, and betook himself to the most zealous labor in the discharge of his conscious duty — our general agency. To the Rev. P. P. Ingalls, more than to any one man or to many men, is our cause indebted for its wonderful and culminating success. All that I can say will not add one iota to the thanks and praise which are his due, and which not only a present appreciating public, but a generation of precious soldiers' orphans will award him. He entered upon his duties in May, 1864, and has continued to discharge them up to the present time.

## PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

At our annual meeting in June, 1864, we had made but little progress in actual collections, but the cause was becoming appreciated by the public, and we had established, or rather opened a Home for our soldiers' orphans at Farmington, Lee county. The amount of funds then raised was \$800, and we had no children in our Home. At this, the first annual meeting, plans for the further prosecution of our work, and especially for the practical operations of our Home, were devised, and arrangements made for their execution. An Executive Committee for the immediate care and management of the Home, was appointed by the Board elect at this meeting, of which committee Mrs. C. B. Darwin was chairman. It is due to the plainest dictates of truth and justice to say that Mrs. Darwin discharged her duty with great fidelity, zeal and ability; that she manifested an unusual administrative capacity, and evinced a devotion to the cause, and a love and affection for the children of the Home, which justly entitled her to the thanks of the members of the Association, and the grateful regard and reciprocal affection of the children. Her labors were really greater than her physical energies would sustain, and she was prostrated by sickness resulting in a great measure, if not entirely, from her labors, care and anxiety in her efforts in behalf of the Home.

During the current year, the number of children in the Home so increased as to require the employment of a Superintendent at the Home, in addition to the Matron and other officers heretofore employed. This change rendered the further continuance of the executive committee unnecessary, and relieved them from their responsible duties. Hon. John A. Parvin was employed as the Superintendent and discharged his duties with marked ability and entire acceptance until our second annual meeting. It may not be an uninteresting fact to state that Mr. Parvin was a member of the Senate of the Tenth General Assembly, and as such entertained such grave doubts of the feasibility and utility of our enterprise, as to induce him to withhold his advocacy of any aid whatever to our cause. His subsequent observation as to its practical workings fully dispelled all his doubts, and made him a warm and efficient friend of the Home. Such has also been the experience of very many others of the Assembly. The death of Mr. Parvin's wife shortly before our second annual meeting caused him to decline to further act as Superintendent, but his services were invaluable to us, and his continued devotion to the cause placed our association under great and lasting obligations to him. At our second annual meeting, which was held on the 7th and 8th days of June, 1865, we had in our treasury \$29,543.42, and had 96 children in our Home.

## ORPHANS' HOME FAIR.

At this meeting the importance of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home had come to be well recognized by the people of Iowa, and its permanent success had been placed beyond question by the patriotic and generous subscriptions made to it by the Iowa soldiers while serving in the field. It had become apparent to the friends of the soldiers' orphans that the demand upon the Home for the maintenance and education of the children of our brave dead during the current year, would be greatly

more than our then ability to supply. The necessity for our further immediate efforts to secure the means to supply this increasing and certain demand, was fully apprehended by the Association, and it was determined to hold a fair for that purpose at Marshalltown, on the 28th day of August then following.

To make the fair a success, commanded and received the earliest and earnest attention of the Board of Trustees elected at this meeting. It is neither necessary nor profitable to now give a detailed history or account of the various steps taken to secure a successful fair. Committees were appointed, agents engaged, circulars issued, and every reasonable and proper provision was made.

It would be impossible to do full justice to each case of individual effort and generosity toward the success of our fair. But if I should fail to mention in this connection the very cordial and generous contributions by merchants and others of Chicago and St. Louis to our fair, I should be faithless to a clear duty. These merchants and others received our sollicitors with the kindest attention, and expressing their knowledge and appreciation of the patriotic services of the soldiers of Iowa, and the generous contributions of our citizens to the different sanitary fairs and commissions, freely reciprocated that generosity in their contributions to our fair. The Northwestern Sanitary Fair, finding the necessity for the use of all their funds obviated by the successful suppression of the rebellion, returned to our fair the sum of four thousand dollars of the very liberal contributions by Iowa to their fair. But I need not detain you to recite the leading contributions even to our Soldiers' Orphans Fair, for they are all contained in the report of the fair, made by our Secretary, which is herewith submitted to the Association. The report shows aggregate contributions to the amount of \$17,290.09 cash, beside a large amount of goods, clothing, household articles, quilts, &c., &c.; and this amount shows the fair to have been at least a reasonable success, if it was not so complete as some had dared to hope.

The fair was held on the 28th day of August, and the three succeeding days. The contributions in articles were in excess of the demand by the purchasers who attended the fair. There was of course a resulting inability to sell at any reasonable price many and indeed a large portion of the articles contributed. They, or at least many of them, were, by order of the Board of Trustees, sent to the State Agricultural Fair at Burlington for sale. But owing to a combination of adverse circumstances, only a very few articles were sold there; others were sold at private sale, and very many of the goods being suited to the clothing of the children, were sent to the Home and used with advantage there as well as a very large number of quilts, comforts, and other articles contributed by the Sabbath School children of the different portions of the State.

If the fair was wanting in complete success, it was attributable in a great degree to the place where it was held. Not that Marshalltown is not an excellent, lively and prosperous place; but while it is all this, and is composed mainly of energetic, high-minded and generous citizens not surpassed by other places of equal size, it has not the requisite population to justify the holding of a fair there which is dependent for its success upon the extent of sales to be made at it. For the experience in such enterprises has proved beyond cavil that the inhabitants of large

cities buy very much more liberally at fairs than even a like number of persons engaged in agriculture. The want of purchasers was the great want at our Orphans' Fair. It is due to the citizens of Marshalltown to state, in this connection, that as a general rule they labored most zealously and faithfully for the success of the fair, and are justly entitled to the thanks of the Association for their efforts and aid.

#### WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Up to the close of the fair, the Board of Trustees held six different meetings, which was indeed a greater number than had been held during any previous entire year. But owing to the expense attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees, on account of the great distance some of the Board had to travel, it was thought advisable to appoint an executive committee, clothed with power to provide for the current wants of the children in our Homes, and the increasing demand for the accommodation of others. Such a committee was therefore appointed.

The Board, at one of its meetings in the early part of August, in order to meet the demand for admission to the Home of many helpless orphans for whose admission application had been made, took steps for the opening of a Home at Cedar Falls. The Farmington Home was then full, and the committee appointed by the Association to select a suitable location for another Home, had submitted a report favorable to Cedar Falls. A Home was accordingly soon after opened at that place. Suitable buildings were rented for three years upon very advantageous terms, much less than they could now be rented for. A considerable portion of the rent has been, according to the terms of the lease as agreed upon by the locating committee, expended in making repairs and adapting the building to our convenience. It was estimated by the locating committee that the buildings rented would accommodate about one hundred and fifty children. Some of the furniture, the stove, the bedding, and nearly all the cutlery and crockery for this Home were taken from the contributions to our fair, and were needed and actually shipped and used directly after the close of the fair.

Arthur Morrison, Esq., of Cedar Falls, was appointed Superintendent of this Home, and entered at once upon the duties. He was not a little embarrassed at first, owing to the distance from and the time requisite for communication with the Executive Committee, as well as the other and necessary difficulties and embarrassments attendant upon the organization of a new Home. But his fidelity and perseverance, together with the very cordial, general and efficient aid rendered by the citizens of Cedar Falls—than whom no more generous, efficient and public spirited can be found in the State—enabled him to soon place the Cedar Falls Home on a permanent and successful basis. Circumstances beyond my control have rendered it impracticable for me to visit that Home; but from reliable information, it may be safely stated that nothing can be hazarded in saying that it is a paragon of an Orphans' Home. It has been made so by the unity of effort on the part of the citizens, Mr. Morrison our Superintendent, Dr. Pierce our Surgeon, Mrs. Platt our Matron, Mrs. Yokonor our Nurse, Mrs. Wells our Teacher, and others engaged in the Home. They are all entitled to your thanks and the grateful remembrance of the children.

There are now two hundred children in that Home, and it is quite too many to be continued there without an increase of accommodation by renting or erecting other buildings. The property now occupied as a Home, and one building adjoining, well adapted to present use, and a half square of lots, may now be purchased for five thousand dollars. The additional improvements, so as to accommodate three hundred children, can then be made for about two thousand dollars more and I think it is the clear duty of the managers of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphan Home to purchase the property and make the improvements accordingly. It is, therefore, specifically and urgently recommended.

The Executive Committee, with the aid of Judge Lowe and Dr. Taylor, of Keokuk, procured as a donation from the U. S. War Department, early in August last, for the use of our Farmington Home, one hundred mattresses, pillows and bedsteads, several hundred sheets, pillow-cases, blankets, comforts, &c., a large cooking range, fifty bed-side stands, a lot of crockery, and other articles. For these and other services of both those friends of our cause, the Association is under lasting obligations, and to the kindly consideration and generous conduct of Hon. E. M. Stanton, U. S. Secretary of War, our institution is too largely indebted to allow it to be discharged with thankfulness merely.

Early in September last the Farmington Home was full to its uttermost capacity. The applications for admission to the Cedar Falls Home were so numerous as to afford satisfactory evidence that the children residing in that part of the State would require all its capacity. At the same time there were numberless applications, literally hundreds, for admission to the Home at Farmington; and the demands for admission were of such a character as could not justly be refused. The Executive Committee felt the pressing and absolute necessity for supplying additional and immediate accommodations for these applicants. Previous request by letter to the U. S. War Department for the transfer of Camp Kinsman to us for a Home had been made without any successful or encouraging result. The Department was then actually using it as a rendezvous for troops preparatory to their payment and discharge. There seemed to be no other means of supplying the demand for an immediate home, and afford its advantages to the numerous applicants for admission except to procure Camp Kinsman, and to fail to supply a Home to meet these demands would be justly regarded as a reproach to our Association, and the grossest injustice to the persons making contributions in the localities from which the applications came.

In view of these facts, the Executive Committee applied to Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer to go to Washington, D. C., and make a personal appeal, upon a full statement of all the facts, to the President and Secretary of War to transfer to us immediately Camp Kinsman for a Soldiers' Orphan Home. Mrs. Wittenmeyer reluctantly consented to go and make the appeal. And here, upon the first occasion for the mention of the name of Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, while her State and national reputation as among the first of the benevolent ladies of our land, can not thereby increase, it is due alike to her, to our Association, and to justice, to say that she originated the idea of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphan Home. By her efforts the idea was further shaped and given character at the Ladies' Muscatine Convention, and

by her personal appeals to those connected with the act or articles of incorporation, its legal organization was perfected. She has been identified with its every effort since, and for its successful practical workings she is entitled to more credit than any language of mine could justly portray.

She went to Washington immediately, and by that unusual ability which has characterized with success her every benevolent effort during the national struggle, she succeeded in obtaining from the President and Secretary of War an order for the transfer of Camp Kinsman to our Association at a rent to be fixed by a designated Quartermaster, till the 1st of January following, with the pledge that every reasonable effort would be made by the President and Secretary of War to induce Congress to grant us the Camp, fully and finally, for a Home. This pledge too was redeemed, and by the fidelity and diligence of our delegation in Congress the grant has been perfected.

But while we are under obligations to our entire delegation for their services in this behalf, we are especially indebted to Hon. Hiram Price for his energetic, persevering and efficient efforts to secure for us this grant. While Hon. Hiram Price is justly and eminently distinguished for his sterling integrity, wonderful energy and unflinching devotion to the accomplishment of his purpose in the right, it is justly due to him and truth to say that he manifested these characteristics in their highest degree in his efforts in Congress to secure this grant to us. Hon. James W. Grimes is also entitled to our especial thanks for his efforts in the Senate in our behalf in this matter.

The stipulation for the payment of the rent was duly executed pursuant to the order, and Camp Kinsman was turned over to our Association early in October. The Executive Committee found that the necessary improvements, in order to fit it up for the uses of the Home, involved a large expenditure of money. All the buildings were to be plastered and painted, numerous partitions put up, and very many other alterations to be made. They presented the matter to the people of Davenport, Scott county, and asked, in view of the local advantage to result from the establishment of the Home there, that they should contribute ten thousand dollars toward the necessary improvements, &c. With a real and promptness characteristic of a patriotic and liberal people, as they are, they very soon presented us with subscription lists amounting to about eleven thousand dollars. Near three-fourths of this sum has been paid, as it was required by the progress of the improvements.

Owing to the lateness of the season, the high price of labor and materials, and the necessity for the rapid and early completion of the work, the expense of the improvements was considerably more than it would have been but for these causes. But it was no matter of choice with the Executive Committee; their way was completely hedged by the unyielding necessity for the camp at an early day, and before the severity of winter should still further pinch and add to the discomforts of the numerous helpless orphans awaiting admission to the Home. The work was accordingly commenced and prosecuted with the utmost diligence to its completion, and on about the 15th day of November the Farmington Home was removed to Davenport.



The services of Rufus Hubbard, Esq., were secured as Superintendent for the Farmington Home in the latter part of August, 1865. But on the occasion of commencing our improvements at Davenport, by order of the Executive Committee, he went there to aid in making them. When the Home was removed he went to Farmington to superintend the removal. After the removal, he continued to act as Superintendent of the Davenport Home up to about the 25th day of April. Mr. Hubbard brought to the Superintendency experience in the control of children in public institutions, and a vigor and energy which are rarely, if ever surpassed. The Association is certainly indebted to Mr. Hubbard for many new and excellent arrangements in connection with the management of the Home, and for his vigorous, untiring efforts in behalf of its success. He exerted a controlling influence over the children, and at the same time shared largely of the affections of many, and will be gratefully remembered by them. Since he left the Home he has been engaged in an agency for the Des Moines University. Upon the removal of the Home to Davenport, Mrs. Platt, who had acted as Matron and had won their universal love and affection at the Farmington Home, was by the Executive Committee transferred to act in that capacity at the Cedar Falls Home. Mrs. L. B. Ely was employed as Matron at the Davenport Home, and continued to discharge her duties as such to the entire acceptance of the Executive Committee and the officers and inmates of the Home, until her health so failed as to require her to resign the position. She came to the Home at a time of unusual labor, and remained during a period of severe sickness, either of which was quite too much for any person of no more than ordinary physical endurance. In view of her adaptability and efficiency as Matron, and the entire acceptance of her labors as such, it is seriously regretted that she was compelled by her falling health to resign. She carries with her the well-wishes of all who knew her as Matron.

Since Mrs. Ely left, which was the first day of March, Mrs. Wittenmyer has discharged the duties of Matron, and since Mr. Hubbard left has also discharged the duties of Superintendent. Without now mentioning the names of the other officers at the Davenport Home, it is due to them to say that they have faithfully discharged their several duties, and are entitled to the gratitude alike of the Association and the children. Of Dr. Irwin, our physician at the Davenport Home, and who may be included under the above designation of "officers," too much in his praise can not be said. His skill and devotion manifested during a period of epidemic sickness has justly endeared him to every recipient and witness of them.

Dr. Cochran, of Iowa City, is now at the Davenport Home as Superintendent and Surgeon. He entered upon his duties on the first of June inst., and has stimulated the highest hopes and confidence in his success.

There are very many persons who have rendered valuable services to our cause, and who are entitled to a public mention of them not only, but also to many thanks. But it is impracticable to mention them in this connection, and if they know themselves as we know them, they are hereby authorized to appropriate the thanks so justly their due.

Of our Home at Cedar Falls, it may truly be said that they have been blessed of God in their general prosperity and health. Although they have had considerable sickness, including near seventy cases of measles, they have not had a single death. At our Davenport Home they have not been so fortunate; they have had near four hundred children, and about two hundred cases of measles, and have lost from all diseases, including measles and other diseases so often sequent upon that disease, twenty-five children. Some of these, however, were chronic cases, certain to terminate fatally even when received at the Home. There has been also considerable affliction there from sore eyes; but we are glad to know that this disease is now greatly abated, subdued, and nearly extinct. This Home is now in successful operation, and its schools are in a flourishing condition. There are now there three hundred and sixty-five children, generally in good health, quite contented and happy, and much interested in their schools.

The situation of our Homes at Cedar Falls and Davenport renders it almost impossible for the orphan children residing on the Missouri Slope to share the benefits of them. The Executive Committee feeling that the capacity of the present Home was not equal to the accommodation of all the soldiers' orphans of the State needing and entitled to its privileges, and feeling further that common justice required the establishment of a Home in the western portion of the State have taken steps for the establishment of a Home there. In March last a committee was appointed to select a location and report at the earliest practicable day. That Committee was composed of Hon. Isaac Pendleton, Hon. E. I. Joy, Hon. W. F. Sapp, Hon. William Sipple, and Hon. William Hale, and Hon. Addison Oliver. This committee have given notice through the papers of their powers, and soliciting proposals of locations and donations therefor. It is probable the committee will report at this meeting; but if they fail, the importance of establishing a Home there at an early day should not be overlooked. A Home should be established there immediately and without fail.

The Executive Committee, in addition to securing Camp Kinman and its appendages, which, together with the improvements made, actually cost and is now worth about the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, have also secured the fee simple title to thirty-three and one half acres of land, and a lien upon six and a half more, the value of all which is about five thousand dollars. They have also secured from the Christian Commission, by the special efforts of Mrs. Wittenmyer, a large amount (fifty-one boxes) of linen and other sheeting and bed-clothing, the actual value of which can not be precisely stated, but amounts to a large sum. They have also obtained, by purchase, contribution, &c., a large amount of personal property, as well as forty acres of valuable land in Clayton county, one hundred and sixty acres in Emmett county, and a forty in Ringgold county, and other property. The real value of the property now owned by our Association, aside from our bonds and money and claims in action, can not be much, if any, less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

## FINANCES.

There is submitted herewith a detailed report of our Treasurer, showing the amount on hand at our last annual meeting to be, cash \$23,543.42, and U. S. 7-30 bonds \$5,000; that he has received \$48,838.73 during the year, and paid out on orders, \$72,495.21, and for expenses of remittance and collection, \$53.25; leaving a balance of \$5,832.69. The Association is referred to the report for the items and a full history of our financial operations during the year. While the character of our Treasurer is an abundant guarantee of the correctness of his report, yet since you are but the almoners of other charities, it is due to them that you appoint a committee to examine and report upon his accounts.

There is also herewith submitted a detailed statement of orders drawn by the President and Secretary upon the Treasurer, being from No. 25 to No. 166, inclusive, and the aggregate amount of which is \$70,492.26.\* There is also accompanying the statement a voucher for each order drawn, with the No. indorsed on it, corresponding to the order issued upon it, and in each case the direction by the Executive Committee to the President and Secretary to issue the order is indorsed on the voucher. A committee should be appointed to examine this account also.

At the last session of the Legislature of this State, a law was enacted providing for the levy of a tax of three-eighths of a mill on the dollar for the support and maintenance of the soldiers' orphans of Iowa. But it was in substance provided that the law should not take effect unless, within four months after its passage, this Association should turn over to the Board of Trustees elected by the General Assembly under that law, all its property for the benefit of the soldiers' orphans. It is not intended here to state the law definitely, but only its substance on these points.

While, in my opinion, the Soldiers' Orphans Home can not be successfully managed as a State institution exclusively, and that the high character of its conduct and successful management can only be secured by connecting with it the lively effort and co-operation of the patriotic and benevolent, yet in view of the fact that this Association can, to a great degree, correct what we can but regard as the mistaken and inconsiderateness of the legislative action, I do cordially and earnestly recommend the transfer of our property in accordance with the spirit and intent of that law.

## POLICY TO BE PURSUED.

As a means of atoning in some degree for what we deem an error in the legislative action, I recommend that this Association elect the President of the State Board of Trustees as President of this Association, and that we elect the State Trustee as our Trustees for their respective districts, and then elect also one other Trustee for each district. In this way we will unite to a greater or less extent the continued efforts of our Association with the State Board of Trustees, and secure the co-operation of our Association with them, and by reason of such connection we may be

\* The sum of \$2,092.95, included in Treasurer's statement, was paid on order of former President, and a \$30 order No. 125 was not paid till after Treasurer rendered his account.

enabled to secure such further contributions as will enable us to supply the deficiency (otherwise unprovided for) which is certain to occur between the amount allowed by the State for the support of each child (\$8 $\frac{1}{2}$  per month) and the amount which it actually requires for such support (about \$10 per month), and it will also tend to elevate the general tone of the Institution from a "State Poor House," as it might otherwise possibly be regarded, to a high patriotic charity. As the only sure means of securing this high character of Homes for our soldiers' orphans, I charge each of you to continue unreaxed your efforts in that behalf, and your cordial co-operation with the Board of Trustees elected by the State. They are all men whose high characters are an abundant guarantee that nothing on their part will be wanting to continue the successful management of the Institution. In order that the Board of Trustees elected on the part of the State may be enabled to retain the money which we will now deliver to them, for the purpose of supplying the deficiency which actual experience has shown will result (to-wit: twenty dollars per year on each child, and for the supply of which the law has made no other provision), I earnestly recommend to you to take steps at once for the organization of joint stock companies, one at Cedar Falls and one on the Slope, for the purchase of the property now used as a Home at the former, and that necessary to secure for the use of the latter. Let a subscription of \$25 to either of said companies entitle the subscriber to that amount of stock, and also to a life membership in our Association. Persons will be easily obtained to subscribe for such stock, since the property we will purchase at Cedar Falls is worth largely more than we are required to give for it, and could now be sold for much more but for our occupancy of it. The legal title will be in the companies, and after we are done using it as a Home, it can be sold for such price as will return to the subscribers their money with good interest. The act of subscribing will thus prove both a charity and a speculation.

Our Corresponding Secretary, who was directed to procure a steel or stone plate engraving for our Certificate of Membership, discharged that duty by employing distinguished engravers at Cincinnati, Ohio, to prepare one. It was executed in most excellent and desirable style, and while the "proof sheets" were being submitted to competent judges for their criticism or approval, the Opera House in Cincinnati was consumed by fire, and with it our certificate engraving. Our Secretary has provided for its re-production, and feels confident of being able to supply every member with a certificate at an early day.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon the wonderful success of your efforts. A little more than two years ago you commenced your organization, and were then without even a single dollar, and with but few friends. You have raised in money and property near two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and have made our entire population your friends. You have furnished cheerful, pleasant and profitable homes and education for over six hundred precious soldiers' orphan children, and are prepared to turn over to the State, at its request, an institution permanently established and in a highly prosperous and flourishing condition. For your efforts and this success, you have the present consciousness of duty done, and a certain guarantee that a generation of soldiers' orphans will rise up and call you blessed.

C. C. COLE.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 6, 1863.

Hon. C. C. COLLE, *President Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, Des Moines:*

SIR—Herewith I hand you statement of receipts and disbursements for the Association, for the year ending with this date, it being a copy of my account as Treasurer of said Association.

Respectfully

B. F. ALLEN, Treasurer.

*Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home in account with B. F. ALLEN, Treasurer.* DR.

DATE.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
1863,		
June	1 To paid order No. 18.....	\$700 00
	7 To paid order No. 18.....	25 00
	7 To paid order No. 18.....	10 00
	7 To paid order No. 18.....	10 25
	8 To paid order No. 19.....	1,000 00
	9 To paid order No. 22.....	18 25
	9 To paid order No. 12.....	25 75
	9 To paid order No. 21.....	21 00
	9 To paid order No. 21.....	2 00
	10 To paid exchange on remittance, Mount Pleasant.....	25
	10 To paid order No. 23.....	50 00
	12 To paid order No. 24.....	28 55
	12 To paid order No. 25.....	14 50
	12 To paid exchange on remittance, Cedar Rapids.....	50
	16 To paid order No. X, per Ingalls.....	100 00
	17 To paid order No. 11.....	8 00
	17 To paid order No. 21.....	13 75
	22 To paid order No. 26.....	218 20
	24 To paid exchange on remittance, Marshalltown.....	50
July	1 To paid order No. 27.....	10 00
	1 To paid exchange on remittance, Keokuk.....	95
	4 To paid order No. 28.....	750 00
	8 To paid order No. 28.....	4 00
	10 To paid order No. 30.....	300 00
	14 To paid exchange on remittance, Louisville, Ky.....	2 35
	15 To paid exchange on remittance, A. D. Kline.....	1 25
	19 To paid exchange on remittance, Montgomery, Ala.....	3 00
	20 To paid order No. 34.....	38 75
	29 To paid order No. 31.....	42 15
	29 To paid order No. 32.....	34 50
	29 To paid order No. 33.....	46 75
AUG.	1 To paid order No. 35.....	182 92
	5 To paid order No. 36.....	500 00
	12 To paid exchange on remittance, Cedar county.....	75
	12 To paid exchange on remittance, Selma, Ala.....	8 50
	12 To paid exchange on remittance, Decatur, Ala.....	6 00
	15 To paid exchange on remittance, Jessup.....	1 00
	21 To paid exchange on remittance, Keokuk.....	1 25
	23 To paid exchange on remittance, Burlington.....	1 00
	24 To paid order No. 37.....	180 31
	26 To paid exchange on remittance, Davenport.....	75
Sept.	1 To paid exchange on remittance, 2d Cavalry, &c.....	4 35
	4 To paid exchange on remittance, Sidney.....	2 00
	5 To paid exchange on remittance, Iowa Falls.....	75
	7 To paid exchange on remittance, Iowa City.....	75
	11 To paid order No. 38.....	260 40
	14 To paid order No. 39.....	37 12
	16 To paid exchange on remittance, Davenport.....	1 00
	16 To paid order No. 40.....	800 00
	25 To paid exchange on remittance, Burlington.....	80

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
Sept.	20 To paid order No. 41.....	\$ 60 80
Oct.	4 To paid order No. 42.....	10 00
	9 To paid order No. 43.....	1,200 00
	21 To paid expense on remittance, Van Buren county.....	60 00
	25 To paid order No. 45.....	2,620 00
	26 To paid order No. 43.....	50 00
	28 To paid order No. 44.....	250 00
Nov.	4 To paid exchange on remittance, Decatur, Ala.....	3 50
	9 To paid order No. 49.....	15 00
	11 To paid order No. 50.....	1,250 00
	13 To paid order No. 51.....	401 00
	13 To exchange on remittance, Dubuque.....	25
	15 To paid order No. 48.....	100 15
	16 To paid order No. 52.....	55 00
	18 To paid order No. 53.....	52 00
	20 To paid order No. 55.....	10 00
	21 To paid order No. 52.....	10 00
	25 To paid order No. 56.....	1,000 00
	25 To paid order No. 57.....	16 00
	27 To paid order No. 58.....	10 00
	27 To paid order No. 61.....	200 00
	30 To paid order No. 58.....	12 00
	30 To paid order No. 60.....	2,000 00
Dec.	6 To paid order No. 62.....	1,950 00
	8 To paid order No. 61.....	11 55
	9 To paid order No. 64.....	632 00
	9 To paid order No. 65.....	2,500 00
	9 To paid order No. 66.....	1,800 00
	9 To paid order No. 67.....	421 91
	12 To paid order No. 67.....	2,000 00
	16 To paid exchange on remittance, 12th Infantry, &c.....	4 00
	16 To paid order No. 68.....	32 00
	19 To paid order No. 69.....	260 00
	20 To paid order No. 71.....	10 00
	20 To paid order No. 70.....	35 70
	21 To paid order No. 71 A.....	399 67
	21 To paid order No. 71.....	586 55
	23 To paid order No. 71.....	21 00
	27 To paid order No. 73.....	33 25
1863,		
Jan.	4 To paid order No. 76.....	200 50
	4 To paid order No. 75.....	11 00
	5 To paid order No. 77.....	1,000 00
	8 To paid order No. 78.....	27 65
	8 To paid order No. 79.....	27 65
	8 To paid order No. 80.....	771 45
	8 To paid order No. 81.....	2,092 25
	8 To paid order No. 82.....	21 00
	9 To paid order No. 83.....	200 00
	10 To paid exchange on remittance, Monroe.....	40
	27 To paid order No. 84.....	10 00
Feb.	7 To paid order No. 85.....	462 50
	7 To paid order No. 86.....	2,000 00
	7 To paid order No. 87.....	1,000 00
	7 To paid order No. 88.....	100 00
	8 To paid order No. 89.....	464 81
	9 To paid order No. 90.....	1,092 20
	10 To paid order No. 91.....	366 71
	10 To paid order No. 91.....	55 10
	12 To paid order No. 93.....	23 00
	13 To paid order No. 94.....	41 00
	16 To paid order No. 96.....	173 44
	16 To paid order No. 99.....	95 15
	16 To paid order No. 100.....	1,000 00
	16 To paid order No. 97.....	2,500 00
	27 To paid order No. 101 A.....	28 50
	28 To paid order No. 101.....	15 10
March	1 To paid order No. 101.....	891 86
	1 To paid order No. 100.....	5 00
	5 To paid order No. 102.....	317 00
	5 To paid order No. 103.....	35 00
	12 To paid order No. 105.....	2,307 65
	12 To paid order No. 104.....	1,460 73

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
March 20	To paid order No. 106	\$ 122 50
20	To paid order No. 107	1,411 03
21	To paid order No. 108	46 12
21	To paid exchange on remittance, 1st Cavalry	1 25
31	To paid order No. 110	1 25
April 1	To paid order No. 111	2,688 82
2	To paid order No. 112	925 74
3	To paid order No. 113	124 25
4	To paid order No. 109	25 00
12	To paid order No. 112	713 84
13	To paid order No. 110	749 69
13	To paid order No. 118	50 09
13	To paid order No. 114	555 83
13	To paid order No. 117	15 00
14	To paid order No. 119	186 00
14	To paid order No. 120	190 20
14	To paid order No. 121	114 25
18	To paid order No. 120	128 15
18	To paid order No. 115	84 45
18	To paid order No. 122	40 75
21	To paid order No. 124	147 25
23	To paid order No. 126	628 84
24	To paid order No. 120	192 90
24	To paid order No. 123	913 40
24	To paid order No. 125	20 50
24	To paid order No. 130	20 00
24	To paid order No. 131	44 40
25	To paid order No. 127	58 45
25	To paid order No. 130	20 50
25	To paid order No. 135	1,525 50
25	To paid order No. 129	500 00
27	To paid order No. 134	600 00
30	To paid order No. 130	43 71
30	To paid order No. 138	200 84
30	To paid order No. 136	47 85
30	To paid order No. 145	47 85
May 3	To paid order No. 140	1,609 41
4	To paid order No. 141	25 00
5	To paid order No. 142	2,784 04
8	To paid order No. 141	606 26
9	To paid order No. 143	1,600 66
9	To paid order No. 142	61 80
10	To paid exchange on remittance, 7th Infantry	5 75
15	To paid order No. 140	14 07
20	To paid order No. 147	92 50
21	To paid order No. 148	249 60
23	To paid order No. 148	1,228 27
30	To paid order No. 150	400 00
June 7	To paid order No. 152	29 00
7	To paid order No. 153	24 75
7	To paid order No. 161	1,600 75
7	To paid order No. 164	100 00
7	To paid order No. 165	200 00
7	To paid order No. 166	29 50
7	To paid order No. 163	22 80
7	To paid order No. 167	136 00
7	To paid order No. 165	350 00
7	To paid order No. 164	275 00
7	To paid order No. 166	200 00
7	To paid order No. 166	512 50
7	To paid order No. 155	15 00
7	To paid order No. 168	150 00
9	To paid order No. 167	20 00
To amount U. S. 7-10 notes, purchased at various dates since last statement		40,000 00
Balance		5,833 60
		\$127,382 15

\* Note.—These orders, from No. 153 to 166 inclusive, although drawn before the annual meeting, were not presented and paid till the dates as above, and by request have been put by the Treasurer in his account for the year for which they were drawn.

P. P. INGALLS.

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home in account with H. F. ALLEN, Treasurer.

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	AMOUNT.
1885.	Balance as per statement rendered	\$23,542 42
June 5	By John A. Elliott	25 00
6	By J. T. Simmons	250 00
7	By J. W. Todd	50 00
7	By William H. Lewis	60 00
7	By J. I. Wilson	200 00
7	By J. T. Simmons	497 95
7	By J. H. Fay	25 00
7	By East Iowa Moth's Aid Society	25 00
7	By James Wright	50 00
7	By C. H. Cole	100 00
8	By S. G. Watson	425 00
8	By H. L. Stanley	288 80
8	By J. B. Taylor	81 70
8	By C. M. Shaw	25 00
8	By G. M. Woodbury	45 00
8	By Mrs. N. J. Granaker	2,200 00
8	By Emma W. Harlan	45 00
8	By Lieut. Col. Bruce, 10th Iowa Cavalry	4,088 80
9	By T. S. Parvin	50 00
11	By Mrs. C. H. Darwin	44 28
14	By J. T. Smith	87 00
16	By Des Moines Aid Society	183 15
17	By Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M.	100 00
23	By F. W. Palmer	128 25
30	By William Burkett	185 00
July 1	By 2nd Iowa Infantry	6,573 00
1	By P. Ingalls	100 00
7	By J. M. Courad	70 00
10	By Fourth of July Committee, Des Moines	3,000 00
14	By Company 1, 16th Iowa Infantry	70 00
15	By J. W. Adair	50 00
17	By Maugokeda	125 00
18	By 4th Iowa Battery	30 50
18	By George C. Dean	100 00
18	By A. D. Kinn	26 00
18	By Amos Robinson	71 00
18	By Company C, 8th Iowa Infantry	80 00
22	By Mrs. B. Lamont, Treasurer, Fort Dodge	2 00
23	By William G. Hobb	85 00
24	By Company B, 27th Iowa Infantry	5 75
24	By Fremont and Worth Counties	49 75
24	By W. S. Edwards	207 00
29	By A. B. Dumont	14 10
Aug. 3	By Mary A. Greely	50 00
3	By J. H. Spotts	11 00
3	By J. W. Harlan	3 00
9	By J. G. Fairbanks	40 00
12	By G. Hills	40 00
12	By John Saffely	411 00
12	By 12th Iowa Infantry	1,034 00
12	By 2d Iowa Cavalry	600 00
12	By 2d Iowa Infantry	180 00
16	By 2d Iowa Infantry	5 00
17	By M. H. Lawson	60 00
18	By E. Skinner	97 50
18	By Company G, 21st Iowa Iowa Infantry	24 00
18	By Aid Society, Jessup, Iowa	47 65
19	By Jordan Chapel Sabbath School	315 00
19	By 21st Iowa Infantry	54 00
21	By Leland Lodge	25 00
21	By Sabbath School, Moonlight Township	75 00
21	By 18th Iowa Infantry, Company A	90 00
21	By 18th Iowa Infantry, Company H	60 00
21	By 18th Iowa Infantry, Company K	5 00
22	By W. H. Hubbard	50 00
24	By Union Aid Society, Burlington	75 00
25	By Sabbath School Jefferson	75 00
25	By C. C. Cole	155 00
26	By 2d Iowa Infantry	55 00
26	By McGregor Aid Society	50 00
26	By P. Fay	50 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	AMOUNT.
1880.		
Aug. 20	By N. H. Brainerd.....	\$ 60.00
	By C. H. Howell.....	55.00
	By W. K. Kinsley.....	60.00
	By J. J. Merrill.....	70.00
	By Good Templars, Adel.....	100.00
	By Griswold College Sabbath School.....	8.00
	By T. E. Harbour.....	408.00
	By H. C. W. Wood.....	80.00
	By Mrs. G. Seymour, Treasurer.....	55.00
	By Aid Society, Fort Dodge.....	50.00
	By 8th Iowa Cavalry, Company A.....	80.00
	By 8th Iowa Cavalry, Company D.....	82.00
	By 8th Iowa Cavalry, Company E.....	165.00
	By 8th Iowa Cavalry, Company H.....	125.00
	By 8th Iowa Cavalry, Company L.....	5.00
	By Emma Droucher.....	5.70
Sept. 1	By Company G, 8th Iowa Infantry.....	45.00
	By 2d Iowa Cavalry.....	400.00
	By Mite Society at Decatur.....	25.45
	By Cedar Lodge Good Templars.....	25.00
	By Avon Union Sabbath School.....	65.55
	By Soldiers' Bounty Fund, Allen Township.....	10.00
Sept. 4	By J. A. Harvey.....	50.00
	By Iowa Falls Aid Society.....	28.00
	By J. Colbertson.....	54.00
	By Osawa Aid Society.....	30.00
	By Mount Pleasant University Sunday School.....	82.00
	By F. O. Dorr.....	25.00
	By 20th Iowa Infantry.....	225.00
	By Joseph W. Clement.....	170.00
	By German Church, Muscatine.....	25.00
	By General Bussey.....	247.00
	By 7th Iowa Cavalry.....	65.00
	By J. H. Shultz.....	30.00
	By Mrs. Anna J. A. Hill.....	11.00
	By Redfield Union Sabbath School.....	25.00
	By John E. Gray.....	38.00
	By B. F. Taylor.....	25.00
	By Wisconsin Sunday School.....	27.00
	By J. H. Hatch.....	950.65
	By Stewart Cotton.....	2.00
	By 12th Iowa Infantry.....	100.00
	By B. Wilson, Treasurer.....	195.70
	By C. C. Cole.....	2,000.00
	By M. H. Hall.....	125.00
	By P. F. Ingalls.....	110.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	149.00
	By 2d Iowa Cavalry.....	170.00
	By Mrs. T. Eddy.....	25.00
	By S. Cleveland, President.....	251.75
	By C. C. Cole.....	10.25
	By J. H. Hunt.....	32.75
	By 12th Iowa Infantry.....	725.00
	By Mrs. Beach, Treasurer.....	483.65
	By E. Palmer.....	1.00
	By William McK. Chittenden.....	7.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	\$1,122.20
	By 12th Iowa Infantry.....	25.85
	By Mr. L. Esley.....	15.00
	By J. T. Simmons.....	7.00
	By W. S. Forslund.....	81.00
	By B. Wilson, Treasurer.....	19.00
	By J. B. Taylor.....	35.00
1880.		
Jan. 4	By W. W. Thomas.....	110.25
	By F. O. Dorr.....	102.20
	By C. H. Howell.....	75.25
	By H. C. Bullis.....	30.00
	By S. B. Sheldy.....	105.00
	By B. F. Hartshorn.....	87.00
	By Captain Robert Mills.....	625.15
	By R. A. Wells.....	249.37
	By Company K, 8th Iowa Infantry.....	35.50
	By B. F. Hartshorn (Jan. 19).....	2.00
	By Sanford Suits.....	10.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	AMOUNT.
Feb. 6	By West Minister Sunday School, Keokuk.....	\$ 25.00
	By C. H. Howell.....	82.25
	By Friends' Sabbath School, Wisconsin.....	5.00
	By P. F. Ingalls.....	25.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	1,000.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	100.00
	By J. & A. Dickey.....	50.00
March 1	By J. & A. Dickey.....	50.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	22.00
	By Mary D. Hillon, Treasurer.....	18.80
	By Sunday School Union, Des Moines.....	37.80
	By J. Q. Harro.....	400.00
	By 1st Iowa Cavalry.....	150.00
	By P. Fay.....	30.75
	By C. C. Cole.....	27.00
	By Geo. W. Griffith, Treasurer.....	200.00
	By P. Fay.....	15.00
	By Ladies' Dime Society, Brooklyn.....	110.50
	By 7th Iowa Infantry.....	50.00
	By Lieut. H. H. Walker.....	94.50
	By C. C. Cole.....	10.00
	By C. C. Cole.....	55,000.00
	By account U. S. 7-30 notes, sold at various dates.....	1,905.27
	By profits on investments in 7-30 notes, as per statement annexed.....	
June 9	By balance.....	\$127,382.15
		5,833.69

## STATEMENT OF U. S. 7-30 NOTES ON ACCOUNT OF ORPHANS' HOME.

DATE.	DESCRIPTION.	AMOUNT.
1880.		
Feb. 15	Paid for \$6,000 1st series, as per account rendered June 5, 1880.....	\$ 6,000.00
June 7	Paid for 20,000 3d series.....	10,848.00
July 7	Paid for 10,000 3d series.....	5,054.00
	Paid for 5,000 3d series.....	3,000.00
	Paid for 7,000 3d series.....	7,000.00
	Paid for 1,500 3d series.....	6,000.00
	Paid for 1,500 3d series.....	1,500.00
1880.		
Feb. 20	Paid for 1,000 3d series.....	1,000.00
	Balance, profits credited in account.....	1,905.27
		\$ 56,830.47
1885.		
Dec. 11	Received for \$6,000 3d series.....	\$ 6,000.00
	Received for 2,000 3d series.....	2,000.00
	Received for 2,000 3d series.....	2,000.00
1890.		
Jan. 8	Received for 2,500 3d series.....	2,500.00
Feb. 7	Received for 2,000 3d series.....	1,968.00
	Received for 2,000 3d series.....	2,354.96
	Received for 5,000 3d series.....	2,500.00
	Received for 4,000 3d series.....	4,000.00
March 21	Received for 4,000 3d series.....	3,071.20
April 13	Received for 5,000 3d series.....	5,002.00
	Received for 5,000 3d series.....	5,101.00
May 8	Received for 6,000 3d series.....	6,998.40
	Received for 4,000 3d series.....	4,314.16
	Received for 5,800 3d series.....	5,750.00
	Received for coupons on above.....	1,907.45
		\$ 56,830.47

## RECAPITULATORY STATEMENT

Of B. F. Allen, Treasurer of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

## RECEIPTS.

Total receipts by me up to June 5, 1865, as per account rendered at that date.....	\$37,432 21
Deduct amounts paid for express charges and exchange on same as per account rendered at that date.....	78 65—\$37,353 56
Total receipts since that date, as per account rendered herewith.....	46,933 49
Deduct amounts paid for express charges and exchange on same as per account rendered herewith.....	53 25—46,880 21
Receipts of profits on U. S. 7-30 notes, as per account rendered herewith.....	1,995 27
Total net receipts.....	\$50,119 04

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of orders on Treasury paid to June 5, 1865, as per account rendered at that date.....	\$7,830 14
Amount of orders on Treasury paid since that date, as per account rendered herewith.....	72,495 21
Total disbursements on orders drawn by the President and Secretary as per vouchers in my hands.....	\$80,325 35
Leaving balance of cash on hand, June 9, 1866.....	5,833 69

B. F. ALLEN, Treasurer.

## EXPENDITURES

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

The following is a correct list of orders upon the Treasurer, drawn by me upon the Contingent Fund — number, date, to whom, for what and amount.

NO.	DATE.	TO WHOM.	FOR WHAT — EXPLANATIONS, REMARKS, ETC.	AMOUNT.
26	June 24	1865 F. W. Palmer	To bill for printing annual reports, fair circulars, &c.	\$ 218 25
27	July 1	1865 Joseph Shurman	To pay for postage on fair circulars, &c.	10 60
28	1	1865 Joseph Shurman	To pay postage on fair circulars, &c. (see next order)	4 00
29	1	1865 F. W. Palmer	To pay his expenses incurred in locating Cedar Falls Home.	200 00
30	1	1865 F. W. Palmer	To pay his expenses incurred in locating Cedar Falls Home.	42 15
31	1	1865 John A. Parvin	To pay his expenses incurred in locating Cedar Falls Home.	31 59
32	1	1865 John A. Elliott	To pay his expenses incurred in locating Cedar Falls Home.	36 75
33	1	1865 Hon. H. V. Lowe	To pay his expenses and compensation as agent for Home, for July.	182 52
34	1	1865 George F. Able	To pay August expenses and compensation as agent for Home, in August.	100 00
35	1	1865 G. F. Able	To pay for bills of goods purchased at Keokuk for Home, in August.	140 50
36	1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay for bills of goods purchased at Keokuk for Home, in August.	209 00
37	1	1865 F. C. McClure	To pay expenses and compensation as agent for Home, to date.	27 12
38	1	1865 G. F. Able	To pay expenses and compensation as agent for Home, to date.	69 85
39	1	1865 Carrie Gerding	To pay bill for printing and mailing circulars, &c.	7 00
40	1	1865 M. A. Denny & Curt	To pay bill for printing and mailing circulars, &c. for Home and fair (see No. 50)	200 00
41	1	1865 M. A. Denny & Curt	To pay Mrs. E. G. Prid's (Maize) see's for purchases made for Farmington Home.	1,200 00
42	1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay for tax title to Camp Klatsman land, \$50, cancelled, paid by Havensport.	50 00
43	1	1865 Austin Corbin	To pay for printing and mailing circulars, &c. for Home and fair (see No. 50)	100 15
44	1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay in part October expenses for Farmington Home.	125 00
45	1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay expenses and compensation as agent for fair.	500 00
46	1	1865 Mrs. C. W. Simmons	To pay balance on bill for printing and stationery, (see voucher 40)	125 00
47	Nov. 1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay bills at and expenses of moving Farmington Home to Havensport.	400 00
48	1	1865 Rufus Hibbard	To pay for six chairs and corresponding stationery, to date.	26 00
49	1	1865 George F. W. Palmer	For filling of crockery for Havensport Home, imported by them, &c.	62 00
50	1	1865 F. W. Palmer	For printing for Home and Corresponding Secretary's office.	41 62
51	1	1865 F. W. Palmer	For paying fare to Home of three orphans.	10 00
52	1	1865 F. E. West, Cashier Bank	For paying fare to Home of three orphans.	1,000 00
53	1	1865 Thomas S. Wright	For printing and mailing circulars, &c. for Home and fair (see No. 50)	10 00
54	1	1865 Thomas S. Wright	For expenses of Corresponding Secretary's office — 1865, stationary, &c.	19 00

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — CONTINUED.

NO.	DATE.	TO WHOM.	FOR WHAT — EXPLANATIONS, REMARKS, ETC.	AUGUST.
60	Nov.	F. H. West, Cashier Bank	For draft on Cole, Trumb, by Goldobroy, to pay on improvements at C'p Kinsman	\$2,000 00
61	Dec.	J. S. Leavins, Company	For charges on maintenance by 25th Iowa Infantry — donation	11 50
62	1	Arthur Morrison	For balance due for money advanced last month	100 00
63	1	Arthur Morrison	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for November, balance	422 81
64	1	Arthur Morrison	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for December	572 00
65	1	Arthur Morrison	For pay on improvements at Camp Kinsman for December	1,000 00
66	1	Arthur Morrison	For pay on improvements at Camp Kinsman for December	1,000 00
67	1	C. C. Cole, President	For furniture, stove, chairs, table, &c., for corresponding Secretary's office	2,000 00
68	1	W. C. Woodworth	For 250 lbs to pay for flour to 2 shares of C'p Kinsman about 18000 used, 6000 PVAD	25 00
69	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses incurred attending meetings of the Board	25 70
70	1	Mary Kilborn	For office expenses, corresponding Secretary, fuel, &c., for December	10 00
71	1	Thomas S. Wright	For amount due on advance for clothing for children at Inverport Home	100 00
72	1	W. C. Woodworth	For amount due on advance for clothing for children at Inverport Home	100 00
73	1	John A. Elliott	For expenses attending the meeting of the Board	33 25
74	1	John A. Elliott	For compensation as Assistant Corresponding Secretary	33 25
75	1	John A. Elliott	For compensation as Assistant Corresponding Secretary	33 25
76	1	Alfred Steel	For dining room chairs at Inverport Home	41 00
77	1	James Goldobroy	For paying on improvements at Camp Kinsman	200 00
78	1	James Goldobroy	For bill of amount for children at Inverport	200 00
79	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of amount for children at Inverport	200 00
80	1	W. C. Woodworth	For paying unpaid bills of Farmington Home	1,000 00
81	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for January	2,000 00
82	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for January	2,000 00
83	1	W. C. Woodworth	For applying on salary and expenses, 1893 Inverport Home	2,000 00
84	1	W. C. Woodworth	For balance due for as teacher at Farmington	200 00
85	1	W. C. Woodworth	For certain specific purchase for Home see vouchers	1,000 00
86	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses for Inverport Home for February	1,000 00
87	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of class of singers attending Legislative, and balance on her salary	1,000 00
88	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of food (cash rendered)	1,000 00
89	1	W. C. Woodworth	For stationary, see Tullin on Cole, Pres't, to pay for Webb's 1/4 share of C'p K. bond	50 00
90	1	W. C. Woodworth	For three months' rent Corresponding Secretary's office	50 00
91	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of medicines bought for Cedar Falls Home	50 00
92	1	W. C. Woodworth	For salary as Assistant Corresponding Secretary, two months	175 14
93	1	W. C. Woodworth	For pay on improvements at Camp Kinsman	1,000 00
94	1	W. C. Woodworth	For supplies for Home at Inverport	1,000 00
95	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses incurred in attending meeting of the Board	68 75

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES — CONTINUED.

NO.	DATE.	TO WHOM.	FOR WHAT — EXPLANATIONS, REMARKS, ETC.	AUGUST.
100	Mar.	Mrs. Hinchman	For nursing Cynthia, a Home orphan, while sick with measles at Saverly Home	5 50
101	1	Chicago Purchases	For bill of dry goods and groceries bought in Chicago	991 98
102	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of expenses for boys at Inverport	15 10
103	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of amount for Inverport Home	137 50
104	1	W. C. Woodworth	For balance due on printing for Home and Secretary's office	1,407 24
105	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses for Inverport Home for March	2,497 66
106	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of shoes for Inverport Home	1,122 50
107	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for March	1,400 12
108	1	W. C. Woodworth	For board of Cynthia and nurses while sick with measles	25 00
109	1	W. C. Woodworth	For balance due as salary as Assistant Corresponding Secretary	110 25
110	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of Inverport Home for April	1,100 00
111	1	W. C. Woodworth	For paying back salaries due employees of Inverport Home	2,408 24
112	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of groceries for Inverport Home	429 74
113	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of medicines rendered Inverport Home	575 53
114	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of meat for February, for Inverport Home	34 45
115	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of medicines rendered Inverport Home	49 00
116	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of groceries for Inverport Home	49 00
117	1	W. C. Woodworth	For school books, stationery and other expenses, for school at Inverport Home	114 25
118	1	W. C. Woodworth	For balance of cemetery services and burial expenses	147 15
119	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of bread, crackers, meat, furnished Inverport Home up to date	913 49
120	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of shoes furnished Inverport Home	82 50
121	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of groceries for Inverport Home	628 84
122	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of amount for clothing children of Inverport Home	599 00
123	1	W. C. Woodworth	For salary as physician and surgeon to Inverport Home	20 00
124	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of livery for conveying child to meeting of the Board	20 00
125	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the Board	20 00
126	1	W. C. Woodworth	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for April	1,255 50
127	1	W. C. Woodworth	For balance due for money advanced and salary to date, as per settlement	1,471 00
128	1	W. C. Woodworth	For bill of goods purchased for Farmington Home, August and September, 1886	265 84

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES—CONTINUED.

NO.	DATE.	TO WHOM.	FOR WHAT—EXPLANATIONS, REMARKS, ETC.	AMOUNT.
136	April 30	1891 Isaac Merion & Hinckamp.	For bill of plates purchased for Davenport Home, July and August, 1890.	43 51
137	July 1	1891 J. P. P. P.	For bill of plates purchased for Davenport Home, July and August, 1890.	1,255 00
141	12	1891 E. P. Christy	For rent of Corresponding Secretary's office, three months.	45 00
142	12	1891 C. W. Keyser	For bill of pitchers and other crockery, for Davenport Home.	27 81 50
143	14	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For paying all back salaries to date.	476 26
144	15	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For expenses of Cedar Falls Home for May, as per estimates.	1,009 00
145	15	1891 Mrs. C. E. Durwin.	For balance due, over collections, for expenses attending Board of Home.	41 59
146	17	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For expenses of Davenport Home for April and May, being deficit on estimates.	1,208 27
147	18	1891 Dr. S. N. Pierce	For eight months' service as physician to Cedar Falls Home, and exchange.	240 00
148	19	1891 Mrs. C. E. Durwin.	For balance due on collecting at Davenport Home.	20 00
149	20	1891 J. P. P. P.	For holiday for each Cedar Falls and Davenport Home.	50 00
150	21	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For compensation as Assistant Secretary, one and a half months.	25 00
151	22	1891 Mrs. C. E. Durwin.	For compensation as Assistant Secretary, one and a half months.	25 00
152	23	1891 J. P. P. P.	For balance due on publishing, advertising, etc., Davenport Home.	115 00
153	25	1891 J. P. P. P.	For balance due on publishing, advertising, etc., Davenport Home.	112 00
154	26	1891 J. P. P. P.	For balance due on his own and Mrs. Yokomori's salary.	200 00
155	27	1891 J. P. P. P.	For balance due as physician and surgeon to Davenport Home.	200 00
156	28	1891 J. P. P. P.	For balance due on collecting at Davenport Home.	200 00
157	29	1891 J. P. P. P.	For expenses incurred in attending meeting of Board.	1,469 25
158	30	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For expenses incurred in attending meeting of Board.	24 75
159	31	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For expenses incurred in attending meeting of Board.	20 00
160	31	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For expenses incurred in attending meeting of Board.	120 00
161	31	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For engravings for certificate of membership, 40.	250 00
162	31	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For engravings for certificate of membership, 40.	150 00
163	31	1891 Mrs. A. Wittmanmeyer	For paying for printing and circulating annual report.	370 000 38

NOTE.—All orders up to No. 28 were drawn by former President and Secretary, during their term of office, but were not presented and paid until after the last annual report by the Treasurer, and hence they are charged in this year's account, and order No. 151 as above was not presented to Treasurer for payment until after his report was made; it has been since paid, and will be found in Treasurer's account for the current year.

F. P. INGALLS.

On motion, Dr. James Wright and Hon. J. W. Cattell were appointed a committee to investigate and report on disbursements of funds during the past year, to examine the accounts and vouchers of the President of the Association, and the report of the Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved that the "Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home Association" shall be continued as auxiliary to the State Trustees.

On motion of Dr. James Wright, a resolution was passed recommending the purchase of the property now occupied by the Home at Cedar Falls, and also the establishment of a Home on the Slope, by organizing a joint-stock company for each, the payment of twenty-five dollars to constitute one share in said company, and also a life membership in this Association.

The question of the transfer of the property of the Association to the State came up and was fully considered, and Hon. Ralph P. Lowe offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That C. C. Cole, President, be, and he is, authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, conveyances and transfers of all its property, real, personal, and in action, to the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, pursuant to the act of the Legislature of Iowa, approved March the 31st, 1895. Said conveyances to be executed by him as President, under his hand, there being no corporate seal to affix thereto. And said President will also issue, in favor of said Board, an order on the Treasurer, B. F. Allen, for all moneys in his hands, and deliver all personal property to said Board. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and the result of the election was as follows:

PRESIDENT—P. P. Ingalls, Des Moines.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Ralph P. Lowe, Keokuk; Mrs. D. T. Newcomb, Davenport; Col. A. Abernethy, Fayette; Jacob Rummel, Centerville; Mrs. N. W. Mills, Des Moines; Mrs. Perkins, Cedar Falls.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, Keokuk.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Mary K. Ingalls, Des Moines.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—*First District*: Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, Keokuk; T. E. Corkhill, Burlington. *Second District*: Mrs. L. B. Stephen, Marion; J. A. Parvin, Muscatine. *Third District*: Jno. A. Elliott, Mitchell; P. G. Wright, Waukon. *Fourth District*: Mrs. E. McConnell, Iowa City; N. H. Brainerd, Iowa City. *Fifth District*: James Wright, Des Moines; J. W. Cattell, Des Moines. *Sixth District*: P. Melendy, Cedar Falls; J. B. Powers, Cedar Falls.

The committee on disbursement of funds and the examination of the accounts and vouchers of the President and Treasurer, reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to examine the account and vouchers of the President and the report of the Treasurer, have examined said account, vouchers and report, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CATTELL,  
JAMES WRIGHT.

Which report was received, adopted, and the committee discharged.



Dr. Wright then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Hon. C. C. Cole, President, and Rev. P. P. Ingalls, General Agent, for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Orphans' Home Association be and are hereby tendered to the Executive Committee, for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

The Secretaries were then directed to have a report of the proceedings of the annual meeting published in pamphlet form, and to include therein the report of the legislative joint-visiting committee, and also such of the proceedings of the "State Trustees" as shall be thought proper.

On motion, the Association adjourned until the next annual meeting.

## STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The following are the proceedings (in part) of the State Board of Trustees, at their first meeting, and at which they accepted the transfer made by the Association:

The State Board of Trustees met at the Home near Davenport, June the 6th, 1866, and received the Home and all its property from the hands of the Association. All the business pertaining to this transfer was of the most satisfactory character, and the members of the new Board were highly delighted with the condition and prospects of the Orphans Home as it passes into the hands of the State. A committee was appointed from their own number, to report the condition of the Home, and the following is their report:

*To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Soldiers Orphans Home:*

Your Committee to examine the condition of the Home, have attended to that duty with as much care as the short time allowed the Committee for that purpose would admit of, and ask leave to submit the following report:

In the Home near Davenport there are three hundred and sixty-five children, from three to sixteen years of age, divided into fifteen families, each under the control of a lady styled "Cottage Manager," and all under the control of a Superintendent and Matron. It is a village of fifteen families acting in harmony, and all eating in a large and commodious dining room, at a number of small tables, at the same time. The washing and ironing is done in one house and on an average of five hundred pieces each of the working days of the week. The children are separated into families through the night, and go to school through the day. The cottages, under the care of the amiable and efficient Managers, are kept neatly, and the children look neat and happy. Everything around these cottages is calculated to make the children feel that they have in reality a *home*.

These cottages, with the other buildings, enclose some five or six acres of ground, which is covered with grass, and affords a beautiful place for a play ground for the children. The dining hall is fifty by one hundred feet, and is furnished with small tables suitable for seven or eight persons to sit around, and room enough in the hall for at least five hundred persons to eat at the same time. At the ringing of the bell the children march with their Cottage Managers to the hall, where they are seated and remain quiet until the blessing of God is asked and a signal given,

when they are waited on, and with happy countenances and good appetites they eat their meals; and at another signal they retire in good order to their labor, school or cottage as required.

On Sunday they attend Sunday School in the forenoon, preaching in the afternoon, and frequently some religious exercise in the evening.

Your Committee think the Home is what the benevolent people who founded the institution intended it should be, a *Home* for the soldiers' orphans; and with the influence of the able and efficient Superintendent and Matron, M. B. Cochran, M. D., and Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, your Committee think it is admirably conducted.

Some more improvements are needed, such as more cisterns, plank walks, and some more of the rooms to be prepared for the accommodation of the children.

The Home at Cedar Falls your Committee had no opportunity of visiting, but from the statement of friends at that place we learn that there are one hundred and ninety children under the control of Mr Arthur Morrison, Superintendent, and Mrs. E. G. Platt, Matron. At this, as well as the Home at Davenport, good health prevails. They have no convenience of cottages as the Home at Davenport, being together in two buildings; but the Home is accomplishing the object of its founders, to feed, clothe and educate the orphans of our fallen heroes.

At each Home they have an efficient corps of teachers, and in the schools are taught all the branches taught in our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PARVIN, Chairman.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Brainard, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Iowa Soldiers' Orphan Home Association has established and successfully supported a Home for orphans of our patriot dead; and

WHEREAS, The State of Iowa, through its Legislature, has made provision for assuming the management of said Home, when surrendered to it by the above named Association; and

WHEREAS, This Board has received the same, as contemplated by the law aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the amount appropriated by law for the support of the Home is, in view of its past expenses and absolute need, insufficient for its proper support; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Board of Trustees, appointed by the Legislature do appeal to the Association aforesaid to come to the aid of this Institution which they have built, and by furnishing clothing and other supplies, make up the deficiency, and enable this noble enterprise to accomplish the full measure of success of which it is capable.

## REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

# ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

MADE MARCH 12, 1866.

*To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your Joint Committee, appointed to visit the "Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, beg leave to report the following:

That on the 13th and 14th of February, 1866, they visited the Home, or a branch of the same, situated at Cedar Falls, in Black Hawk County, on the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad, one hundred miles west of Dubuque.

This branch of the Institution was commenced on the 28th of September, 1865, with five soldiers' orphan children, and has continued to increase and prosper to this time, and now has under its care one hundred and two such orphans, from the following named counties:

Benton, 13; Black Hawk, 20; Butler, 9; Clayton, 19; Cerro Gordo, 2; Delaware, 8; Dubuque, 4; Floyd, 3; Franklin, 9; Fayette, 4; Hardin, 8; Jackson, 4; Marshall, 3; Mahaska, 2; Pottawattamie, 1; County not known, 5. Total, 109.

This branch is under the management of Arthur Morrison, as Superintendent, and Mrs. E. G. Platt, as Matron; besides these, there are one male and nine female employees. Of these, the pay is now, Superintendent, per month \$83½ — \$1000 per year; Matron, per month, \$50; Steward, per month, \$20; Music teacher, per month, \$20; Seamstress, per month, \$14; two employees, each \$12 per month, \$24; four employees, each \$10 per month, \$40. Whole amount for employees, \$271½ per month, or the gross amount of \$3,256 per year. The gross expenditures of this branch for the month of January, 1866, was \$872.33, on an average of about ninety orphans, which is at the rate of a little over \$100 per head, per year.

The building occupied by this Home was originally built and used as a hotel; the front part is built of brick, 30x62 feet, three stories, with two projections from the rear, 28x40 feet, two stories, and built of wood. This building is upon Main Street, in the city of Cedar Falls, upon a plat of ground 8x16 rods, extending

in the rear of the building. There is upon this plot of ground another brick building 32x40 feet, two stories high, not now occupied by the Home, but will be. These premises are all now rented by the Home corporation for the term of three years, for \$1,100, seven hundred of which may be expended on the premises in repairs and improvements, and about two years rent is already paid in this manner. This building is not the most conveniently arranged for this purpose, nevertheless it serves a good purpose. Many of the rooms are furnished in a good, plain, comfortable manner, by the Ladies' Aid Societies of Back Hawk and surrounding counties. Others are furnished equally well by the Institution, much of the furniture, particularly the beds and bedding, being that once belonging to the Government, and donated in part to the Home for this purpose. This branch can accommodate, when the building and rooms are all prepared and furnished, about 150 children. It is the rule of this Home to receive orphans from two to sixteen years of age, though this rule is frequently varied, in those cases where the child has lost both parents. The children at this Home will compare favorably with an equal number of children gathered promiscuously anywhere. They are all plainly but comfortably clad, and in appearance are bright and cheerful, and happy. We found none sick, and there have been no deaths at this Home. We believe this Institution is well conducted, and very successful. We find among the citizens of Cedar Falls a very friendly and sympathetic feeling toward this branch of the Home, and an earnest desire that it may be continued and supported at that place. Constant applications are coming in for places, and from the best information we can gather, the Institution will be filled to its utmost capacity in six months to come. There is an excellent school connected with this Institution, conducted by a teacher with whom one of your committees has been personally acquainted for the last five years, and knows her to be superior in this capacity. All children that are old enough are required to attend school, and on the Sabbath, the Sabbath School and Church. They are allowed to attend the Church where the parent or guardian prefers.

Your committee further report that on the 20th and 21st of February, they visited the Home at Davenport, in Scott County. This Home embraces what was formerly Camp Kinsman, with all its buildings, and thirty-three and one-half acres of ground. The buildings are situated in the form of a hollow square. What was the officers' head-quarters upon the east side of the square, is occupied and used by the Superintendent, and some other officers of the Institution, and for store-rooms. At the right and left of this, across the north and south sides of the square, are eighteen buildings now called cottages, and occupied by the children. Since the camp has been occupied as a Home, the cottage buildings have been partitioned, and lathed and plastered, and are now very comfortable. Each of thirteen of these cottages is occupied with about twenty-eight children, and a cottage manager. They are nearly uniform in their arrangement inside, having a sitting room with fire; a bed room for manager; a clothes-press for their garments, and one large sleeping room; some are occupied by boys, others by girls exclusively. These buildings are all built of good pine lumber, with first quality pine shingle roof on each. On the west side of the square are situated twenty-

four well built and capacious buildings, formerly used as stables, not now in use at all, but may be renovated and fitted up as cottages, should occasion ever require. In the south-west corner of the square is the spacious room, formerly a drill room, fifty by one hundred feet, now fitted up, finished and furnished as a dining-hall, supplied with seventy-five tables and other suitable furniture, where all the children and managers together take their meals; and following in the rear and outside of the hall is an extensive kitchen and kitchen arrangements, and a complete bakery; and further on a laundry, a drying-room, and an ironing-room, all connected and well arranged. In the south-east of this village of cottages and other buildings, at a distance of from twenty to thirty rods are four good and well-fitted school rooms, in one building, with schools in operation under competent and experienced teachers.

There are now at this home 331 soldiers' orphans. Of these, 38 are over 13 years of age, and 63 between 10 and 13 years; the remainder under 10 years.

These children are from various counties, as follows: Appanoose, 16; Boone, 4; Clinton, 13; Muscatine, 22; Clarke, 3; Carroll, 3; Dallas, 3; Des Moines, 3; Decatur, 8; Davis, 18; Fayette, 3; Clayton, 1; Greene, 2; Henry, 11; Jones, 15; Johnson, 11; Jasper, 20; Jackson, 6; Jefferson, 12; Keokuk, 6; Lee, 7; Linn, 17; Louisa, 1; Mahaska, 11; Madison, 2; Marion, 11; Monroe, 4; Polk, 30; Pottawattamie, 1; Poweshiek, 6; Scott, 9; Story, 4; Union, 4; Van Buren, 5; Wapello, 9; Warren, 2; Washington, 4; Wayne, 11. From fifteen to twenty have been received since this report was made by counties, and the number is constantly increasing.

This institution is now under the management of Rufus Hubbard, as Superintendent, and Mrs. L. B. Ely, as Matron, and forty other employees, with pay as follows: Superintendent, per month, \$100; Matron, per month, \$50; one teacher, per month, \$25; three teachers, \$20 per month each, \$60; fourteen cottage-managers, \$20 per month each, \$280; one seamstress, per month, \$25; two seamstresses, \$12 per month each, \$24; one in linen room, per month, \$15; six in laundry, \$12 per month each, \$72; one baker, per month, \$50; one chief cook, per month, \$50; two cooks, \$12 per month each, \$24; two dish-washers, \$12 per month each, \$24; one in dining-room, per month \$12; one commissary, per month, \$20; one water-man, &c., per month, \$20; one fire-man, &c., per month, \$20; five extra help, \$12 per month each, \$60. Whole expense for help, \$973 per month; whole expense for help, \$11,676 per year at present rates.

Your committee found many of the inmates of this Institution suffering from measles, of which there were reported 130 cases; that the item of extra help is on this account. This disease has passed entirely through this Institution, and nearly all are now convalescent. At the time your committee were visiting, four cases only had proved fatal; these children are said to have been weakly and sickly when they came to the Home. This is a much smaller percentage of deaths than occurs from this disease outside of the Institution, as reported by the physician. Aside from measles we report no cases of sickness. The best of care and the kindest attentions are bestowed by all concerned, on these suffering children.

The citizens of Davenport deserve commendation for their kindness in volunteering to nurse the sick. This Home property is now estimated at \$85,353; of this amount \$1,211 was paid for the land; \$16,542 for improvements; the balance was donated by the Government, by joint resolution of Congress; of this we are assured by correspondence of Hon. Hiram Price; the land was deeded in fee to the Association by private individuals, and properly evidenced by title deeds and records.

The removal of this Home from Farmington late in the fall and early part of winter, and fitting up of this place was attended with extraordinary expense which will not again occur.

The capacity of this Institution may be extended to about one thousand children by fitting up all the buildings now on the premises. Applications are quite frequent for places for orphans at this Institution, and it is estimated by your committee that in the course of this year the number at this Institution will reach at least 450 or 500 orphans, and here, as at Cedar Falls it is estimated that \$100 per head per annum, is as small an amount as will feed, clothe, and educate each child. On this estimate they will have at both these Institutions, within the next year 600 orphan children, at an estimated expense of \$60,000 or \$65,000, as reported on February 1st, 1866.

The available means, as reported, of the Corporation, is about \$37,400 in Government bonds, and about \$40,000 on subscriptions; this they hope to collect, and in cash, \$2,233. Additional subscriptions and donations are now very difficult to obtain, and as a private enterprise, this Institution can not be maintained much, if any, to exceed another year. The question then arises, shall the Institution be suffered to go down?

Your committee beg leave to say, that as a general rule, they have found the Institution well and systematically managed; that these orphans are cheerful, happy, and contented, and on this point your committee made especial inquiry and investigation; that all those who are old enough and able are required to assist in the work of the Institution; that they are all required to attend day schools, and Sabbath schools; and religious service;\* that in the opinion of your committee, the great majority of these children are better cared for, and are under better influences than ever before, or than they would be again were they turned out upon the world; that as the children of those who saved the country, it is our privilege and duty, and ought to be our pleasure, to save them from sin, from ignorance, and from vice, and make them the brightest ornaments of society, and to this end we believe the State should lend a helping hand, that this noble Institution should not now be suffered to fall into decay, but that the whole property of the State should be taxed in some judicious manner for its support.

Your committee would further report that they find the "Soldiers' Orphans' Home," under the control of a private corporation, styled the "Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home," of which the following are the officers:

\* The four school rooms at this Home are so arranged that on the Sabbath they can be opened into one room, where religious services are held.

President—Hon. C. C. Cole.

Vice Presidents—Hon. R. P. Lowe, Hon. J. A. Parrin, Hon. William Vandever, Mrs. J. Meyer, Hon. J. W. Cattell, Hon. P. Melendy.

Corresponding Secretary and General Agent—Rev. P. P. Ingalls.

Recording Secretary—Mary Kibben.

Treasurer—B. F. Allen.

Board of Trustees, 1st District—Mrs. C. B. Darwin, Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer.

2d District—Hon. Hiram Price, Mrs. L. B. Stevens.

3d District—Hon. J. A. Elliott, Hon. Z. D. Scooby.

4th District—Hon. J. R. Needham, Mrs. N. H. Brainard.

5th District—Hon. James Wright, Hon. T. H. Benton.

6th District—Hon. G. M. Woodbury, Hon. Isaac Pendleton.

With this report, we submit a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and its by-laws, for the information of the General Assembly on the subjects contained in the same.

At the last meeting of this Association, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and Judge Woodward, to confer with this General Assembly on the subject of the State appropriations for the benefit of the Home, and we are assured by said committee that the Association will succeed, on their part, to all reasonable requirements of the Legislature, in regard to the management of the funds, or the conduct of the Association, should they see proper to make an appropriation; that they will be willing to concede to the State a choice of a majority of managing officers of the Association. And your committee are assured that no benefits accruing from any legislation on the part of the State, is sought for or expected, on the part of the Association, unless they shall comply with all the requirements and conditions that may be imposed. Your committee would suggest that, should an appropriation be made, it be accompanied with a proviso that the same be not used until such Association shall accept, formally and officially, of the conditions imposed; and in this manner we may be assured of the proper application of the funds. The officers of the Association report to your committee that about \$132,000 has been subscribed for the purposes of this Institution, and that there has been paid on such subscription the sum of eighty thousand dollars. The moneys for this Association have been received by the General Agent, P. P. Ingalls, B. F. Allen, Treasurer, and by local County Treasurers in those counties where such societies have been organized.

The Treasurer is now absent from the State, and your committee are unable to ascertain and report the exact condition of the finances.\* Some moneys are yet in the hands of County Treasurers, and we are not able to ascertain this amount. All of these officers are reported to have given approved security, as provided by the Association. The General Agent gives bonds in the sum of \$5,000; the Treasurer in the sum of \$50,000; local agents, such bond as is required by

\* The statement, on page 26, of the amount of Government bonds and cash, is the Treasurer's statement for the month of February, 1866.

local associations. These bonds are all conditioned for the faithful application of the fund collected for the purpose of the Orphans' Home. The Treasurer receipts for all moneys received by him, and pays out the same on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary. To the Superintendent of the Home, money is paid on the presentation of estimates approved by a visiting committee. Vouchers for all moneys expended, are taken and filed in the office of the Secretary. The Superintendent is under bonds for the faithful application of all moneys and property in his hands; this bond is in the sum of \$2,000, which, in the judgment of your committee, is insufficient. We are assured, however, that measures are taken to raise the same to the sum of five thousand dollars. The President, Trustees, Executive Committee, and Recording Secretary of the Association, are all without compensation. The only officer of the Association receiving pay is the General Agent and Corresponding Secretary. This officer informs your committee that his expenses of travel and correspondence have been paid, and that the amount of his salary is to be determined by the Trustees. No amount has ever been fixed; he only claims what is reasonable and just in the judgment of the Trustees.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the "Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home" is in good hands, and that it has been well and economically managed; and that its originators are its present managers, and they have proved themselves among the dearest and truest friends of humanity, and have enshrined their memories in the hearts of all the true friends of the soldier throughout our State.

Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that this institution should be sustained, and that the State should render assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted without further recommendation.

L. W. HART,  
A. M. LARIMER,  
R. M. BURNETT,  
H. M. THOMSON.

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