

# PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY MINUTES

Constitution & Minutes of Regular & Called Meetings  
December 1839 to December 1879



*This document was transcribed from the handwritten minutes of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society currently on file in the Minnie Mitchell Archives of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society, Mobile, Alabama (Rhoda Melendez, Transcriber, 2013-2014)*

## **NOTE FROM THE TRANSCRIBER:**

*It was in the late 1990s that I began discussions with my mother, Annie Catrett Williamson, about her childhood and family history in Alabama. She was one of seven children, raised on a farm in Pike County in the 1920s-30s, and almost without fail our conversations would turn to her memories of her grandmother, Frances Ellen Crosley Dawkins, born in 1855, who lived in the Catrett household through my mother's entire childhood.*

*There was little information regarding her origins and few questions were asked, as was common in those days. Through Ancestry and other online resources, it was not difficult to locate her on the federal census records as early as 1880, and then on subsequent records, since we had knowledge of her married name, but her birth and childhood origins were the missing pieces of the puzzle.*

*"I know she was in an orphanage for a time," my mother would say, and as my interest peaked and the online searches continued, so did the frustration at having no success with the records made available to me. It was not until she mentioned that the orphanage might have been in Mobile that I began to focus my attention here, specifically on the Protestant Orphan Asylum, housed in a building which still remains standing at 911 Dauphin Street, and is on the National Register of Historic Places in Mobile.*

*With the kind assistance of Bob Peck at the Minnie Mitchell Archives, I was given access to the files I needed. These contained the original minutes of the monthly meetings held by the group of compassionate women known as the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society who were responsible for opening the home in 1839 after an outbreak of yellow fever had left so many children in the city as orphans. (see original minutes of Dec 1839 meeting on following page)*

*Overwhelmed at what I was seeing on the pages of these books, I made the decision to transcribe the notes. It seemed to be the logical course of action, since I would be reading through them in search of evidence of my great-grandmother having been there.*

*My thought process was this: if I am moved by what is on these pages, how many others who have a document such as this at their disposal might feel the same, and if I am able to locate my great-grandmother, how many others might benefit from having this available online?*

*In 2011, I was rewarded with the discovery of references to Frances Ellen Crosley in the March & May 1866 notes, and then again in March 1867 notes when she was released to Mr. & Mrs. Joel Snow. From that one reference, we have been able to locate her in later years as well, and although my interest had been in a limited portion of these minutes, 1855-1867, it did not take long for this project to become a labor of love and I expanded the transcription to encompass 1839 to 1879.*

*I hope reading these pages will give you a feel for what was in the hearts of these amazing women as they so long ago took on what must have seemed to them to be an impossible task, and I trust you will find as much enjoyment as I have in this look back at a sad but beautiful part of Mobile's history. Rhoda Melendez, May 2014*

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Monday Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, Mrs. Stickney in the Chair. Mrs. W<sup>m</sup> Hale having tendered her resignation as Secretary, Mrs. Chandler was elected in her place, and Mrs. Lyon was elected a Manager, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Chandler. Mrs. Hale (of the Baptist Church) also tendered her resignation as Manager, & Mrs. Davis was elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion it was Resolved that such children as had lost either parent or both, be considered as Orphans, — and that the seventeen Orphans heretofore collected and supported, by the old Orphan Society, be received and taken under the charge and direction of this Society. The Society then adjourned, — the Officers and Managers to meet at Mrs. Campbell's on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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Secy, P. O. A. S.

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## CONSTITUTION & MINUTES OF THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1839

The ladies of the several Protestant churches in the city of Mobile held a meeting in the Hall of the Franklin Society to organize a Protestant Orphan Asylum Society. Mrs. Smelt was called to the Chair, and Mrs. Livingston appointed Secretary.

A discussion having taken place in regard to the Episcopal Orphan Asylum Society (*so called*) it was on motion resolved that this Society be organized without reference to the other or its funds.

A Constitution for the government of the Society was presented by Mrs. McAlpine and after being duly considered it was accepted, with some slight amendment, and adopted as follows.

Article 1<sup>st</sup>: This Society shall be called the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup>: The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article 3<sup>rd</sup>: The various officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot in regular annual rotation from each of the religious denominations associated for its formation and well being.

Article 4<sup>th</sup>: A Board of Managers shall be elected by ballot from each of the denominations associated.

Article 5<sup>th</sup>: There shall be two regular general meetings of the Society, one on the first Monday in Dec and the other on the first Monday in May. Also, regular monthly meetings.

Article 6<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the general meetings of the Society and to cause to be executed and observed such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Society or prescribed by the Board of Managers.

Article 7<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society at its general and monthly meetings.

Article 8<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, collect and keep an account of the funds of the Society and disburse the same on the written warrant of the President, signed by one or more of the Board of Managers.

Article 9<sup>th</sup>: The Board of Managers shall select and appoint the Matron of the Asylum and determine the amount and manner of her compensation.

Article 10<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to prescribe rules and regulations for the direction of the Matron in the management of the Orphans and the general concerns of the Asylum.

Article 11<sup>th</sup>: The assistants shall be procured by the Matron and paid by the warrant of the President, such compensation as shall be previously fixed by the Board of Managers.

Article 12<sup>th</sup>: All orphans in the City of Mobile and its vicinity under the age of ten years may be received into the Asylum, under such rules and restrictions as may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Managers.

Article 13<sup>th</sup>: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Article 14<sup>th</sup>: Every member of this Society shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of five dollars annually and each member shall be entitled to vote for officers and attend all meetings of the Society.

Article 15<sup>th</sup>: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Managers first elected shall continue in office until the first Monday in Dec. 1840 at which time, and at the same time in each and every year thereafter, an election by ballot shall be held for said officers.

Article 16<sup>th</sup>: The foregoing Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by the vote of a majority of the members of the Society and not under six months from the time such alteration or amendment shall be proposed in writing in general or called meetings.

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year and the following ladies were elected:  
Mrs. L. Stickney, President; Mrs. D. Gascoigne, Vice-President; Mrs. C. Hale, Secretary; Mrs. A.E. Campbell, Treasurer.

Board of Managers: Mrs. M. Alderson, Mrs. L. Martin, Mrs. E. Hamilton, Mrs. C. Ketchum, Mrs. E. Heard, Mrs. L. G. Chandler, Mrs. P. Hale, Mrs. L. Rockwell. The Society then adjourned to meet again at the Franklin Hall on Monday, Dec.. 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

#### ☐ DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1839

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, Mrs. Stickney in the Chair. Mrs. Wm. Hale having tendered her resignation as Secretary, Mrs. Chandler was elected in her place and Mr. Lyon was elected a Manager to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Chandler. Mrs. Hale (of the Baptist Church) also tendered her resignation as Manager and Mrs. Davis was elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion it was resolved that such children as had lost either parent or both be considered as orphans – and that the seventeen orphans heretofore collected and supported by the old Orphan Society be received and taken under the charge and direction of this Society. The Society then adjourned – the Officers and Managers to meet at Mrs. Campbell's on Tuesday at 11 o'clock A.M.

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#### ☐ DECEMBER 9, 1839

The officers and Managers met agreeably to notice – present Mrs. Stickney, Gascoigne, Campbell, Hamilton, Alderson, Ketchum, Martin and Heard.

On motion it was resolved that the President, Vice-President and Secretary be appointed a committee to wait upon the general "Committee of Relief" for the City of Mobile, with a petition shewing the necessities of the Society and soliciting funds for its support and success.

On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Campbell be appointed to have prepared and sent to the Legislature a bill and petition soliciting legislative relief. It was resolved that the officers and managers of this Society be furnished with a book for receiving subscriptions and use their influence in collecting funds for the aid and promotion of the objects it has in view. The Society having no suitable place for the children it was resolved that they be boarded at Mrs. Smith's at eleven dollars per month.

It was resolved that a committee of three, consisting of President, Vice-President and Secretary, be appointed to visit the children received under the charge of the Society, inquire into their situation, and to make a register of their names and ages. The Society adjourned to meet at Mrs. Smith's (the Orphans' House) on Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

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At this meeting, Mr. Allen presented to the Society stationary to the amount of five dollars. *S.G.C.*

#### ☐ DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 1839

The Society met pursuant to adjournment at the Orphan's House; present, the officers and managers of the Society. The children of the Society were visited and inspected and their situation in every respect ascertained to be comfortable.

It was resolved that anyone wishing to take or withdraw any of the children under the control of the Society be required to make the application in writing. The Society adjourned to meet at Mrs. Chandler's, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

#### ☐ DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1839

The officers and managers of the Society met agreeably to notice; present, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Ketchum & Chandler. The bill and petition prepared by Mrs. Campbell was read and accepted with some slight amendments and it was resolved that the various officers and managers of the Society procure names from the different denominations as petitioners.

A note was presented from Mrs. Hamilton requesting the privilege of taking Emily and Jane Basham – and another from Mrs. Onge desiring to withdraw her two children under the care of the Society. The Society yielded to their requests and Mrs.

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Smith was authorized to deliver the orphans upon the application of either of the ladies. The Society then adjourned to its next monthly meeting *Sarah G. Chandler, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

### PETITION

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened. The petition of the undersigned ladies of the City of Mobile respectfully represent to your Honorable bodies that they have seen with heartfelt satisfaction the affecting notice which the Executive of the State has taken of the suffering conditions of the people of this city in his annual message. They have been impressed with sentiments of grateful emotion, at the early attention that has been bestowed upon this subject and they can conceive of no duty that is more strongly recommended to the consideration of the sovereign power than the exercise of that power in mitigation of the distress of a suffering community. And your petitioners cannot but believe that the Legislature of a state can never be more nobly employed, nor more adequately fulfill the design of its institution than in extending its aid in relief of general and almost unparalleled calamity. Your petitioners beg leave to state that the pestilence by which their city was visited during the past season was particularly fatal to the heads of families and more particularly fatal in those cases where contracted circumstances and the daily necessity for daily exertion forbade the use of such precautions as (under Providence) averted the disease in numerous instances. It follows then that many children of various ages were deprived of their parents and in many cases perished all the resources of their helpless families. It is here that the appropriate sphere of female influence commences. It is here that the sympathies of the more fortunate wives and mothers of our city should expand themselves. It is here that the peculiar duty of their sex bids them extend the hand of protection and may the Heavenly Father of the orphan, Who has made the heart of woman to thrill at the sight of infant suffering, grant them His gracious assistance in the undertaking which your petitioners would now recommend to the attention of your Honorable Bodies. The ladies then of the "Protestant Orphan Asylum Society" would most respectfully ask that their appeal in behalf of destitute children should be indulgently considered. As guardian of public morals – as legislators for posterity, they would ask your assistance in their attempt to rescue these unfortunate beings not from want and bodily suffering only, but from that contamination which the heart and mind must encounter under the combined influences of necessity and neglect. The survivors among these children will constitute, in time, citizens of the state, clothed with important powers and bound to the performance of important duties can they learn from want and misery to exercise the one, or perform the other? Sound policy not less than the charities of our religion demand that their condition should be considered. In their attempt to provide for destitute orphans, the Society petitioners have no trifling difficulties to encounter. The heavy demands made by the sick upon the resources of our community would seem to render further application importunate, but these resources have been still farther diminished by the destructive conflagrations, which have been added to the miseries of our people. There are few inhabitants of the city who have not participated immediately or indirectly in these misfortunes. In this state of prostration of the pecuniary affairs of the city your petitioners turn to the State with hope of aid, and they have been led to ask for the particular sum named, inasmuch as it is a tax for the most part upon property held by the citizens of Mobile and they hope it is not too much to ask of your Honorable Bodies thus far to engage the State in support of their undertaking. And in concluding they would state that they have called themselves a "Protestant Society", not in a spirit of sectarianism or exclusiveness, but because a Catholic Society with similar objects in view has been for some time in successful and highly useful operation among the ladies of that profession. They have been before your petitioners in this good work and their institution commenced and fostered in more prosperous times has been and doubtful will continue to be an instrument of great good. Your petitioners disclaim all ungenerous competition, they seek only to participate in this "labor of love."

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### ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1840

The officers & managers of the Society met agreeably to adjournment at Mrs. Stickney's on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, it being the regular monthly meeting; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Chandler.

The resignation of Mrs. Davis as a Manager was tendered to the Society and Mrs. Miller was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. As few of the managers were present on account of a misapprehension of the time of the meeting of the Society, it was deemed expedient to pass a by-law regulating the monthly meetings.

It was therefore resolved that the monthly meeting of the Society be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of every month. The Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec. of P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1840

The Society met agreeably to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Chandler.

Five orphans of Mr. & Mrs. Spaulding were presented to the Society as subjects for its relief, and it was resolved that they be received into the Asylum until arrangements could be made to deliver them to their relatives, or it be ascertained that they have not a sufficiency from their father's estate for their maintenance.

On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Gascoigne be appointed to write to the relatives of the said children, informing them of their situation and condition, and requesting their immediate assistance for the relief of the children and Society. On motion it was also resolved that the secretary have published an advertisement in the newspapers where the relatives reside, informing them of the destitute condition of the children.

The Treasurer, having reported that a little association at Claiborne of eight girls from six to fifteen years of age had made a liberal donation to the Society, it was on motion resolved that the secretary make an acknowledgement of thanks to them in behalf of the Society.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Smith, the first Matron of the Orphans, for her kindness and attention to them while under her care and direction, and that the secretary communicate the same to her. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Vigus for the offer to deliver a course of Lectures for the benefit of the Society.

On motion, it was resolved that the following rule be adopted for the expedition of business viz., that when a resolution be offered it shall immediately be considered and carried or laid aside altogether, before any other resolution be offered or business of any kind discussed, and that any lady having matter of great moment to propose should signify it to the president and secretary at the opening of the meeting, that it may take precedence of business of minor importance so as to have due consideration.

The resignation of Mrs. Rockwell and Miller was tendered to the Society and Mrs. J.B. Toulmin & Mrs. Signey Smith were elected to fill the vacancies. It was stated to the Society by the president, that a house suitable for an Asylum had been offered to the Society free of rent until Christmas. The expediency of boarding the children or taking the house was discussed and on motion it was resolved that the offer be accepted and the children be removed to the Asylum.

Mrs. Smith, having declined to serve any longer as Matron, Mrs. Farrar was unanimously elected for the term of nine months, upon condition of fully discharging her duties as a Mother to the children. On motion, it was resolved that the Matron's compensation be ten dollars per month with the board of her children during the time of holding her office.

Upon application of Mrs. Plunett to adopt Francis McGlen, it was on motion resolved that two ladies be appointed a committee to enquire through a physician into the condition of Mr. McGlen, the father, and decide whether the Society has control over his children. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Martin were selected for this purpose.

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An application from Mrs. Gascoigne was read to take Caroline Spaulding for the term of three months, said child to be delivered to her uncle's when called for. On motion, the application was granted.

The Society then adjourned to its next monthly meeting.  
*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Alderson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Heard and Mrs. Smith.

An application was made from Mrs. Jones to adopt Caroline Spaulding, one of the orphans. On motion, it was resolved that the application be accepted.

It was on motion resolved that the orphan children of Mr. & Mrs. Spaulding be baptized in the Methodist Church.

On motion it was resolved that all of the orphans be vaccinated and that Mrs. Campbell be appointed to consult with a physician for that purpose.

On motion it was resolved that a small appropriation be made to Miss Nixon for the arrangement of the orphans' schoolroom. The minor arrangements of the Asylum were discussed and some small appropriations were made for the health and comfort of the orphans.

The following donations were at this meeting presented to the Society:

On Feb 25, 1840 by Mrs. Belnap, 6 slates, a bundle of pencils and a bell

By Mr. Kemble, a dozen spelling books, a dozen juvenile primers

Mr. Sumwatt, a dozen table books

From the Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christianity, a dozen testaments and a dozen Hymn books

From Mr. Tinson, five hundred needles

From Mrs. Rapelje, eighteen yards of calico

From Mr. Tillotson, one trunk

From Relief Committee, a barrel of pork

From Mrs. Tankersley, a piece of calico

On motion, the Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.  
*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; present, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Alderson, Martin, Heard and Smith.

An act passed by the last Legislature incorporating the Society was read and ordered to be spread upon its minutes. It is as follows:

Section 1<sup>st</sup>: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, that the members of said Society, ladies of the city of Mobile, and such persons as they may hereafter associate with them be, and are hereby constituted a corporation under the name and style of the 'Protestant Orphan Asylum Society', and by that name may hold real and personal estate, make contracts, and establish such a constitution and by-laws for their government, as is consistent with the terms of the act, and the Constitution and laws of this State."

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Section 2<sup>nd</sup>: "And be it further enacted that the management of the affairs of the said Society until the first Monday of December next, shall be vested in the officers of said Society who have heretofore been elected under the regulations of the said Society, and on that day, or such other day as the said corporation shall appoint in each year, their successors shall be chosen and that no officer shall be eligible to re-election, but all officers shall be chosen from the members of the said Society by ballot in regular rotation from each of the religious denominations associated for its foundation and support."

Section 3<sup>rd</sup>: "And be it further enacted that the said Society may receive under its charge and direction those legitimate orphans in the city of Mobile and its vicinity who are poor and destitute under the age of ten years; and that for all such children as may come under their charge and control, the said Society may apply to the Court of commissioners of Roads and Revenue of said county for such an allowance as the existing laws provide for in favor of such orphans, and it shall be the duty of said Court to grant the same."

Section 4<sup>th</sup>: And be it further enacted that the said Society shall make two reports in each year to the said Court of the condition of its affairs and of the orphans under its charge, of the amount of its receipts of money and of its disbursements; and that the Chancellor of the Southern Division shall be a visitor of the said Institute: provided the said allowance shall not exceed the sum of five dollars per month for each child."

An application having been made by Mrs. John H. Jones to take Virginia Spaulding – on motion, it was ordered to be granted.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the Society be given to Miss Alden for gratuitously instructing Caroline Spaulding for two months, and the Secretary was requested to communicate the same to Miss Alden.

An application was made to receive Eliza Burnes, an unfortunate orphan (over ten years of age) for a limited time in the Asylum until suitable arrangements could be made for her protection and support. On motion, it was resolved to receive her for a month.

On motion it was resolved that a report of the proceedings of this Society be prepared for its first semi-annual meeting (on 2<sup>nd</sup> of May) by the Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, the society adjourned to Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.  
*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec, P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 1840

The Society met agreeably to adjournment – present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Smith.

The reports of the Secretary of Treasurer were read and discussed and with some slight amendments were accepted. The Treasurer reported that there was a considerable amount of current Pensacola money and it was on motion resolved that this subject be inquired into and the necessary exertions used for the benefit of the Society.

Two children of Mr. Taylor, a lunatic, were presented to the Society as subjects for its relief and it was resolved that they be received into the Asylum.

Mrs. Livingston was elected Manager to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stringer to fill the vacancy in the Unitarian Church.

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Bills of the monthly expenses of the Society were examined and allowed; and a donation of six hats was made by Mr. McClelland to the Society.

The Society adjourned to its semi-annual meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec, P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The semi-annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held agreeable to adjournment at the Franklin Hall and the following reports were submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Agreeably to a provision of the act of the Legislature incorporating the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, the officers and managers of the Society make the following report of the condition of its affairs of the orphans under its charge and the amount of its receipts and disbursements:

The Society was organized on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1839 and immediately received under its control seventeen destitute orphans under the age of ten years. From its organization until the present time, it has had under its management and direction at different times, twenty-five orphans and it now has under its care and protection seven boys and nine girls whose ages, condition and prospects in life demand the active exertions of the Society and elicit the warmest sympathies of the community. Of the number that has been under the care of the Society, six have been kindly received by families residing in the city whose character and circumstances in life justify the belief that an advantageous arrangement has been made for their present comfort and future welfare. Three of the children have been withdrawn from the Asylum by their relatives and the Society has been thereby relieved of the expense of their future maintenance.

The arrangements made by the Society for the comfort, support and education of the children have corresponded with its means and resources. The first two months after its organization the Society boarded the children at eleven dollars per month each, with the exception of an infant, the nursing and attention of which cost monthly twenty dollars. Within the last month the Society has been relieved in part of this item of expenditure.

By the kindness and liberality of a Gentleman of the city, a suitable house was offered the Society for the space of nine months, free of rent as an asylum for the orphans. A matron well-qualified for the duties of the employment was immediately engaged and the house furnished and supplied with such articles and provisions as were necessary for the comfort and health of the children. By this arrangement the expenses of the Society have not only been reduced but the comfort and happiness of the children greatly promoted. They are more immediately under the control and inspection of the Society and more entirely withdrawn from the influence and evils of a promiscuous association.

Arrangements for the moral and intellectual improvement of the children have also been made by the Society. In addition to religious instruction on the Sabbath, a number of young ladies have associated themselves for the purpose of teaching the children and they alternately devote two hours each day to this laudable and benevolent purpose. Their services are duly appreciated and the fruits of their labor are already visible.

It appears from the Report of the Treasurer hereto annexed that the Society has in its treasury \$2095.71 in current money and in uncurrent funds \$85.00; that its expenses have averaged thus far \$128.78 per month and if there be no additional receipts of money and accessions continue to be made to the number of children, it is apparent that the amount in hand will be insufficient to answer the purposes of the Society.

As the season is approaching when in all probability a number of destitute children will be thrown upon the charity of the public, the Society, anxious to relieve the sufferings of humanity, to promote the objects of its institution and to realize the expectations of the community, is ready to throw open its arms and to receive to its bosom all whose situation and circumstances require its assistance. Thus far the Society has been nobly sustained by the liberality of

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the community. An appeal to its generosity has never been in vain. Donations have not only been freely made, but the furniture for the Asylum has been generously loaned. But as the Society has no building of its own suitable for an Asylum and its expenses must increase as the objects of its charity multiply, the Officers and Managers of the Society regret that its means are not commensurate with its wants. If the objects of its institution are appreciated by the community, the Society will subdue all opposition and win its way to the hearts and affections of the humane and benevolent. It pleads the orphan's cause and seeks to afford him, amid his bereavements, and the misfortune of his situation, the endearments and consolations of a Home. A cause so intimately connected with our happiness as a people and our prosperity as a city will be sustained and encouraged as long as the public have confidence in the benevolence of the Society's aims and the usefulness of its operations, that it may be worthy of the favorable regard of the community is an object dear to the hearts of its Officers and Managers.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

Report of the Treasurer: The Treasurer of the Mobile Protestant Orphan Asylum Society acknowledges the receipt of \$240 from ladies who have entered their names as annual subscribers to this charity; Of \$1000 received in sums of \$500 at two different times from the Relief Committee; of \$12.62 collected at Christmas through the efforts of several benevolent gentlemen belonging to the various churches of the city; of \$50 from the First Congregational Church in New York through the hands of the Rev. Mr. Simmons of this city; of \$40.78 from Mrs. W.T. Hamilton, as balance of funds received from the Relief Committee for the assistance of orphans prior to the formation of this Society; and of \$681.23 received at various times as donations from different societies and individuals (among the most interesting of which may be mentioned a contribution of \$132.17 from eight young ladies at Claiborne from 6 to 15 years of age), amounting in all to \$2824.63. From this sum has been subtracted \$543.92 for the necessary expenses of the orphans – leaving a balance in charge of the Treasurer of \$2180.71. This sum, with the exception of a small amount retained for incidental calls and another small amount in uncurrent money, has been deposited for safekeeping in the Planters and Merchants Bank of Mobile, in which institution it does not draw interest. It is probably that these funds might have been more profitably invested in individual securities, but in consultation with the Board of Managers of the Society it was decided that the safety of its resources was not to be hazarded for the chance of making an addition to them through the interest of loans. *A.E. Campbell, Treasurer*

Annual subscriptions	\$240.0
Relief Committee	\$1000.00
Christmas Collections	\$812.62
Church in New York	\$50.00
Balance from Mrs. W.T. Hamilton	\$40.78
Donations from various societies & individual	\$681.23
Total Received	\$2824.63
Expended	\$643.92
In Bank	\$2059.95
Uncurrent Money	\$85.00
On hand	\$35.76
	\$2824.63

After the reports were read it was on motion resolved that they be published in the City papers.

An application was made by the aunt of William Jones to withdraw him from the Asylum, which on motion was granted, and it was further resolved that an allowance of fifteen dollars be made in case of no other arrangements to pay Wm Jones's expenses to New York.

On motion it was resolved that the Society institute an enquiry in regard to the relatives of the Taylor children and make arrangements if practicable to relieve the Society of their maintenance.

Mrs. Randall of the Baptist Church was unanimously elected as Manager.

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On motion, the Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.

*Sarah G. chandler, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The Society again met pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Chandler.

An application was made by Mr. Williamson to withdraw George Alden from the Asylum, which was on motion granted. Another application was made for one of the orphans which was not accepted and it was on motion resolved that the Society dispose not of any child without the highest regard to its benefit.

It was stated that Mr. Taylor had (after a long absence) returned and withdrawn his two children from the Asylum with thanks to the Society and compensation for their board.

Several subscriptions and donations were rendered by the ladies and monthly bills and expenses were examined and allowed. The Visiting Committee was appointed and the Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec, P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The monthly meeting of the Society was held pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Randall.

The death of John Spaulding, (infant) which had just occurred, was announced to the Society and it was on motion resolved that a communication be made to the relatives of the deceased, informing them of the event, and the advantageous disposal of two of the Spaulding children, with a request to relieve the Society of its present charge. Mrs. Gascoigne was appointed to the discharge of this duty.

An application was made to take Mary Jones for a limited time. On motion it was resolved that the Society deem it expedient to enquire into the character and circumstances of the applicant, before the applicant is accepted. Mrs. Gascoigne and Mrs. Ketchum were chosen for this purpose.

An application was also made to take Jacob Schnyder for a limited time, which was granted. An application was made by the Matron for the orphans to attend the celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup>, our "National Anniversary", which was granted.

Bills of furniture were submitted and approved, together with the monthly bills, which were examined and allowed. The Visiting Committee was appointed and the Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The Society met agreeably to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Heart, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Stringer.

The Constitution of the Society requiring that no alteration or amendment of the same shall be made under six months from the time that such alteration or amendment is proposed, it was on motion resolved that the said Constitution be so altered or amended at the next general meeting of the Society by adopting such articles of the Constitution of the "New York Orphan Asylum Society" or otherwise, as shall be deemed most conducive to the interests of this Society.

It being considered by the Society that the health and comfort of the children would be promoted by their removal to the New Asylum at Summerville (the possession of which the Society was advised to take), it was on motion resolved that the orphans be removed to the same and the meetings of the Society be hereafter held there.

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The application for Mary Jones was renewed and granted.

It was on motion resolved that the Pensacola funds belonging to the Society be disposed of without delay. Several donations were presented and the monthly bills were examined and approved. The Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting.

*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Ketchum, and Mrs. Chandler. On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Gascoigne be appointed to write to Caroline Spaulding informing her of the death of her brother, John Spaulding, an orphan under the charge of the Society.

An application was made by Mr. Williamson for George Spaulding, which was accepted.

On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Homer of the Baptist Church be elected one of the Managers of the Society. Mrs. Stickney and Mrs. Gascoigne, on behalf of the Society, reported that they had contracted for kitchen work, which report was accepted, and the contracts approved by the Society.

An application was made by Mrs. Thyne to the Society that her three children be received in the Asylum and after discussion the Society resolved that the application be rejected.

On motion it was resolved that six dollars be given to two servants as compensation for the services rendered the Society during the illness of Mrs. Thyne.

The monthly bills and expenses of the Society were examined and allowed and the Society adjourned to its next monthly meeting. *Sarah G. Chandler, Sec P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ OCTOBER , 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Lyon, and Mrs. Smith. As the winter season was approaching and the building and premises of the Asylum were in an unfinished condition, it was on motion resolved that the necessary partitions in the building be made, the windows be glazed and leaks be stopped, the gutters repaired, a stove be put up, a well be dug and the premises enclosed, and that the president have full power to make contracts for the same.

It was on motion resolved that the three children, John Thyne, Michael Thyne, and Jerry O'Bryan, be received in the Asylum as orphans. It was resolved on motion that Mrs. Thyne receive ten dollars per month for her services while employed by the Society. It was on motion resolved that the children of the Asylum be allowed weak tea or coffee, night and morning.

On motion it was resolved that the inmates of the Protestant Orphan Asylum be allowed per month the following articles of provisions until it shall be found necessary to increase or diminish the supply as the Visiting Committee may deem expedient, viz. 1 pound of tea, 6 pounds of coffee, 3 bushels of sweet potatoes, 1 barrel of Irish potatoes, 25 pounds of rice, 6 pounds of lard, 16 pounds of sugar, 16 pounds of butter, one quart of milk per day, \$15 for meals, 5 dollars for wood, and dollars for incidental expenses.

The bills of expenses for the month of August were rendered in by Mrs. Heard and Mrs. Morris, the Visiting Committee, and the same were approved, and \$6.31 were allowed them for the advance of funds during the month.

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### ☐ NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment; present Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Hamilton.

On motion it was resolved that a Committee of four, consisting of Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Gascoigne, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Chandler, be appointed to revise the Constitution and to make such alterations and improvements as were deemed necessary to meet the wants of the Society and to submit the same to the Annual Meeting of the Society for its rejection or approval.

On motion it was resolved that the secretary and treasurer prepare their annual report for the next general meeting of the Society.

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary make out an account against the Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of the County for the amount granted the Society in the act of incorporation and the same be presented for payments.

The resignation of the Matron was tendered and accepted and on motion it was resolved that the secretary advertise in the City newspapers for a competent lady to superintend this Institution.

Monthly bills and expenses were examined and approved; the visiting Committee was appointed, and the Society adjourned. *Sarah T. Chandler, Sec P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 1840

The Officers and Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society at the close of the first year of their labours, present to the consideration of the community, their second semi-annual Report of the condition and prospects of the Society.

The Society was organized on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1839 and immediately went into operation under circumstances as encouraging to the liberality of the community as they were auspicious to the success of their benevolent enterprise. During the year, the Society has had at different times under its superintendence and control, twenty-seven orphans and it now has under its special direction six boys and four girls whose ages vary from two to six years. Of this number, fourteen have either been adopted by families whose circumstances and situation in life authorize the belief that a judicious arrangement has been made for their interest – or been withdrawn from the Society for limited periods by individuals who, in addition to furnishing them with the comforts of life, afford them the advantages of such instruction in trade and occupations as will qualify them for future usefulness and respectability. The children have generally enjoyed good health and of the whole number under the direction of the Society, three only have died.

Early in the month of August, the Officers and Managers of the Society deemed it expedient (owing to the anticipated unhealthiness of the season, and the unfavorable location of the place then occupied by them) to remove the children to the new Asylum in Summerville. They have repaired the building and made such improvements and additions to the Asylum as to render it at once a safe retreat from the vices, temptations and apprehended sickness of the City, and a comfortable and suitable residence for the interesting objects of its care and solicitude. Attention is still paid to the moral and intellectual improvement of the children. They are promising in appearance, happy in disposition, contented with their situations and in every respect deserving the warmest sympathies of the public.

Without the liberal assistance of the community and beneficent action of the Society, all of them would have been thrown upon the cold charity of the world and many in all probability would have added to the misery of Orphanage, the formation of bad habits and the guilt of some degrading crime. It is hoped and believed that through the Society's instrumentality, the blessings of a Father's labours and a Mother's attention have been measurably supplied and that in a coming day the labors and exertions of the humane and the advantages and utility of the Asylum will be felt and duly appreciated.

The receipts and disbursements of the Society appear from the Report of the Treasurer hereto annexed. In concluding their Report, the Officers and Managers (in adopting the language of a Sister Institution) would only add that "the funds of the

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Society shall be in the charities of their fellow citizens. Liberal subscriptions and donations, it is true, will be wanting for the support of their destitute innocents, but trusting in Him, Who is the Orphan's help and pleading with the benevolent of Mobile, we cannot plead in vain." *Sarah G. Chandler, Sec P.O.A.S.*

The Treasurer of the Mobile Protestant Orphan Asylum Society in her Semi-Annual Report up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1840, acknowledged a balance of upwards of two thousand dollars remaining in her hands, a portion of which sum consisted of large bills of the Bank of Pensacola, which were afterwards disposed of without loss through the kindly assistance of a gentleman of this city. Since the date of that Report, the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of \$295.80. From April 30<sup>th</sup> to the present time the expenditures have amounted to \$1145.88, more than \$500 of which sum have been expended in making necessary repairs and alterations in a building intended as a permanent Asylum for the orphans. By the books and vouchers of the Treasurer which have been examined by a competent and careful accountant, there will be seen a balance of \$1321.70 cts due to the Society and in the Planter's and Merchants Bank is deposited to the credit of the Treasurer the \$1209.95 cts. The other funds in hand are \$31 in Pensacola and Vicksburg money which it is feared will prove a loss and \$80.75 cts making when added together the sum required viz. \$1321.70. While gratefully acknowledging on behalf of the Society the liberality with which its efforts to befriend the destitute and unprotected have been assisted by the Charitable of Mobile, the Treasurer would take leave to remind the public that nearly all the balance on hand has been derived from the spontaneous generosity of other communities, referring to \$1000 from the Relief Committee of the disastrous year of 1839 - - \$130.00 from a Juvenile Society at Claiborne, and \$50 from the First Congregational Church in New York. For the resources of future years, the Society must trust alone to the sustained benevolence of the community of which it forms a part. *Anne E. Campbell, Treasurer, P.O.A.S.*

At the annual general meeting of POAS appointed for the first Monday in December, present Mrs. Stickney and other officers and managers of the Society. The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and ordered to be recorded.

The Constitution as amended by the committee appointed at the last monthly meeting was submitted to the Society and accepted by it.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. E.W. Heard of the Methodist Church was unanimously elected. First Directress, Mrs. Mary Alderson, Second Directress, from the Episcopal Church – Mrs. A.E. Campbell of the Unitarian Church, Secretary, and Mrs. L. Lyons, Presbyterian Church, Treasurer. The Society then proceeded to elect managers: Mrs. D. Gascoigne, Mrs. T.T. McCoy, Methodist Church; Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mrs. T. Stringer, Unitarian Church; Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Joseph Hall, Episcopal Church; Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. McCoy, Presbyterian Church

There were no managers from the Baptist church elected, that denomination having no representative at the meeting. On motion of Mrs. Lyon the following resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted. Resolved that this Society attribute under Providence much of the success which has thus far attended its efforts to the attention and efficiency with which the duties of President have been performed by Mrs. Stickney, and that in retiring from office in compliance with a law of the Constitution she carries with her the approbation and grateful thanks of the Society.

The Society then adjourned. The Board of Officers and Managers to meet on Wednesday following at the house of Mrs. T.A. Campbell.

### ☐ DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1840

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Joseph Hall, Mrs. Ketchum.

At the request of the Treasurer of the preceding year, it was resolved to appoint a committee of two gentlemen from the friends of the institution to examine her accounts and report thereon. Mr. Ledyard and Mr. Cleveland were accordingly appointed a committee for that purpose.

Several ladies then handed in subscriptions and the ladies then proceeded to discuss the subject of a Matron for the ensuing year. A committee was appointed to see Mrs. Dysant and ascertain and report at their earliest convenience the result of that

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interview. Mrs. Ketchum then tendered her resignation which was accepted and Mrs. Hale appointed to supply her place. The Society then adjourned to meet again.

The Constitution of the Mobile "Protestant Orphan Asylum Society" as amended by the Committee appointed for that purpose:

Article 1<sup>st</sup>: This Society shall be called a Protestant Orphan Asylum Society.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup>: The direction of the affairs to this Society shall be vested in a First and Second Directress, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

Article 3<sup>rd</sup>: The various officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot in regular annual rotation from each of the religious denominations associated for its support.

Article 4<sup>th</sup>: There shall be two regular meetings of the Society, one on the first Monday in Dec. and the other on the first Monday in May.

Article 5<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the First Directress to preside at all meetings, both of the Society and Managers, preserve order, state questions for discussion, and declare the decision. In all division, she shall have the casting vote. With the advice of the Board, she shall call special meetings of the Society and shall take an active superintendence of its general welfare. In her absence, these duties devolve upon the Second Directress. In the absence of both from any meeting of the Society or Board, a Directress shall be chosen for that meeting.

Article 6<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a register of the names of the subscribers and donors to the Institution, to collect the dues and pay them into the hands of the Treasurer. She shall notify the meetings of the Society, record their proceedings and render at every stated meeting a regular account of cash received by her and paid to the Treasurer and of monies still due.

Article 7<sup>th</sup>: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the monies collected for the Society, make all their disbursements, attend the meetings of the Managers and examine their expenditures. She shall also investigate the accounts and expenses rendered by the Superintendent of the Asylum, and exhibit to the Society at every annual meeting an account of its funds and of her receipts and payments.

Article 8<sup>th</sup>: The Managers shall meet once a month at the Asylum to deliberate on measures to promote the welfare of the institution. The Second Directress, Treasurer and Secretary shall have a seat at their Board and a vote in their decisions. Four of the Managers shall be competent to transact business – provided the Board be notified of the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide a house fit for an Asylum, to procure a Superintendent, and to form such rules, by-laws, and arrangements as from time to time shall appear in their judgment necessary for the prosperity, usefulness and character of the institution. Besides the monthly meetings of the Board, the Managers shall in rotation visit the Asylum weekly to inspect the situation and to examine the progress of the orphans in their education, as well as to observe the general conduct of the family.

Article 9<sup>th</sup>: All orphans in the city of Mobile and its vicinity under the age of ten years may be received at the Asylum under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Managers.

Article 10<sup>th</sup>: The Superintendent must be a woman of pious character, suitable age, and capable of teaching the requisite branches of education, shall engage to be faithful, tender and unremitting in the care of the orphans committed to her superintendence and also to follow the directions and obey the regulations enjoined her by the Managers. She must likewise render to the Treasurer an accurate account of her expenditures at the Asylum.

Article 11<sup>th</sup>: The orphans shall be educated, fed and clothed at the expense of the Society and at the Asylum. They must have religious instruction, moral examples and habits of industry inculcated on their minds. As soon as the age and acquirements of orphans shall, in the opinion of the Managers, render them capable of earning their own living, they must be bound out to some respectable persons or families for such object and in such a manner as the Board shall approve.

Article 12<sup>th</sup>: Every member of the Society shall pay to the Treasurer annually the sum of three dollars and each member shall be entitled to attend the general meetings of the Society and to vote for officers.

Article 13<sup>th</sup>: The officers and managers first elected shall continue in office until the first Monday in December, at which time, and at the same time in each and every year thereafter, an election by ballot shall be held for such officers.

Article 14<sup>th</sup>: The funds of this Society arise from the annual subscriptions and donations from ladies and gentlemen. Their permanent funds shall be in the charities of their fellow citizens. Liberal subscriptions and donations, it is true, will be

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wanting for the support of their destitute innocents, but trusting in Him Who is the Orphan's Help and pleading with the benevolent of Mobile, they cannot plead in vain.

Article 15: This Constitution may hereafter be altered or amended as the experience of the Society or the future circumstances of the Institution may render advisable.

### ☐ DECEMBER, 1840

The Society met according to appointment at the home of Mrs. Campbell; present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderman, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. McCoy. Mrs. Hale in person declined the appointment of Manager and Mrs. Gascoigne tendered her resignation of the same office by vote. Mrs. Ledyard was chosen by the ladies present to fill the vacancy occasioned by the refusal of Mrs. Hale, and Mrs. Ryland in place of Mrs. Gascoigne. The ladies then proceeded to elect a Matron. After some discussion on salary, etc., it was concluded that \$500 would not be too large a salary to allow Mrs. Drysart and her daughter on condition that they were to undertake the whole charge and Superintendence of the Asylum, the instruction of the children in the branches of a useful English education, and the mending and making of their clothing to be included in the duties required of them, and it being understood that these persons, viz. Mrs. Drysart and Miss Drysart were willing to accept the situation on these conditions they were accordingly chosen to the office of Matron for 1 year. Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. T.T. McCoy were chosen to be a visiting committee for the next month, and instructed to inform Mrs. & Miss Drysart of their election and request their immediate attention to the duties of their office. The late Treasurer's books, with the certificate of Messrs. Oberland and Ledyard to their correctness, were then transferred by order to their successor and the funds in her possession also by order transferred and receipts for the same duly taken. On motion it was ordered that the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be presented in the papers of the city, and enquiry be made as to the expense of presenting a few copies of a book containing the laws of the Society, the Society then adjourned to meet again at the Asylum on the first Tuesday in January.

### ☐ JANUARY, 1841

The Board met at the Asylum; present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Morris (as deputy of Mrs. Lyon), Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Sidney Smith. Reports were made of expenses. Bills presented and examined and the general affairs of the Institution discussed.

It was proposed by Mrs. Heard that a donation should be made to Mrs. Farrar, the late Matron of the Asylum, in consideration of the faithfulness with which she had endeavored to discharge the duties of her situation – the moderate amount of compensation that she had received – and of her present necessities, having at the present time an infant of only a few days old. After some discussion propriety of making such appropriations of the funds of the Society, it was voted by the ladies that Mrs. Farrar be presented with ten dollars in cash and in addition with a piece of calico, a donation heretofore made to the Society and for which there was no present occasion among the children. Provided that the said donation be in no manner considered a precedent for future cases.

An application for David Snyder was presented to the Board from George Ross, and ladies appointed to inquire into the expediency of granting said application. Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Sidney Smith were appointed visiting Committee for the next month and the Society adjourned until the first Tuesday in February.

### ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1841

The Society met according to appointment; present, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Campbell, Ms. McCoy, Sr., Mrs. J.T. McCoy, Miss Ledyard, Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mrs. T Hale, Mrs. Stringer. Bills were presented and examined, monies paid in appropriations made and the general affairs of the Asylum discussed. An application was made in behalf of Mary Jane Nethercote, which, after some discussion, it was thought inexpedient to grant, when the following considerations, viz. that the design of this Asylum was to afford protection and support to destitute orphans – that the father of the said Mary Jane was a mechanic engaged in the exercise of his trade, and appeared able and willing to support his child and though it was known to several of the ladies that the child had suffered from want of careful and judicious management it did not appear that this case fell properly under the charges of this institution.

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It was mentioned that the situation of Mary Jones was ineligible and measures were resolved upon that a different arrangement might be made if it should be found necessary.

## ☐ MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1841

The Board met at the Asylum; the secretary unavoidably absent. Mrs. T. Hale appointed pro tem. The usual business was brought before the Board. Subscriptions paid in (8 dollars), bills furnished and allowed; supplies and other arrangements discussed. The ladies appointed to investigate the situation of Mary Jones reported the result of their investigation, and it was decided that it was inexpedient to make any change. Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Stringer appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month. The Board then adjourned to meet again 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April.

## ☐ MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 1841

A meeting of the Board was called at the house of Mrs. T. A. Campbell to consider the case of four children deserted by both parents and with no protector but the person making application for them – a man of no relationship to them.

Present, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McCoy, Sr., Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Campbell. It was decided that this was an extreme case and though the reception of children having both parents living was not contemplated by the design of the Institution, and might seem to be effecting encouragement to desertion on the part of the vicious and unnatural parents, yet that humanity revolted at the rejection of four abandoned children, two of them infant twins of a month and that the children must be received until other arrangements could be considered in regard to them. *April 30<sup>th</sup>*: The application for these children was not received and there appears reason to believe that one or both of the parents returned and resumed the protection of them.

## ☐ APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841

The Society met at the Asylum; present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Morris as substitute for Mrs. Lyon. Treasurer unavoidably absent. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. McCoy Sr. Monies were paid in bills presented and examined and approved. Monthly supplies paid out, general arrangements discussed. On motion of Mrs. Smith it was resolved by the ladies that in consideration of the difficulty of procuring ladies to act as managers, that, when it should be found expedient, one lady might be permitted to act as manager for a month.

The condition of the children was inquired into and found satisfactory. Mrs. Sidney Smith was appointed manager for the ensuing month. The Board then adjourned until the first Monday in May, when the semi-annual meeting of the Society is appointed to take place.

At this meeting the care of James Robinson was omitted to be mentioned in order. This is the name of a child sent to the Asylum and its protection claimed for him by Mrs. W.T. Hamilton. He had been sent to the institution without investigation of his condition or claims, and there was no lady present qualified to submit his intentions to the care of the institution. Notice had been given to Mrs. Hamilton that a law of the society required a written application in his behalf, but none had been presented. Mrs. Heard and Mrs. McCoy, Sr., were appointed to call on Mrs. Hamilton and obtain information respecting him. It was also resolved that the rule requiring a written authority in cases from some manager be more strictly observed.

## ☐ MAY 27<sup>th</sup>, 1841

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, there was a called meeting of this Society for the purpose of electing another Matron. It seems that a day or two previous Mrs. Dysart had informed the ladies of her intention to withdraw from their employment in consequence of a determination to leave Mobile finally and join an only son resident in St. Johns New Brunswick. The resignation being accepted, the ladies present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Lyon proceeded to elect Mrs. Garrett, a lady recommended by Mrs. Dysart and approved by all. There was some discussion relative to the salary that should be paid the present incumbent, and concluded on thirty dollars a month with the liberty of affording a home to a fatherless granddaughter of whom it appeared Mrs. Garrett had charge. Further it was resolved that certain pieces of furniture, viz bed stand, armoire, crib, pot, skillet and smoothing iron belonging to Mrs. Dysart should be purchased at the price of 35 dollars as necessary to the Asylum, the ladies saw Mrs. Garrett installed in her new office and adjourned.

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## ☐ MAY 30<sup>th</sup>, 1841

The semi-annual meeting of the Society having been duly announced from the several pulpits of the city was held according to the Constitution at the Hall of the Franklin Society, the use of which was politely accorded by the president of that Society. Present, the board of managers and several other persons. The meeting was called to order by the First Directress. The business for the preceding month was dispatched, bills presented and allowed, supplies ordered, monies advanced. The Constitution was then read by the Secretary and followed by the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, both of which were accepted and ordered to be laid before the Court of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues", as required by the Act of Incorporation. The Society then adjourned to meet at the Asylum on the first Tuesday in June. Mrs. Morris elected Manager in place of Mrs. Smith.

### *Secretary's Report:*

In compliance with Section 4<sup>th</sup> of the Act of Incorporation of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society of Mobile, the officers and managers of said Society have the honour to report that since the last general meeting its affairs have been successfully conducted, the health and comfort of the children, as manifested by the vigour and cheerfulness of their appearance, appear under the care of an attentive and vigilant matron to have been judiciously provided for, nor has their mental and moral condition been less carefully attended to, it is hoped and confidently believed that the management of the institution has been, and will continue to be, such as not only to rescue these interesting and helpless beings from suffering and vice, but with the aid of Divine Providence upon the undertaking to send forth into the state worthy and perhaps useful citizens. The Society acknowledges with gratitude the continued liberality of the public in its support, and is profoundly sensible of the responsibility devolving upon it, that the charities of a generous community entrusted to its care should be carefully and judiciously directed to its specific objects. The report of the Treasurer appended to this paper will furnish the amounts of receipts and disbursements. There are at present in the Asylum of the Society at Summerville, 72 children whose years are so tender as to render it improper to withdraw them from the particular care of the society, as their ages and improvements justify the (*unreadable*) suitable situations will be sought for them, in the selection of which particular attention will be paid to the probabilities that their mental and moral condition will still be progressive. Children of ages more advanced have been provided with places of various kinds. It is hoped that suitable provision has in each instance been made for them, but they are not considered to be dismissed from the care of the Society, which retains the right to resume its protection of them if at any time it should be found proper to do so. In concluding, the Society would represent that though the liberality of the public in support of the Institution has been great, the resources for its continuance cannot be considered as sufficient for its permanence, without assistance from the County, which, by the Act of Incorporation granted in 1839, it is entitled to claim to the amount of five dollars monthly for each child under its care. The claim for this allowance is now before the Court of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues. *By order of the Board of Managers, A.E. Campbell, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841

The Board met as usual, the ordinary business arranged, bills paid, subscriptions paid in, supplies allowed, condition of the children investigated.

Mrs. Alderson handed in \$151, the result of her collections, \$26 from other sources and \$25.72 returned from expenses. Mrs. Alderson also gave in an estimate from a carpenter of the expense of a fence to inclose the Asylum at 50 cts a foot. No funds were received from the Court of Commissioners of Roads & Revenues, on plea that the Treasurer's Report was not received in due time. Before resolving upon the enclosing of the lot, it was decided to make another application to that court. Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. (blank) of the Methodist Church were elected Managers to fill vacancies occasioned by ladies leaving Mobile.

## ☐ JULY 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841

The Board met as usual. Present, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Lyon, Miss Smith, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Campbell. The usual business discussed, bills paid, supplies allowed. \$12 paid in. no satisfactory answer from the Court of Commissioners, it was determined that the question of enclosing the lot should be indefinitely postponed, it being concluded inexpedient to incur that expense in the present condition of the funds of the Society. The children were all well and appeared very comfortable.

## ☐ AUGUST, 1841

A quorum of the Managers met and transacted business as usual. Bills were presented and paid, supplies provided for, general condition of the Asylum investigated and Mrs. McCoy appointed manager for the next month.

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## ☐ NOVEMBER, 1841

A few ladies met as usual. Bills examined, supplies granted and the usual business transacted. Funeral expenses of the infant George Gloser presented and allowed.

## ☐ NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 1841

A called meeting of the Board took place at the house of Mrs. Campbell; its object was to make some arrangements preparatory to the general meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Sidney Smith. Some discussion took place about the nominations to be made for the next year. Several ladies of the Presbyterian Society were suggested, also some ladies of the Unitarian Church. The two churches which have not hitherto given First Directress to the Society but among these ladies it seemed impossible to make a nomination which would be accepted. Some of the ladies were present and assigned their reasons for declining, others who were absent were understood to be equally opposed to the place and it was therefore arranged that if no nomination should be made and acted upon by the general meeting, that Mrs. Alderson should be nominated for First Directress by some lady of the Board, Mrs. Lyon for 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. T.J. McCoy for Secretary and Mrs. Campbell for Treasurer. It was also arranged to take the sense of the general meeting about the propriety of applying to the Legislature to repeal that article of the Act of Incorporation requiring an annual rotation in office, as it was found to make so much difficulty in the operation of the Society.

## ☐ DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1841

On Thursday at 12 o'clock, the time appointed for the general meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, Mrs. Alderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Campbell, Sec'y and Mrs. Hale, Manager, met at the Barton Academy and the weather being so inclement as to render a general attendance unlikely, it was thought best to adjourn the meeting until a more favorable time, which was therefore done. Saturday morning was appointed for the next meeting in order that the reports might be in readiness to be presented to the County board on Monday following.



Barton Academy, located at 504 Government Street in Mobile, was built in 1839 & was the first education board in the state of Alabama.

## ☐ DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 1841

The adjourned meeting having been duly advertised in the newspapers of Friday and Saturday morning, a small attendance of members took place at the Barton Academy. Present, Mrs. Alderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, requested by the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress to preside in her place, she being unable to attend on account of illness, Mrs. Lyon, Treasurer, Mrs. Campbell, Sec'y, together with several managers and members of the Society. It was at first discussed that as there was some perplexity respecting the choice of officers under the Constitution, and some questions of moment were to be presented, it might not be better still again to adjourn the meeting and endeavour to obtain a more general attendance of members of the Society; but it was argued that the attempt would probably be useless, that this meeting had been duly advertised, that the weather was fine, the attendance was sufficient to transact business and it was resolved to proceed to the objects for which the meeting was appointed. Some accounts were presented and arranged, it was then resolved that the reading of the Constitution be dispensed with, all ladies being furnished with the printed copy and acquainted with its provisions. The reports of the Sec'y and Treasurer were then read and the business of the year being furnished, the board was dissolved. Mrs. Alderson vacated her seat and Mrs. Stickney was requested to take the chair. The books were then opened for subscribers' names and twenty dollars were paid in. The Society then proceeded to the election by ballot of officers for the ensuing year; but before nominating anybody for 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, considerable discussion took place. By the Common Construction of Section 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Act of Incorporation, it was understood that the presiding officer must be selected from each of the churches associate with the institution in rotation and the Episcopal and Methodist denominations each having furnished a First Directress, it remained to select one for the coming year either from the Presbyterian or Unitarian Societies, no other churches having furnished representation to the meetings. A letter from the late First Directress was read requesting that Mrs. Hale of the Presbyterian Church should be put in nomination for that office. This name would have

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been received without a dissenting voice, but that it was positively understood from Mrs. Hale herself that she could not be induced to accept the office. As she was not present to decline in person, and no lady present was furnished with a written refusal from her, and at the same time it was understood that her objections were insuperable, it was resolved unnecessary to create by her election the necessity for another meeting to make a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Mrs. McCoy, Sr., of the same church was then put in nomination and the votes being handed in, she was declared unanimously elected. Mrs. McCoy rose and declined the honour conferred upon her. Mrs. Campbell of the Unitarian Church was then nominated and declared unanimously elected. Mrs. Campbell rose and declined accepting the appointment. It was though, by these two elections and no other lady being presented by either of these churches, that the Society was released from restriction and might proceed to elect a lady, whenever they could find one willing to serve. Mrs. Alderson of the Episcopal Church was then put in nomination. Mrs. Alderson rose and expressed her willingness to serve if elected, regretting only that her nomination might be thought by some inconsistent with the letter of the Constitution and expressing also her desire that her name might be withdrawn if that of any lady could be furnished more accordant with the strict construction of the clause. No other name being presented, Mrs. A was declared unanimously elected. The Society then proceeded to elect Mrs. Lyon of the Presbyterian Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress. Mrs. T.J. McCoy, Secretary, Methodist; Mrs. T.A. Campbell, Treasurer, Unitarian; Mrs. Morris, Manager, Presbyterian; Mrs. McCoy, Jr., Manager, Presbyterian, Mrs. T. Hall, Manager, Episcopal; Mrs. Judge Martin, Manager, Episcopal; Mrs. McBride, Manager, Methodist, Mrs. Lowber, Manager, Methodist; Mrs. Stringer, Manager, Unitarian; Mrs. Sidney Smith, Manager, Unitarian.

A vote of thanks to the late First Directress was passed. Also to Dr. Mordecai for gratuitous medical attendance. The Board directed to meet on Tuesday next at the Asylum for the transaction of the usual business. The Society then adjourned.

### ☐ DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 1841

Before proceeding to the transactions of business it was mentioned that some ladies interested in the Society were not aware of the meeting on Saturday, that many more would have attended had it been announced through the usual medium and it was suggested that it might give general satisfaction to call another published meeting. After some discussion Mrs. Alderson expressed her determination under the circumstances to resign and another meeting was then ordered to be called for the Monday following.

### ☐ DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 1841

A meeting of the Board according to appointment was held at Mrs. McBride's on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Present, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hale, Miss Jones, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Campbell. There having been previous application made for the reception of an infant 2 months old, an entire orphan, the ladies (*unreadable*) to receive it; also another of four years who has a maniac mother.

After much debate it was also concluded that an infant of nine months who is motherless and whose father is unable to be its protector should be likewise received. A wet nurse was engaged at the price of twenty dollars per month to take the entire charge of the above-mentioned infants, taking up her abode at the Asylum. Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Alderson were appointed to see that a comfortable room with a stove was prepared for their receptions. A discussion then arose as to the continuance of a child now in the Asylum whose mother is in the (*unreadable*) now. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stringer were deputed to visit her and from observation and inquiry learn if she were not able to resume the protection of her child.

Mrs. T.J. McCoy was appointed visitor of the Asylum for the present month. The Board then adjourned until the first Tuesday in January.

### ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 1842

The Board met at the Asylum as usual; present Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Hale, Miss Jones, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Lober, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Smith. Bills were presented, read and paid. After a satisfactory report of the committee appointed at the preceding meeting for the purpose of visiting the mother of a child then in the Asylum, the board though it expedient to return the said child to its mother. Mrs. Martin and Stringer were deputed to see it safely delivered.

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Six dollars paid into the treasury from Mr. Snider for the board of his child. Mrs. Campbell, visiting committee for the following month. On motion the society adjourned until the next monthly meeting.

## ☐ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1842

The Board met as usual. Present Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Martin, Miss James, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. Smith. The bills for the past month overlooked and settled.

Mr. Martineau and Chandler were appointed to investigate the title of the lot on which the Asylum stands and if possible make it clear.

Mrs. Hale was deputed to examine the children in their studies once a month and report their progress at each meeting. It was proposed that the two infants who were lately taken in should be baptized by Mr. Hamilton, all assented to this, but some discussion arose as to when it should be solemnized and who should stand as sponsors. It was at length motioned and carried that it should take place at the Asylum at the next monthly meeting in the presence of the Board. Five dollars was paid into the treasury from Mrs. Thyne for the board of her children.

Mrs. Martin appointed visiting committee.

## ☐ MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1842

Meeting of the Board took place as usual on Tuesday, the first day of March. Present, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Lober, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Marin, Mrs. McCoy.

The baptism of the children was postponed in consequence of some doubts arising as to their having once received the rite. The following was laid on the table by Mrs. Hale:

“In accordance with the request of the Board I examined the children yesterday and was much gratified with their progress. Six of them read, four of whom have been taught entirely by Mrs. Garret. They repeated portions of Scripture and the eldest all repeated the Commandments. It is only just to say that the Matron’s instruction and treatment of the little ones under her care appears kind and judicious and I trust she is making impressions for good on their young minds which will never be erased.” C. Hale

All necessary business being attended to the Board adjourned until the next monthly meeting. Mrs. Lober, Visitor for the month of March.

## ☐ APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1842

The Board met as usual. All bills examined and settled. Mrs. Alderson handed in one hundred dollars, money received by her four subscribers and donors. Received from Mrs. Thyne, sixteen dollars for the board of her child. Mrs., Garnet had also collected in the past month \$9. Mrs. Garnet declining a longer stay in the Asylum than the 1<sup>st</sup> of June it was thought expedient to advertise for a suitable person to fill the vacancy.

It was moved and seconded that a note of thanks should be returned for the \$120 lately received, being the proceeds of a concert held in the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Alderson being appointed visiting committee, the board adjourned until the next monthly meeting.

## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1842

According to the Constitution the General meeting took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. There were but 5 present. The Sec’y and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

The Board as usual examined and settled the bills for the past month. Circumstances having altered Mrs. Garrett’s intentions of leaving the Asylum, she had the unanimous vote of the ladies to remain another year.

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Mrs. Alderman and Miss Jones were deputed to purchase suitable articles for the children's winter clothes that Mrs. Garrett might make them during the leisure of the summer months. The Board thought it expedient to reduce the wages of the wet nurse to fifteen dollars in consequence of one of the children having been lately weaned.

Mrs. Stringer appointed visiting committee for the month of May. *Secretary Report*

## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1842

In compliance with the Constitution the officers and managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society report the condition of its officers for the past six months.

It is with grateful feelings to the Giver of every good gift, as well as to a generous public, that we pronounce the fact that everything has seemed to conspire to the prosperity of the Society as well as the welfare of the little ones entrusted to its charge. Being fortunate in the selection of Matron, the children have every comfort that such an asylum can afford and their cheerful countenances bespeak their perfect contentment. Their education is particularly attended to and we trust that their progress in that, as well as in the formation of their moral characters, is fast laying a foundation for their usefulness in future years.

There are at present in the Asylum fifteen children, two of them infants, the remainder not over eight years of age. With the exception of slight indisposition, they have enjoyed uninterrupted good health.

The Treasurer's report will show the state of the Society's funds.

## ☐ JUNE, 1842

The Board met as usual the first Tuesday in June. The bills being presented and settled it was proposed and approved that two of Mrs. Green's children should be admitted temporarily into the Asylum. Mrs. Garrett's unremitted attention to the children having up to this date deprived her of all attendance in public worship, it was duly considered by the Board and one Sunday in each month set apart for that purpose. It was also discussed as to the necessity of adopting some plan that both she and the children might attend worship on each succeeding Sabbath. Mrs. Hamilton was deputed to ascertain if some of the clergy could not be induced to preach alternately at the Asylum.

The Board deeming it necessary that the infant should be baptized without further delay. It was decided that the Rev. Mr. Hamilton should perform the Rite at the most convenient season to himself.

Mrs. McCoy being appointed visiting committee for the next month, the Board adjourned until the next monthly meeting.

## ☐ JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1842

The Board met in accordance to adjournment. The first and second Directresses being absent, Mrs. Martin was called to fill the chair. The bills of the past month were carefully attended to and all remaining unsettled paid for.

Mrs. Garrett presented to the Board a request that her daughter might pass a week or two with her on the same terms that she had heretofore visited her. The ladies unanimously assented to the proposition.

Mrs. Martin chosen visitor of the Asylum for the next month.

## ☐ AUGUST, 1842

The Board met as usual on the first Tuesday in August, all necessary business attended to, the usual business of receiving and settling bills of the previous month. Mrs. Martin chosen visitor.

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## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1842

The Board held their meeting on the first Tuesday of Sept. Attended to the usual business of receiving and settling bills of the previous month. Mrs. Martin chosen visitor.

## ☐ OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1842

A postponed meeting of the regular monthly meeting took place at the Asylum. Nothing but the usual business attended to. Mrs. Martin visitor for the remainder of the month.

## ☐ NOVEMBER, 1842

The Board met in the first day of November, Mrs. Hamilton presiding. Received into the Treasury one hundred dollars donation from Mrs. Vining, also six dollars subscription money.

It was proposed that the lot on which the Asylum stands should be enclosed with a good fence. Not being able to decide the question it was laid over until the next monthly meeting. Mrs. Alderson appointed visitor for November. *A.W. Smith, Sec, P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ DECEMBER, 1842

A general meeting of the members of this Society took place at the Barton Academy on the first Monday in December, at which time officers and managers were chosen for the coming year.

It was moved and seconded that the article of the Constitution relating to the change of officers should be altered and that at each annual meeting all ladies in office willing to continue in the same should remain, and in the event of resignation the vacancy should be filled without regard to sect. According to the Constitution this proposition will be taken into consideration during the ensuing six months.

## ☐ DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 1842

A called meeting of the Board took place at Mrs. Campbell's on Friday, December 23. Present, Mrs. Campbell, Alderson, Lyon, Sumwalt, McCoy. Business of much importance induced the meeting relative to the funds of the Institution. As the matter required consideration and some time, was thought necessary before coming to a final conclusion, the Board agreed to adjourn until the first Tuesday in Jan., that being the regular day for the meeting of the Officers of the Society.  
*M.. Livingston, Sec'y, P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1843

The Board held their first regular monthly meeting for the present year at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Campbell, Alderson, Smith, McCoy, Sumwalt. Bills were examined and settled, provision made for the present month and Mrs. Martin appointed Manager for the same.

Mrs. Heard's resignation was accepted and Mrs. Shane elected to fill her place as Manager. A present received from Mrs. Marshall of calico and clothes; also a present of beef from Mrs. Davis.

Charles Evans, an interesting boy who was received some weeks since in the Institution by the application of Mrs. Stickney, a member, his father being for the time absent and his whereabouts unknown and his mother dead, it was on motion resolved that as the boy's father was now in Mobile he should be instructed to withdraw his child as the intention of the Society was to foster none but the destitute orphan.

Mr. Sellers, who has likewise a child in the Institution (a little girl), he also instructed to provide another home for his child for the same reason as given above.

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Mrs. Tyne, a widow woman out at good service be informed she must pay five dollars, \$5, monthly towards the support of her two children who have been some time under the care of the Society.

The same sum, five dollars, be required from Mr. Snider who has also a child on the bounty of the Society and who is now in a way to furnish something to the support of his child. On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Ketchum be appointed to see Mrs. Hamilton, former First Directress, respecting the lame boy, James Franklin Close, who was received into the Asylum while she presided, and who is now, the opinion of the board, able to be apprenticed to some sedentary trade.

The situation of the funds of the Society now in the Planters and Merchants Bank of Mobile, was again discussed as a last called meeting at Mrs. Campbell's. Some diversity of opinion being expressed it was finally unanimously agreed that the adjustment of the question be left to a committee of three gentlemen. Mr. George Cleveland, Jr., Mr. William Layre, and Mr. Ledyard be requested to act as that committee to consult and act as in their judgment best to promote the interests of the Society.

Everything connected with the Institution being attended to, the Board adjourned to their next monthly meeting. *Mrs. H. Livingston, Sec'y, P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The committee to whom was referred what would be the best disposition to be made of the funds of the Society now in the Planters and Merchants Bank in Mobile, respectfully recommend that a certificate of deposit bearing interest payable to the Treasurer of the Society, or her successor in office, be obtained and that the same be held until the money shall be wanted for the use of the Society or the Committee shall recommend the sale of it at the market price. *Respectfully, George Cleveland, Jr., W. Layre, W. I. Ledyard (copy of Committee's answer to the Sec'y)*

The above-named gentlemen were again requested to decide upon the best and safest place of deposit for the funds of the Society (being the Christmas collection) and they recommended the Bank of Mobile is in their opinion the best and safest place of deposit. *Mary N. Livingston, Sec'y, P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The Board met at the Asylum according to rule, present Mrs. Campbell, Martin, Smith, Alderson, Toulmin, Sumwalt and Livingston. Bills were examined and settled, provision made for the coming month and Mrs. Smith appointed visitor for the same.

The children were all in good health and everything as usual in good order. The boy David Snider has been removed by his father's desire to Mrs. Rosencrants, a good and kind person; he is well taken care of. Charles Evans, owing to his father's continued absence is still under the care of the Society. T.M. Sellers promised to pay thirty dollars for his child as soon as his circumstances will permit – a very doubtful case. Mrs. Tyne to be informed she must remove her children as recorded in the minutes of the Board. The lame boy, L.F. Close, to be recommended by an advertisement in the public papers as an apprentice to some sedentary trade.

Miss Shaw's resignation accepted and Mrs. McBride elected in her place. The board adjourned until their next monthly meeting. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y, P.O.A.S.*

I omitted to mention above that Melissa White, a little girl who has long been under the care of the Society, has been applied for by Mrs. John Bacon and the situation being approved of, a permission was granted by the First Directress in the removal to Mrs. Bacon. The little girl, Louisa Parish, who has also been a long time in the Institution, has been applied for by Mrs. Indge Martin for Mrs. Clitherall, a lady in the country. The place being considered advantageous to the child and Mrs. Martin promising to see her well taken care of in the event of Mrs. C.'s death and she being an old lady, the Board consented and Mrs. Campbell, our First Directress, granted a permit for her removal. This arrangement did not take effect. *M. H. Livingston*

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### ☐ MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Board did not meet on the regular day but held their meeting this day, at which time the weather still being very unfavorable there was but a very small number. Present, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Martin and Livingston. Bills for supplies for past month were examined and settled and two accounts for repairs done to Asylum and contracted for by Mrs. Hamilton; one to Dulton Plasterer for forty dollars and one to carpenter for nine were also paid by Mrs. Campbell.

Louisa Parish, from circumstances not necessary to be mentioned, is still in the Asylum.

Returned from expenses in Jan, \$2.44. Mrs. Morris appointed visitor for this month. The Board adjourned until next monthly meeting. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec.*

### ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The Board met at the Asylum according to rule. Present, Mrs. Campbell, Ketchum, Alderson, Morris, Toulmin, Sumwalt, McCoy, Smith and Livingston. The children were well and all things in good order. Bills for past month were examined and settled.

An application was received from Mrs. Pitman, dressmaker, for the infant, Frances Blakely. After much consideration it was determined not to grant her petition for the present, as the summer is approaching and removing the infant from country to town might be fatal, it having but recently recovered from serious illness. An application from a Mr. Painter for admission for his little daughter. Case deferred and Mrs. Alderson appointed to inquire into his character and circumstances. Mrs. Sumwalt, Visitor for the month. The Board adjourned until next monthly meeting. *M.H. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1843

SECRETARY'S REPORT: In compliance with the 4 Section of the Act of Incorporation of the P.O.A.S. of Mobile, the officers and managers of the Society report that for the past six months the children have without exception enjoyed uninterrupted health and are still under the care of a very estimable & judicious Matron. Since she has had the domestic charge of the Institution, everything is properly and economically managed, the children are well taken care of in body and mind and their uniform cheerfulness is the best proof of their contentment.

There are at present fifteen children in the Asylum; twelve boys, three girls, one an infant for whom at present time are two applications before the Board. Since the last general meeting, Melissa White, an interesting girl well known to most of the members, was applied for by Mrs. John Bacon and the application being approved of, a permission was granted by the First Directress for the removal of the child who is now under the care of Mrs. Bacon. The Society has again to acknowledge to a generous public its gratitude for their liberality and hope by a patient (*unreadable*) in well doing and by unremitting \_\_\_\_ on their part in behalf of the little one's committed to their care, to become for the future a continuation of confidence and patronage.

It has pleased God to bless and prosper our Institution that it may still be accounted worthy of the blessing and protection of the Giver of all good must be the heartfelt prayer of every one interested in this charity.

The Treasurer's report will expose the condition of the funds of the Society. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1843

The semi-annual meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held at the Barton Academy in Mr. Hill's rooms, he having very kindly granted them for the occasion. Present, the officers and managers and four ladies members. The Articles of the Constitution relative to the change of officers yearly, was taken into consideration according to resolution of last general meeting in December, and it was decided by vote the Article should remain unaltered.

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An application was received from Mrs. Bowie for the infant, Frances LeBarbier. After much discussion for and against the infant's being permitted to leave the Asylum at so tender an age, it was finally concluded Mrs. Bowie should have the infant conditionally. Mrs. Lyons mentioned the bequest of Mr. Burgett, a gentleman who recently died at her house and left by will some property of value to be converted into cash and invested in United States Funds for the use of the P.O.A.S. of Mobile. Further particulars of this transaction will no doubt be known by next meeting.

Accounts were presented and settled. Supplies granted for coming month and Mrs. Martin appointed Visitor for the same. The meeting then adjourned until June. *Mary H. Livingston*

### ☐ JUNE, 1843

Tuesday. The Society met by special appointment a week in anticipation of the regular time primarily to consider a request of Mrs. Garrett to have her salary paid in advance for 1 year to enable her to meet a private inquiry in her affairs. On consideration of this request, it was unanimously decided that the managers could not with propriety accede to it, which was accordingly signified to Mrs. Garrett. Other business was then transacted as usual and Mrs. Smith appointed manager for the next month.

### ☐ JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The Society met according to custom. Bills examined and paid. Subscriptions received and regular business transacted as usual.

An application was presented to receive the three children of Mr. Stringer. This case was a matter of considerable embarrassment as it was thought by some to be inconsistent with the design of the Institution. It was to be presumed that Mr. Stringer's investments ought enable him to procure other protection for his children; but as he pleaded the dearth of business and consequent want of means, together with many affecting representations of unavoidably neglected and suffering state of the children, it was upon much deliberation determined to receive them for the present in the hope that the father would soon, from a more favorable turn in his affairs, be able to make more satisfactory provision for them.

It was also determined that the accounts usually settled by Mrs. Garrett should, for the future, be presented in the writing of the persons with whom they were contracted.

Board adjourned to meet again in August. Mention should have been made above of the death of an infant who had been brought to the Asylum in a sick condition by Mrs. McBride and Mrs. McCoy – a few days before same. Funeral arrangements made by Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. McBride.

### ☐ AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The weather of yesterday being inclement, no meeting was held. Today a few ladies, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. J. Hamilton (manager in place of Mrs. Sumwalt) and Mrs. Campbell only present. Bills paid. Mrs. J. Hamilton appointed manager for August.

Mr. Stringer's children formed the principle subject of discussion. It was shewn that he had a short time before this present meeting removed the two elder children, but the younger, a sickly infant is still under the charge of the Society and notwithstanding the appeal made by the situation of the child to every woman's heart, doubts were entertained by several ladies whether he was, under the circumstances, a proper subject for the care of the Institution. It was pleaded in his behalf that his health was very precarious, requiring the most attentive and judicious care. To now remove him might be at the sacrifice of his life. It was at length decided that his care should be deferred to the consideration of the next meeting in the hope that a more full attendance of the Board could be obtained. Society adjourned to the first Tuesday in September.

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In consequence of my absence from Mobile, the books were taken charge of by the First Directress, Mrs. Campbell. At the regular meeting in August I was present and the books were then returned to me by Mrs. Campbell but here again removed by Mrs. C. for inspection relative to some expenditures of some former time. By some misconception of Mrs. McCoy to whom the books were sent to be transmitted to me, I did not receive them until this afternoon's meeting, Nov. 7, from which time I again look back to the duties of the past. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1843

The regular monthly meeting took place; present, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Livingston. The usual business was transacted and Mrs. Ketchum appointed manager for the month. Mr. Stringer having suddenly found himself in a situation not only to take care of his children (about which he excited the sympathies of the Board of Managers a few weeks since) but to marry, did so and removed his child from the care of the Society. Consequently nothing more was said on the subject. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ OCTOBER, 1843

Some of the Board met at the Asylum. Mrs. Lyons, Second Directress in the chair. Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Livingston. The city being extremely sickly no others were present. Bills were paid, supplies granted and Mrs. Alderson appointed manager for the month.

There were three interesting little orphans admitted into the Asylum; Rosina Alexander and Angela Panorma. Also, a diseased child of a Mrs. Patterson brought to the Institution by Mrs. McBride. The mother was poor and somewhat sick and a stranger from Texas. It was suggested by some lady that under existing circumstances the child's mother was the person best calculated to take care of it and that properly she came under the care of the Benevolent Society. It was agreed after much discussion that the child should be kept this month as everything was very unsettled in the city, owing to the recent severe sickness, but as her health had returned she must remove her child by the next meeting. *M. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

A called meeting of the board took place this afternoon to take into consideration an offer of Mr. Barney made through Mrs. Garrett the Matron to have a fence wall put up around the Asylum for the sum of one hundred dollars. Present, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Livingston. The offer being considered a very good one as the premises were indeed very exposed and looked so desolate and the expense very considerably less than future estimates that had been obtained, it was accepted and an order given to Mrs. Barney by direction of Mr. Lyons to have the fence put up. Some delay has taken place by the boundary of the lot not being in possession of the Board, but they having been now obtained, it is hoped the work will be speedily finished. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y*

### ☐ NOVEMBER, 1843

The regular meeting was held this afternoon at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Livingston. Mrs. Alderson being sick, her sister, Miss Dodgson, presented the bills and account of Mrs. Alderson's management for the past month. The Board began their regular business. Bills were examined and paid, supplies granted and Mrs. McBride and Morris appointed managers for the month.

Dr. Maynard applied for an order and received it to introduce to the care of the Society a sweet little girl, aged about eight years, Panorma by name, a sister to the children received the month previous and who would have been kept by Dr. Maynard and his good lady but the tears of the orphan to be again restored to the society of her sisters and brothers were not to be dried, she refused all comfort and the doctor was moved by her unhappy state to request admittance for her. As these children were born in Philadelphia, the doctor thinks they come under the care of the Gerard Institution for Orphans form in that city and has written to the trustees concerning them. An answer, the doctor has informed the Second Directress, may be soon expected. The pestilence that has been so long in the land has been the occasion of the addition of eight other orphans being added to the charge of the Society. Some of these little ones are entirely orphans, others the surviving parent is ill in our city, or unknown. The names, as far as they are known, of these little unfortunates: Charlotte

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Alexander; William & George Kaerhoff; Jacob & Louisa Knap; a boy & girl, Whitney by name. Charlotte Kaerhoff being fourteen years old is beyond the age the Constitution allows as suitable for admission but as she has three very small brothers and in need of a nurse, it was thought expedient to retain her as help for a while, at all events. Mrs. Paterson, pleading inability to take care of her child, the board consented to take charge of it another month and the managers for the month were desired to repeat to her the decision of the Board being in substance the same as the preceding month. The matron applied for a further supply of bedding which was granted and referred to the managers to have another stove put up as necessary for the comfort of the increased number of children – laid over for consideration of next meeting which will be the annual. *Mary H. Livingston, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1843

The Protestant Orphan Asylum Society held their annual meeting this day. After the bills were paid and usual business transacted, it was put to vote whether Mrs. Patterson's child should be retained in the Asylum and decided in the affirmative. Mrs. White, who has her children in the asylum, wished to take one and leave the other, and it was thought by the ladies that if she take one it would be more proper for her to take both. A proposition was also made by Mr. B.B. Whittier to take a little girl to reside in his family. This was laid over until the next meeting, that information might be procured as to the situation.

No further business coming before the meeting, the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and referred to the committee for examination. The society then proceeded to the election of officers and managers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Alderson was chosen First Directress, Mrs. Campbell, Second Directress, Mrs. Sumwalt, Secretary, and Mrs. Lyon, Treasurer.

On motion of Mrs. McBride it was resolved that the thanks of the ladies be tendered to Mrs. Campbell for her diligent attention on behalf of this Society during the past year. Mrs. Martin was chosen manager for the month and the meeting adjourned. *Mrs. Sumerall, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1844

The offices and managers held their first regular monthly meeting for this year. The Board was all present except Mrs. Hamilton of the Methodist Church. Bills were examined and paid and provision made for the coming month. Mrs. Toulmin chosen manager.

The question was submitted to the Board what should be done with the Certificate of Deposit on the Planters and Merchants Bank and it was decided to refer it to a committee consisting of Mr. Ledyard and Mr. Cleveland to be disposed of as they thought best.

The little girl Charlotte Nethercott is returned for the present, the lady having given up housekeeping and it being inconvenient to keep her just now, but expects to take her again. Mr. Whittier's application was laid aside, no satisfactory information as regards the situation having been obtained. One little girl was received into the Asylum during the past month by the consent of the Board; her name is Susan Martin.

Mrs. Garrett, the matron, wishes to get made suits of clothing for the children at seventy-five cts apiece, it being impossible for her to do all the sewing and give sufficient time to the instruction of the children. In consideration of this, the Board consented and also expressed their satisfaction at the advancement of the children, it being said by Sabbath School teachers that the children were known to have been in the Asylum by their being so well instructed in the Bible.

The ladies wish to procure a situation for a large girl, Charlotte Kinhuff, being past the age that the Constitution embraces, was retained in the Asylum as assistant nurse, but her services not being now required they wish to get her a good situation. Several have been proposed and enquiries as to the most eligible will be made by the next meeting.

Adjourned by general consent. *M. Sumerall, Sec, P.O.A.S*

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Present Mrs. Alderson-Lyon-Martin-Toulmin-McBride-Tompson-House-Perrine-Sumerall. Accounts for last month arranged and Mrs. McBride chosen manager for the month. Mrs. Hamilton of the Methodist Church sent in her resignation. The affliction of her family and other numerous engagements rendering it inconvenient for her to discharge the duties of the office. Mrs. Perrine was appointed in her place. The secretary was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the regrets of the Board that she could not serve with them and their sympathy with her in her affliction

It was thought proper by the ladies that one of the Board be appointed to examine the children once a month that some idea might be formed of their improvement in their education. Mrs. Thompson was appointed for this month. It was also proposed that the children be examined occasionally by the Board but was laid over for further consideration. An application was made by Mrs. Collins for Charlotte Nethercott but the lady that formerly had the case of her having some claims upon her it was decided that Susan Martin go in her stead. It was thought expedient to have a garden as it would not only be useful in the Asylum for furnish employment for the boys.

Charlotte Kinhuff has left the Asylum upon her own responsibility.

One of the servant's wished her wages raised. It was not granted. Resolved that all the children be provided with hats and bonnets. Adjourned by mutual consent. *M. Sumerall, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

Present Mrs. Alderson, Perrine, Livingston, McBride, Sumerall,. Bills arranged and examined and provision made for next month. Mrs. Livingston manager for the month. No further business transacted. Children all in good health. Three have been taken out of the Asylum during the month. *M. Sumerall, Sec, P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1844

The Board met as usual; present, Mrs. Alderson, McBride, Campbell, Livingston, Tompson, Toulmin, Sumerall, Lyons and Perrine. Bills were examined and paid and Mrs. Perrine appointed for the month. An application was made by Judge Bridges for a little girl to adopt as his own. It being thought a very desirable situation, his application was granted and permission was given him to select one of the age and character he desired. Mrs. Ledyard and Mrs. Cleveland were appointed to collect the claim on the county. Three children were received into the Asylum during the past month. The Society adjourned. *M. Sumwalt, Sec P.O.A.S*

## ☐ MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

The semi-annual meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held at the Barton Academy; very few of the members having attended and Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Sumerall being all of the Board that were present, some discussion took place as to the propriety of holding a meeting as it is unconstitutional to hold a meeting without the presence of four managers; but an hour after the time having elapsed and necessity having no law they concluded to proceed to business.

The report of the Secretary was then called for and read, no objection being made it was considered acceptable. Mrs. Lyons family being very ill she was unable to attend; consequently the report of the Treasurer was not prepared. A proposition was laid before the meeting by Mrs. Alderson that a committee be appointed to address a communication to the committee in charge of the funds of the old O. A. Society, laying before them the necessity of (*unreadable*) a new building this year and respectfully urging them to come to some conclusion about the funds and if they will not consent the Society must endeavor to raise the means. The proposition was unanimously adopted as he old building is a constant drain upon the funds of the Society and not at all convenient. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stewart were appointed a committee to attend to the affairs of the building.

Mrs. Perrine the Manager for the month being absent and not sending in the accounts the business could not be settled. The want of promptness and punctuality in the Board makes it very difficult to transact the business. An application was

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made by a gentleman by the name of Harris a respectable carpenter for Ch Kinhuff. He promises to adopt him as his son, learn him his trade and give him a good education and at the age of 21 give him a hundred dollars on a set of books. The application was granted.

Mrs. Ketchum was chosen for the month. One child was received into the Asylum during the month, an infant only two months old. The infant, it is thought, will not live. *M. Sumerall, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

Only three of the Board being present at the semi-annual meeting, the Directress considered it necessary to call a special meeting that the business of the past month might be attended to. The meeting was held at the Asylum. The Board was all present except Mrs. Campbell. The report of the secretary was again read and accepted. The report of the treasurer was also called for but was not prepared but will be presented at the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the bills for the last month were arranged and paid.

The committee appointed to attend to the building of a new Asylum reported that they waited upon the ladies of the old O.A.S. as directed and were requested to defer it until another time as they supposed a building could be bought on more reasonable terms than one could be built. It was laid over until another meeting.

An application was made to admit two children into the Asylum whose mother wished to go to the Widow's Row<sup>\*\*</sup>. After much discussion it was concluded that as the mother was in good health she was the proper person to have charge of her children and her application was refused.

Charlotte Nethercott was taken out of the Asylum by her father. Adjourned by mutual consent. *M. Sumerall, Sec. P.O.A.S.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It is with gratitude to God that the Officers and Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society announce the continued prosperity of this Society. The children, with the exception of colds, have enjoyed perfect health and although several diseases in the form of epidemic have visited our city during the winter, not one of them has reached our little charge. The Society consider themselves peculiarly fortunate in the case and attention of so judicious a matron who not only attends to the health and comfort of the children but also to the cultivation of the mind and heart, and we trust that under her instruction and by the blessing of Providence, the Society will use many of her valuable and useful members to this institution.

At our last general meeting there were twenty-one children in the Asylum. Four have been withdrawn by their friends. One little girl has been taken by a lady in the city where it is believed she will find a comfortable home. Another, a very interesting little girl about nine years of age, has been taken by a wealthy and respectable gentleman residing in the interior of the state, who having no children has adopted her as his own. She will consequently have every advantage that wealth and education can command. A promising boy of ten has been taken by a respectable carpenter who will adopt him as his son, learn him his trade and give him a good education. In every case great attention is paid to the moral and religious advantage of the child. Five children have been received into the Asylum which leaves nineteen still under our care.

The officers and managers of this Society have endeavored to discharge their duties in the fear of God and use the means entrusted to their care by a generous public in the most prudent and efficient manner and we sincerely hope that with the approval of our own consciences we may have the gratification of feeling that we have given general satisfaction. *M. Sumerall, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

The Board met as usual at the Asylum; present Mrs. Alderson, Lyon, Sumrall, Ketchum, Livingston. The business of the month arranged and bills paid.

The infant received into the Asylum last month died as was feared. The children were all well with the exception of one boy who had lately been received into the Asylum.; the brother of the infant.

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A copy of the Inventory and Appraisalment of the estate of the late Henry Burget, who by his will left his property to the Mobile P.O.A. Society, was submitted to the meeting with an assurance that the provision of the will shall be carried out to their full extent as soon as the law will justify the Executors in doing so.

Several of the Managers having left for the summer and others about to leave, the Board was directed to fill the vacancies if possible by the next monthly meeting. No further business was transacted and the meeting adjourned by mutual consent. *M. Sumwalt, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

\*\*The secretary omitted to record in the minutes of the semi-annual meeting that a paper was laid before the Board stating that the claim of the P.O.A.S. against the county of Mobile and which was disallowed by the commissioners appointed to examine and register the claims of the county, had been submitted to the court and after being examined by the court, the claim was allowed to the amount of six hundred and sixty-eight 80/no dollars (\$668.80). *M. Sumwalt, Sec., P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1844

The secretary, Mrs. Sumwalt, being absent, Mrs. Martin acted as Secretary pro tem. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Tompson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Martin.

The annual subscriptions for the present year: Mrs. Alderson \$3, Mrs. Col. McCoy \$5; Mrs. Deas, \$3; Mrs. Huger, \$3. The report of the treasurer for the semi-annual meeting was rendered up to the present time. It was received and approved.

The petition of Mrs. McBride for the acceptance of a child, whose mother wished to place it there for the present, as it proved an obstacle to her getting employment. The Society deemed it a case that did not come within their privilege under the Constitution and the petition was rejected.

Mrs. McBride was appointed Manager for the month of July. The money appropriated for the month 64 dollars & 10 cents.

### ☐ AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

The ladies, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Tompson and Mrs. Toulmin, had met and left the Asylum before I arrived. Mrs. Toulmin was appointed manager for the month. In a note addressed to Mrs. Alderson was a check received from Mrs. Lyons for one hundred dollars which was not appropriated. The check is placed with the receipts. The check was returned to Mrs. Lyons. Received from Mr. Cleveland 48 dollar and 5 cts, part of the annual subscriptions.

### ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1844

The Society met on the first Tuesday of Sept. Present, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Tompson, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Martin, The money received from Mr. Cleveland , \$218.50, \$38 of which sum was paid to the matron, Mrs. Garret in part of the expenses for the month of August. The remaining \$10 and 5 cents was paid over to the Treasurer, Mrs. Lyon, at the September meeting.

Three boys had been sent to the Asylum by Mrs. Hamilton, one from New Orleans, the other two has a father ill in Mobile, The children are for the present time subject to the discretion of the ladies.

Mrs. Tompson was appointed manager for the month of September. The sum appropriated was \$50 dollars.

### ☐ OCTOBER, 1844

The Society met on the first Tuesday of October; present, Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Livingston was appointed Manager for the month.

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It is my melancholy office to record the death of one of our orphan boys, George Close, of dysentery. Dr. Nott attended him. He was visited by Mrs. McBride. I regret to state I heard nothing of his illness until after his death, which occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept; his age 5 years.

There has been brought to the Asylum 5 children during the season; William & James Roan by Mrs. McBride; Francis Ames, Angeline Mitchel and an infant by the name of Emma, whose mother is in prison on theft. Francis Ames is from New Orleans and from his own account is over age. Angeline Mitchel has a father who has visited her since she has been in the Asylum. He lives some twenty miles from Mobile. As there has been no application for an admission, these children have been brought in irregularly and are subject to the control of the Board.

There was a committee appointed early in the season, composed of Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Martin to call upon Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Smith for the purpose of ascertaining their purpose with regard to the money in their hands, raised by a former Orphan Asylum Society in Mobile to put up a building for Protestant Orphans. The committee has called upon the three named ladies and failing to receive an answer, they have addressed to them a written statement of the situation of this society and the absolute necessity of our putting up a building or the safety and comfort of the children under our care.. We regret to state that so far we have heard nothing of their determination but hope as the season has arrived for the return of absentees we will not be kept much longer in suspense on this subject. *Sarah Martin*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

A called meeting; present, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Elliot, Ms. Austin. Old business examined and settled. 8 comforters allowed for 5 cents apiece. Money allowed for expenses of October unsettled and given out for the present month to Mrs. Livingston, manager for the month of November.

**Special business before the meeting respecting the building of a new asylum.** After some discussion it was determined to request a decided answer from the Committee of the old orphan Asylum Society and Mrs. Campbell was appointed to prepare a paper to be presented to the aforesaid committee. *A.E. Campbell, Sec'y pro tem*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1844

A called meeting of the Board was held at Mrs. Campbell's. There was but little business brought before the meeting. There being a meeting of the Old Orphan Asylum Society at the same hour, several ladies from our Society went over. The result of the meeting was that they determined to appropriate the funds in their hands to the original object – the building of an Asylum. Meeting adjourned. *M. Sumwalt, Sec.*

### ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1844

Present at the meeting Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Huger, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Sumwalt, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. T.F. McCoy, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. Louis and Mrs. Morris. The society was called to order the reports read and accepted. Mrs. Livingston presented to the Board the proceedings of the meeting of the old Orphan Asylum Society, which were that the funds in their hands should be transferred to the Mobile Prot. Orphan Asylum Society to be appropriated to the building of an asylum.

The certificates and an order from the old society were handed in by Mrs. McCoy. A note of thanks was addressed to Mrs. Alderson. It was resolved that the thanks of the society be tendered to the ladies of the old society. Mrs. McBride was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Alderson second; Mrs. Campbell, Treasurer; and Mrs. St. John, Secretary. They were unanimously elected. Mrs. Livingston was appointed acting manager for this month. It was agreed that there should be an amendment in the constitution and have three managers from each church instead of two. *Ellen F St John, Secretary*

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## ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

The first monthly meeting of the board was held at the Asylum. The officers and managers were all present except Mrs. Ketchum. The bills were all presented and read by the Secretary. Provision was made for the month, Mrs. Toulmin being appointed the acting manager for the month.

Five children have been received into the Asylum since the last annual meeting of the Society. Three of them were named Jackson, the same who had been there and withdrawn by their father, but he was found incompetent to take care of them and it was agreed that they should be again received. The other two were Eliza Jane Ochalihan and Amelia Michaels. It was proposed by someone of the ladies that when a child was received into the Asylum with either parent living that a written agreement should be made between the ladies of the Asylum Society and the parent, that there might be no difficulty afterward, as was the case with the Jacksons.

It was agreed that there should be a general meeting of the P.O.A. Society held in the basement room of the Government Street church on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> next to decide upon some step with regard to building or purchasing a house for an asylum. The meeting adjourned by mutual consent. *Ellen F. St John, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

The general meeting was held in the basement of the Govt Street church as previously appointed. Present, the entire board of managers and officers and ladies from all the churches. The meeting was called to order. All who wished to be subscribers were invited to give their names to the Secretary. There were upwards of 30 added to the old list of subscribers.

**A proposition from some gentlemen was then read by Mrs. Martin to have a committee of gentlemen appointed to examine and decide as far as requisite upon a location for the asylum.** Four from each church were nominated by the ladies from their own church and the secretary directed to notify them accordingly. Several ladies from the Baptist church were present for the first time and it was proposed and agreed that there should be managers appointed from that church, making 15 instead of 12. They were Mrs. Lew, Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Louis. Four of the committee of gentlemen were also Baptists. A question arose whether the committee should not be composed entirely of church members but it was decided that it was not a church matter and consequently must not be confined to communicants. Many of the ladies present desired that the subject should be discussed which had brought them together but some objected on the ground that it would be dictating to the gentlemen. A motion was made and seconded upon which the vote was taken and carried by 24 majority and the views of the ladies were made known to the gentlemen, after which several propositions were brought before the meeting. They were not acted upon immediately, it being thought by some out of order to do so at a general meeting and inside the existing institution. A motion was then made and seconded to revise the constitution which was carried by a huge majority. A committee of five was appointed for this duty consisting of Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. L.J. McCoy and Mrs. (*unreadable*).

After the adjournment of the general meeting, the following propositions were taken up in order and acted upon.

1<sup>st</sup>, that a cow should be purchased for the use of the children of the P.O. Asylum. Mrs. Huger and Mrs. Lyon were appointed to examine and procure one.

2<sup>nd</sup> that there should be none but Protestant servants in the P.O. Asylum. This was not in the existing constitution.

3<sup>rd</sup> that the wages of the matron and servant should be reduced.. The former to 25 dollars, the latter to 18. Mrs. Sumwalt was appointed to notify them. The secretary as then directed to write a notice to Mr. Cleveland, appointing him chairman at the meeting of the committee of gentlemen. The meeting then adjourned. *E.F. St John, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

Present at the meeting Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Stewart, Lyon, McCoy, Huger, Bliss, Lorce, Toulmin, Sumwalt. Accounts of the last month arranged and provision made for the next month. Mrs. Huger appointed visiting manager, assisted by Mrs. Lyon. A note was then read from Mr. Cleveland with an account of the proceedings of their meeting. They desired a longer time to decide upon the important proposition laid before them. A note was then read from Mrs. Garrett

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requiring an investigation of some charges made against her by some ladies not connected with the Society. Her charge was too indefinite to admit of a reply. She also expressed her unwillingness to remain in the Asylum without the full concurrence of the whole board. Some thought that the want of cleanliness and other deficiencies ascribed to Mrs. Garrett lay a good deal in the managers. It was thought necessary that they should hereafter be more vigilant and a committee was accordingly appointed to inspect weekly the internal appearance of the asylum. The meeting then adjourned.

### ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

Present at the meeting all of the officers and managers except Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Martin. The bills of the month arranged, Mrs. McCoy acting as treasurer in Mrs. Campbell's stead. Mrs. Sumwalt was appointed acting manager for the month. Mrs. Agee and Mrs. Ketchum to examine weekly the internal appearance of the Asylum and supply Mrs. Garrett with clothes and bedding for the children and whatever else might be necessary; also to examine the children to see what progress they make in their studies. A donation of ten dollars was received from Mr. W.A. Jones and from Mr. Marshall proceeds of a lecture delivered by him for the benefit of the Prot. Orphan Asylum. The decision of the committee of gentlemen was sent in. Nothing was done in relation to it being thought proper to call another general meeting for the purpose of accepting it to be held in the new Methodist Church on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. A proposition was made by several ladies of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church through Mrs. Lyon to have the two children, Emma Hensinger and Amelia Michals, baptized in that church by Dr. Hamilton and that they might be accompanied by the other children. It was put to vote and carried, non objecting, but Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Livingston. The baptism takes place on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> next.

### ☐ MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

Present, the board of managers and officers together with a great many of the members from the different churches. The reports from the committee of gentlemen were read and there was some discussion respecting the one relating to the present location of the Asylum. There were a few who objected to leaving the old place; it was put to vote and carried by a huge majority that we should accept the lot selected by the gentlemen. A committee of five gentlemen to be nominated by Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Alderson were **appointed to oversee the building of the Asylum**. It was also agreed that two of the board should be appointed to act with the gentlemen with the concurrence of the whole board. The several plans were presented and examined but left the selection of one until the meeting of the board. It was decided that a vote of thanks be written to the committee of gentlemen for their assistance and to the gentlemen who so kindly sent the plans. All but the board then adjourned.

There were two applications for admitting children into the Asylum. It was not decided that they should be received but Mrs. Huger and Mrs. Carver were appointed to examine them and see if they were objects for the Asylum. It was finally agreed that proposals should from this time be received for the situation of Matron of the Asylum and that notice to that effect should be given in the papers. The meeting adjourned.

### ☐ APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1845

Present at this meeting, all the officers but several of the managers were absent. The accounts of the month were arranged and Mrs. Toulmin appointed acting manager. During the past month applications from Mrs. Boyle had been received for admitting two of her children into the Asylum. After much debate it was decided that we should admit them and that Mrs. Boyle should pay what she could of her wages for the support of the children. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed to notify Mrs. Boyle of the decision. Through Mrs. Alderson a request was made by Mrs. Inger to have six children baptized in the Asylum by Mr. Lewis. It was agreed to without a word of opposition. At a former meeting a proposition being made to have none but Prot. Servants in the Asylum. An application from one was received to act and was laid aside however until the next meeting thinking it unnecessary to make a change of servants until a new motion had been chosen. Mrs. Garrett addressed a note to the ladies notifying them that it was intention to leave Mobile by the first of May and a request that her wages should be paid before the next meeting that not taking place until the 6th of the month. Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Sumwalt were appointed to take an inventory of the articles belonging to the Asylum and arrange the matter preparatory to Mrs. Garrett's departure from the Institution. The plans for the new building were again examined but none decided upon and it was agreed that each lady should examine them at her leisure and give her opinion at some other time. The meeting then adjourned.

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### ☐ MAY, 1845

The inclemency of the weather on Monday, the day appointed for the semi-annual meeting prevented the ladies from meeting and it was postponed until the Wednesday following. The officers were all present except Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Huger. The meeting was not a full one of the members generally. The secretary's report was read and accepted; the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution was then submitted to the ladies. After some little debate their amendments were accepted. Some of the ladies proposed that the election of the Matron should take place at a general meeting and not be left entirely to the board. A majority, however, was in favor of leaving it in the hands of the managers and officers. The general meeting then adjourned and the board remained to attend to their monthly duties.

The accounts of the month were settled and Mrs. Casser appointed acting manager for the month. Mrs. Sumwalt and (?) to attend to the internal affairs of the Asylum. **Mr. Moffat's plan for the building** was then decided upon by the ladies and as soon as the gentlemen would accept it the secretary was requested to write each gentleman a letter of thanks for so kindly sending plans gratuitously. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Caller sent in their resignations; they were accepted, and Mrs. Nall was selected in Mrs. Stewart's stead, and Mrs. Barnes in Mrs. Caller's. The different applications for the situation of Matron were submitted to the ladies, the vote was taken and Mrs. Carroll was unanimously elected. The secretary requested to notify her accordingly. The meeting then adjourned.

### Secretary's Report

It again becomes our duty to announce the condition of this society and the children connected with the Asylum. **We are now anticipating with much pleasure the prospect of soon having a new building** where we can place our helpless charge which through the dispensation of Divine Providence has been entrusted to our care. During the past six months there has been considerable excitement and much disagreement on every subject. It is with regret I say there has not been that unity of feeling among the ladies which has heretofore existed. Much dissatisfaction prevailed with regard to the Matron and has been expressed by some of the ladies, not for any particular fault of her own but it was thought that her age disqualified her for an office which required such close and undivided attention. It was the opinion of many that the deficiencies might in past be ascribed to the managers and recently they have been more vigilant in the discharge of their duties and at present there is little cause for complaint. Mrs. Garrett has set this matter with regard to herself at rest by quietly resigning her situation and leaving the city. Another subject of much interest has been the selection of a suitable lot and plans of building for the new asylum. There has been a variety of opinions and some warm debate relative to it. The final arrangements have been left in the hands of a committee of gentlemen but as far as the ladies are still concerned, we hope this day to settle amicably together with all other subjects under debate, among which is the revision of the constitution which was decided upon at our first general meeting in January. Several propositions laid before the board on that day required some changes in the constitution before they could be acceded to. A committee was then appointed to make such alterations and such by-laws as should by them be thought expedient, whose report we will hear today. This year for the first time, Baptist ladies have been received into the board of managers. It was a source of much gratification not only that it formed a bond of union between the several churches but the number of managers being increased the responsibility is divided and a more constant supervision is kept over the internal affairs of the Asylum. The children have for the past six months enjoyed good health. In this department our late matron has discharged her duty well and to the entire satisfaction of all and for this blessing we feel truly grateful. For the three past months the appearance of the children and the internal appearance of the Asylum is much improved.

In January last there were 17 children under our charge. None since have been removed except one little girl who played truant. Since that time 11 have been received making the number still under our care 27. Applications for admitting children are becoming so frequent and our means of accommodating them so limited that we find it necessary to make all possible haste on erecting a new building and by our annual meeting we hope to meet you within its walls. The sickly season is now approaching and we hope that the responsibility and care will not fall upon a few as has heretofore been the case, but that each will individually feel the importance of the trust confided to them and be more vigilant in discharging their several duties. All which is respectfully submitted.

*(MISSING PAGES FOR JUNE 1845 THRU OCT 1845)*

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## ☐ NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1845

All of the officers and most of the managers were present. The business of the month was arranged. Mrs. Hewett appointed manager for the month and Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Alderson an investigating committee.

Two children had been received into the Asylum since the last meeting, both boys named Marcham and several applications for others. A plan of the fence and out houses for the Asylum and then probably cost was laid before the board and with some alteration was accepted. Resolved to purchase for the boys two suits of clothes and a seamstress employed to make them. Two suits had been presented to the girls and it was resolved that a poor woman should be employed to make them. There being so many children in the Asylum and consequently the Matron's time so much occupied that she could not do it. The meeting then adjourned, appointing the general meeting to be held at the New Methodist Church on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. *E.F. St. John, Secretary*

## ☐ DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1845

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Society, the ladies of the board with some few others of the Society at large, assembled in the vestry room of the Methodist meeting home. In consequence of the day being extremely inclement the attendance was very limited. The business of the Society had been arranged at a called meeting of the Board at the Asylum on the Thursday previous and the ladies were now required to attend to the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer and to the election of officers and a Matron for the service of the next year. The secretary accordingly read her report of the general condition of the Institution, which was followed by that of the Treasurer on the finances.

The office of First Directress falling in the regular rotation into the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Lyon was nominated by the ladies of that church and accordingly elected. Mrs. McBride was chosen Second Directress from the Methodist Church. There

Episcopal: Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Martin. Unitarian: Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Campbell. Baptist: Mrs. Timett, Mrs. Shrobel, Mrs. Laney

The Society then adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in January at the Asylum.

## ☐ JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

This being the day appointed for the first regular meeting of the present year, the Board met at the Asylum. Owing to the unpleasant weather in the morning, several of the managers were absent. The bills were presented and settled and the business of the month arranged. Mrs. Parmby was appointed manager and Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. McCoy, Visiting Committee.

A bill was presented from Mr. Fowler for "rent of land on which stands the old Asylum", which claim was referred to the decision of Messrs. Campbell and Chandler. A letter was read from Mr. J.L. Weeks requesting permission to present each of the boys with a new suit of clothes; his kind offer was gratefully accepted and Mrs. Harwood was chosen to purchase Kentucky fabric for the purpose. As the number of children admitted into the Asylum had been so great the past year, it was thought necessary to procure an assistant to the Matron and to assist in the education of the children and also to sew for them. A young woman, recently from the North, was nominated and it was voted that Mrs. Lyon should engage her, if upon enquiry her character was found unexceptionable.

Upon application from Mrs. James, two children had been admitted since last month and upon examination it was found inexpedient to retain them, as the Constitution of the Society provides only for destitute children found in Mobile vicinity. A note was accordingly written to Mrs. J. requesting her to make other provision for them, as soon as convenient. Two other children were admitted and one little girl returned by the gentleman who had adopted her several years since. Mrs. Fisher was unanimously elected Treasurer for the present year and the Secretary requested to notify her accordingly.

The annual subscriptions for the present year rec'd as follows – viz. Mrs. L. Lanston \$3, Mrs. E. Jones \$3, Mrs. Barney, \$3, Mrs. Marshall \$3.

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## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1846

After some irregularity, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a lady to accept the appointment of Secretary, Miss Lettyplace finding herself under the necessity of declining to fill that department, Mrs. T.A. Campbell was induced to undertake the duty for the remainder of the year. On this day were present the First Directress, Treasurer and Secretary. Bills were presented and the regular business of the month arranged.

Three children of the name of Newman were admitted. Child of Louis Grumbat admitted. Discussion about the fences. Appertaining to the new asylum, some discussion about the note of Mr. Garrow, this matter understood to be satisfactorily arranged. The "Burgate Legacy" inquired about and decided to be referred to the Standing Committee of Gentlemen, Messrs Ledyard and Cleveland. Treasurer acknowledged donation from Oregon Circus Company. Several subscriptions and donations received. Discussions about balustrades for the new asylum; further inquiry to be made respecting this matter. The meeting then adjourned.

## ☐ MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1846

In accordance with the direction of the First Directress, a called meeting was held at the Asylum to take measures for the removal of the orphans to the new building intended for their accommodation. Present, all the officers and managers. It was announced that it was ready for their reception. Decided that the children being far from comfortable should be removed on the first fine day following this meeting. **Also that the Asylum should be dedicated on Thursday the ninth of April following, with appropriate religious ceremonies.**

The unpleasant and unexpected intelligence of a heavy loss in the sale of the Treas funds was also communicated (see report of the Building Committee) by which it appears that a debt has occurred upon the new building amounting to more than eleven hundred dollars for the payment of which means were now to be provided by the Society. After discussion of this circumstance, it was decided that the fund reserved for the support of the orphans could not be encroached upon. One hundred and twenty dollars, a donation from the Oregon Circus Company, being an unexpected and inappropriate sum it was decided might be applied in liquidation and so ordered.

It was then determined that the day of the dedication should be made a little festival for the orphans. A collection be provided for them by voluntary contribution of the friends of the institution and the children of the Sunday School be invited to assist in the celebration of the day. Also, that it should be announced through the paper and churches of the city that a collection should be taken on that day to assist in extinguishing the debt. Thanks were voted to the Building Committee but the Board declined to discharge them at the present time, decided to publish the report of the Building Committee in the papers of the city.

Resignation of Mrs. Stickney as manager was presented and accepted. Episcopal Church to furnish another manager by the next meeting. Determined to dispense with a meeting on Tuesday next. Bills of past month examined and arranged. Some money received.

Children of the name of (*none given*) admitted; also decided to allow the matron, in consideration of sick children, a temporary assistant at five dollars per month. The meeting then adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in May.

Decided also but omitted to be mentioned in the proper place, that the affairs of Mr. Garrow's note and the Burgate Legacy be confided to the discretion of the Standing Committee.

## ☐ APRIL, 1846

At a called meeting by order of the First Directress. Present, all the Officers and Managers. It was resolved that as the new building to which the orphans had just been removed and which, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> had been dedicated to their use with religious ceremonies, was destitute of furniture and articles of necessity & a Strawberry party should be given with the hope of procuring funds for this purpose. Many ladies consented reluctantly to this measure and yielded only to the necessity of the case. The funds in Bank were deemed not more than sufficient to meet the wants of the orphans for food and clothing for the remainder of the year, and those ladies most opposed to further demands upon the liberality of the community were unable to suggest any more advisable means of obtaining funds for the purchase of furniture necessary, not only for

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decency but comfort. A committee was appointed to make arrangements necessary for the occasion. The reports of Secretary & Treasurer followed.

### ☐ MAY, 1846

The first Tuesday in May was rainy and inclement, the Sec'y was not present, very few of the Board were and very little, if any, business was transacted. Secretary directed to appoint Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> for the semi-annual meeting at Government Street Church.

### ☐ MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

The Board of Officers and Managers met as notified at 10 o'clock PM. Present, all the Officers and most of the Managers. Accounts and usual business of monthly meetings arranged, accounts also of Strawberry party adjusted with exception of a few small bills not yet presented. Proceeds amount to, after all expenses being deducted, nine hundred and eighty dollars. Resolved that the fund be kept entirely separate from the other many affairs of the Society.

Some statements of furniture were presented, \$17.15 cents, returned from expenses. Subscriptions and Board paid in the whole amount of cash paid in \$42.15 cents. Resolved that collections must be made from subscribers.

On motion of Mrs. Harwood, a note of thanks to John L. Weeks was passed for liberal donation of clothes to orphans. Resolved to request the clergymen of the city to take measures to secure the regular performance of Divine Service on Sundays at the Asylum. Resolved to have painting done at the Asylum. General meeting took place at 11 o'clock, very few persons present. Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary read and accepted. Some discussion upon various subjects but no resolution of importance. General meeting adjourned until 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December.

### ☐ MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

In compliance with Article 4<sup>th</sup> of Act of Incorporation, the Secretary of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society respectfully reports to the Court of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues the present state and condition of the Institution.

Since the last annual meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1845, seven children have been received by the Society and 2 have been provided with situations, offering every reasonable assurance of comfort and protection. During a winter of unusual diversity, the orphans remained in the building at Summerville for some year past appropriated to their use, and much anxiety was felt by the managers, lest they should suffer in health from the want of necessary accommodation and comfort arising from the unsuitable and inadequate arrangements of the place. But, by the mercy of Providence, they were preserved in safety through the winter and part of the spring, until the last day of March the new building on Dauphin Way was pronounced ready for their reception and very early in April they were removed to a most comfortable and convenient home provided for the orphans by the liberality of that community, among which it is hoped these interesting objects of its Bounty may at no very distant day assume an honourable and useful situation.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, this edifice was dedicated with religious ceremonies as the perpetual Asylum for those innocent beings to whom God, in His inscrutable wisdom, has denied the home of parental tenderness and it is with unalloyed satisfaction that the Society ventures to congratulate the public and itself upon the delightful spectacle of thirty children rescued certainly from want and ignorance, perhaps from crime and infamy. Upon this occasion was exhibited another instance of that public liberality to which the Institution has been at all times so much indebted in the prompt and almost spontaneous discharge of a debt of something more than a thousand dollars upon the erection of the building in which the Society had accidentally and very unexpectedly found itself involved. The proceeds of a Strawberry party given by the Society for the purpose of obtaining means to supply the Asylum with necessary furniture, were found to amount to almost a thousand dollars in addition (see report of Treasurer) by which it appears that the Society are provided with a fund more than sufficient for the support of the Orphans for some months in advance.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Louisa Knapp died of congestion of the brain. Competent medical advise and every suitable attention proved unavailing. About the fifth of May this death was followed by that of Alford Arnold, aged about 8 years, of the effects, it is presumed, of previous want and neglect. He had been but a short time in the Asylum.

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At the present time the domestic arrangements are entrusted to a Matron under whose care, assisted by the supervision of the Managers, it is believed the physical wants of the children are amply provided for. It will be a principal object with the Managers to continue to furnish the means of religious and moral instruction to the orphans, together with such further education as shall fit them for future usefulness. At the present time there are thirty children in the Asylum from 10 months to about 12 years in age.

In concluding the Society would most gratefully renew its thanks to that community of whose bounty it is but the Dispenser and would humbly desire the continuance of that (*unreadable*) from a higher power which has hitherto sustained and prospered its efforts. *A.E. Campbell, Secretary*

## ☐ JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1846

Society met at the new Asylum. Accounts arranged, supplies ordered, managers and visitors appointed, and other business usual at monthly meetings transacted. \$38.40 paid in from various sources.

Mrs. Carroll presented a note propoing that she must resign her situation unless allowed to have her son, Philip, with her in the Institution. This question had been heretofore discussed and very strong reasons were assigned against the propriety of granting this request. Most of these reasons were general, some few special and upon taking a vote it was decided that it could not be complied with. A lady was requested to inform Mrs. C of this decision upon which she consented to remain until October next when it is understood that a new Matron will be required for the Institution.

A note was read from the Rev. Clergy of the City declining to perform divine service at the Asylum on Sundays and stating the reasons which had induced this determination. Resolved, therefore, that the children of suitable age be regularly taken to the different churches of the city, a month to each church.

21<sup>st</sup> May – death of Mrs. Lowe’s child, age 17 months.

## ☐ JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

The Board met at the Asylum at 5 o’clock PM. One officer present who with 5 managers transacted business. Mrs. Ketchum paid in a 5 dollar donation of Mrs. John Adams. (*remaining report unreadable*)

## ☐ AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

The Board met. Mrs. McCoy was elected as Treasurer during the absence of Mrs. Fisher. An application from Mr. James Crow for the boy Samuel James as an apprentice was read. It was decided to retain the boy in the Asylum being too young and not sufficiently educated.. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed to visit Mrs. Adams in the Widow’s Row who wished admittance for one of her children. Mrs. Toulmin appointed Manager, Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Alderson continued visitors. *Mrs. McCoy’s minutes.*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1846

The Board met at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell and several managers. Usual business of accounts adjusted. \$100 donation from Mr. Sheckleford through Mrs. McBride.

## ☐ OCTOBER, 1846

Secretary absent, Mrs. McCoy acted in her place, accounts adjusted, managers and visitors appointed. Secretary directed to advertise for new Matron, Mrs. Carroll having determined to leave.

## ☐ NOVEMBER, 1846

Sec’y absent, Mrs. McCoy acting. Mrs. Branham the only applicant secured as Matron. Usual business transacted. During the dispute between the butcher of Mobile and the City authorities, the former very considerably agreed to furnish meat to the

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Asylum gratis, a donation of meat in considerable quantity was also received from them. Voted to acknowledge this kindness through the paper of the City.

### ☐ DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1846

The annual meeting of the Society was held on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, in the basement of the Government Street church, Mrs. Lyon in the chair. Mrs. Campbell being absent,, Mrs. T.J. McCoy was requested to act as Secretary.

Two notes from Mr. & Mrs. Garrow were presented through George Clevel promising to pay the Society the balance of note owed by him, one payable 1 May 1848, amount of \$237.92; the other 1<sup>st</sup> May 1848, amount \$262.97, each bearing interest.

An area of three lots in the graveyard was also received by the Society, granted by the Board of (*unreadable*) formed of the City.

Some resolutions were handed in by Mrs. Harwood and seconded by Mrs. Alderson.

1<sup>st</sup>: Resolved that the practice of binding the children or admittance into the Asylum be strictly adhered to. Adopted.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Resolved that we purchase the children clothing twice a year in order to avoid the too frequent application for the same. Adopted.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Resolved that a public examination of the children in reading spelling, etc., be held prvious to the Christmas holidays. Adopted.

The Board having transacted business, the Constitution was read, the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were adopted and ordered to be printed in each of the city papers two days previous to Christmas.

Money paid in as follows: Mrs. Jurst subscription, \$3.00; Mrs. Landon subscription \$3.00, Mrs. Bliss subscription \$3.00; Mrs. Ensign subscriptions \$3.00, Mrs. Hellen subscription \$3.00; Mrs. Smith subscription \$3.00. Mrs. Harvard paid for brick \$1.0. Total \$19.50.

An election of officers and managers to serve the ensuing year took place. The following ladies were chosen: Mr. Barney, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; mrs. Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Mrs. Micklen, Secretary; Mrs. Mrs. T.J. McCoy, Treasurer.

Mrs. Toulman, Mrs. J.B. Toulman, and Mrs. Smith, Managers from the Unitarian Church. Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Ketchum, Presbyterian; Mrs. Alderson, Martin and Tuthill, Episcopal Church; Mrs. McBride, Carver and Battle, Methodist; Mrs. Jurst, Sorey and Bliss, Baptist.

The Secretary was requested to inquire of John A. Campbell, Esqr respecting the property in Summerville, whether the Society could legally keep possession.

On Mrs. Brannon's resignation, Mrs. Elizabeth Walch was appointed Matron of the Institution at 20 dollars per month. Mrs. McBride was appointed Manager for the month. Mrs. Barney & Mrs. Tuthill Visitors.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in January, 11 o'clock. *Jane McCoy, Secretary pro tem.*

### ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the P.O. Asylum Society. All the members were present. Mrs. Dorsey elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress in place of Mrs. Hamilton - resigned.

Miss E.J. Jones, Secretary, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Carber appointed Visitors for the month. Mrs. Battle Manager. The following money was handed in: donations from Strikes \$50.00, donation from Capt. Buckley \$10.00, returned from expenses \$4.85, Total \$64.85. Teacher's salary increased to \$15 per month.

The Society adjourned to meet at the Asylum on the first Tuesday in February.

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## ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1847

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O Asylum Society was held this morning, but owing to the inclemency of the weather only eight of the members were present. Reports read and accepted. Bills received and paid. Mrs Dorsey having declined the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Lyon was appointed and Mrs. St. John elected Manager in her place. Mrs. Alderson and Harwood, Visitors for the month.

Application was made by Mr. (*unreadable*) for Abram Jones on a month trial. Received a note from Dr. Miller offering his professional services to the Board; accepted and a note of thanks returned him from the Managers.

Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Ketchum, and Miss Jones were appointed a committee to wait on Miss Casey in order to judge of her qualifications for the office of Matron.

Adjourned. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

By order of the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, a called meeting was held at the Asylum for the purpose of consulting upon the expediency of dismissing or retaining the present Matron. After some deliberation it was thought best to retain her, as the difficulty of getting one as suitable for the office seemed very great and indeed impossible.

Resolved that the Secretary notify the Matron to that affect. Meeting adjourned. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1847

Meeting of the Board this morning, most of the Managers were in attendance. Report of the Visitor read and received. Bills received and paid.

Abram Jones having been returned to the Asylum, application was again made for him by Capt. Parsons as an apprentice on board the ship Kate Hunter. Resolved that the application be received and a committee be appointed to provide the boy with a suitable outfit. Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Toulmin appointed.

The Matron reported to the visiting committee that one of the children had been decoyed away by its mother and a similar attempt made upon another. Resolved that necessary precautions be taken to avoid further recurrence of the same.

Mrs. Battle and Mrs. Carver, Visitors. Mrs. McBride, Manager.

Donation from Mr. French, \$5.00; subscriptions, \$9.00. Meeting adjourned. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The monthly meeting of the P O A Society met as usual at the Asylum. The secretary being unavoidably absent, Mrs. Carver acted in her place. The usual business having been attended to, a letter was read from Mrs. Jenks offering to take a child named May E Johnson. The Society having formed a resolution not to permit a child to be taken unless adopted by the person as their own, it was resolved that the Secretary be requested to send Mrs. Jenks a note to that affect.

Semi-annual meeting to be held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Methodist Church, first Monday in May. Notices to be sent to the several churches. Report for the meeting as Sect. Mrs. Alderson & Harwood, Visitors. Mrs. Barney and Harwood for purchasing clothing. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

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## ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The semi-annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Methodist Church on Monday, 10 A.M. But few of the members were present owing to the inclemency of the weather. Secretary and Treasurer's reports read and received. Bills received and paid.

An application for Amelia Michaels was read. A resolution being offered by Mrs. Lyons before deciding, to refer the case to Dr. Hamilton. Was granted. The Secretary to write a notice to Mrs. Allen with the promise of an answer to her letter after the next monthly meeting.

Application was also made for a child named Emma Hennings, from Mr. Freema of Montgomery. Proposed by Mrs. Lyon in reference to this child, as well as the one above mentioned, that in courtesy to Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton (they having placed them in the Institution) that their consent should be asked. The Managers having given their consent, Mrs. Barney & Mrs. J.B. Toulmin were appointed to wait on Dr. & Mrs. Hamilton.

Received a note from Mr. Williams, requesting a settlement with the Board of Managers. Resolved that three gentlemen, Messrs Allen, Cleveland and Campbell be requested by the Secretary to undertake the business for them.

The Matron to be allowed the assistance of a seamstress for one month.

Mrs. Carver & Mrs. James Battle, Visitors; Mrs. McBride, Manager for May. Meeting adjourned. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

Donations through Geo Cleveland, Esqr, \$5.00; subscriptions \$9. Total \$14.00

The Secretary of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society respectfully reports that since the Annual meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1846, two children have been admitted into the Institution. One boy has been provided with a home under favourable circumstances. One of the smaller boys has been decoyed away by its mother and not heard of since.

The present number of children is 39, who are generally in good health. The intellectual and moral improvement has been such as to satisfy those who have visited the Institution, officially and otherwise, that the beneficence of humane & generous hearts have not been exercised in vain toward those whom Providence has placed within its reach. The Board of Managers look with undiminished confidence for the continued aid of those to whom God has given the ability and opportunity to imitate the example of Him, "who when on earth went about doing good". *E.J. Jones, Sec'y P.O.A.S.*

## ☐ JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1847

A meeting of the Board was held this morning at the usual hour. Present, Mrs. Barney, Lyon, McCoy, McBride, Harwood, Battle, Ketchum, Jewett and Miss Jones. Bills received from the Manager of last month and paid.

Mrs. Lyon made a request for three children of Mr. Stewart's to be admitted. Also, two of Mrs. Miller's from the widow's row. Resolved that Mrs. Lyon be appointed to have the children of Mr. Richardson bound to the Asylum. The application of Mrs. Allen was again brought before the Board and her offer to take the child declined for various reasons. Mrs. Miller's application for Mary Jane Whiting as also rejected by the Board.

Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Lyon, Visitors; Mrs. Harwood, Manager for June. Donations from a friend through Rev. Dr. Hamilton, \$5.00. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The Board met at the appointed time but owing to the appearance of rain, but seven of the Managers were present. Report of the visiting committee received, bills paid.

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Two children admitted into the Asylum named Wm Robinson Sloan and Eliza Sloan.

Christiana Callahan left the Institution. Application of Mrs. Barney for Mary A. Spaulding received on condition of her signing an agreement proposed by the Managers.

Mr. McBride, Visitor, Mrs. Harwood, Manager. Subscriptions received \$15.00; Donations from Mr. Weeks, \$10.00. Total \$25.00. *E.J. Jones, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O A Society was held as usual at the Asylum. A large number were in attendance. The regular report of the Visitors received; bills paid. Note paid by Mr. Garrow, \$237.72.

Application made by Mrs. Dale for Elizabeth Johnson. Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Harwood appointed to wait on Mrs. Dale to know the terms on which she proposes to take the child.

Mrs. Martin, Manager for the month; Mrs. Battle and Mrs. Harwood, Visitors.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The Board met as usual at the Asylum; present, Mrs. Ketchum, Battle, Lyon, McBride, Harwood, Tuthill, McCoy. Secretary absent.

The two children named Wright were applied for by their step-father, Henry Battinger, stating he is able and willing to support them. The Managers not deeming it safe to let them be taken into the city now, it was deferred until frost. An application from Mrs. (*blank*) was read, wishing to adopt Elizabeth Wright; deferred till Nov. Mrs. Dale's application for Elizabeth Johnson could not be acted on, the committee being absent. Report of the Visiting Committee favourable.

Mrs. Perrine was unanimously elected from the M.E. Church as Manager, in place of Mrs. Carver, deceased.

Mrs. Harwood and Battle, Visitors for Sept; Mrs. McBride, Manager. The meeting adjourned to meet on the next at the same place, precisely at 8 o'clock.

Donation from Mrs. Andrews, \$5.00; From a friend, \$50.00; Total \$55.00. *J. McCoy, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1847

The Board of Managers met the evening at 4 o'clock. Present, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Martin, Tuthill, Toulmin, St. John, Sorey, McBride, Harwood, McCoy, McNeill. The report of the committee being favourable, resolved that Mrs. Dale be permitted to have Elizabeth Johnson after the first of Nov. Several other small matters were discussed but nothing acted upon.

Donation from Mr. Newman, \$5.00; Mrs. Ketchum & Perrine, Visitors. Meeting adjourned. *E.J. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1847

A meeting of the Board of Manager of the P O A Society was held at the usual time & place, only five were present. Report of the Visitors and Manages received. Bills received and paid.

An application from Mrs. Rowell for Elizabeth Johnson rejected.

Resolved that the Secretary request Mr. Allen to assist in the examination of the books with Mr. Ledyard. The annual meeting to be held in the basement of the Gov St Church the first Monday in Dec. Notices to be sent to the different churches.

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Mrs. Harwood & Perrine, Visitors; Mrs. McBride, Manager for Nov. Meeting adjourned. *E.J. McNeill, Sec'y*

*(Following found in separate book, marked as '1847' no month indicated.)*

Subscriptions paid in amounted to 15 dollars. The Society then proceeded to nominate & elect officers to serve the ensuing year. According to Article 3 in the Constitution the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress should be from the Episcopal Church but they give place to the Baptist Church to fill that office. Accordingly they nominated Mrs. Bliss but it was suggested that each church would nominate more than one name to be chosen for the office. As the Constitution requires election by ballot and it was *(unreadable)* to *(unreadable)* by ballot and only one nomination having no choice of candidate which motion was not put to vote.

The Society then elected Mrs. Bliss, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Baptist; Unitarian: Mrs. J.B. Toulmin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Methodist: Mrs. T J McCoy, Secretary; Presbyterian: Mrs. General Smith, Treasurer.

Mrs. McBride was appointed Manager for the month; Mrs. Barney & Tuthill, Visitors.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in February at 10 o'clock. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The Board met according to appointment at the Asylum. Present, the whole board except Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Sorey. The minutes were read and adopted. Unfinished business disposed of as follows: Miss Walch and Mrs. Calis were re-elected as Matron and Teacher of the Institution. The question discussed at the Annual Meeting whether more than a nomination should be offered for each office in the Society. After considerable discussion it was re-stated, it should be laid on the table.

Paid in from the County Commissioners \$250; donation from the Strikers Society, \$50; Ladies subscriptions \$12.

Mrs. J B Toulmin resigned the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress and Mrs. Barney elected in her place, having a vacancy of our Managers from the Unitarian Church.

Mrs. Bliss requested permission to take Amelia Micks (Micles?) to her home for a month with a view of adopting her afterwards if agreeable. Granted. An application from Mrs. Sands was read for any one of the small girls. On motion Mrs. S was permitted to come and select one, and at the next meeting of the Board, present her request.

Resolved that the building should be insured regularly every year and that it be made the duty of the Treasurer to attend to it. It was also resolved that the children be permitted to attend the circus on the next Tuesday afternoon, it being the time appointed for the benefit of both Orphans' Asylums.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, AM. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1848

The ladies of the Board met at the Asylum. Four Managers absent, Mrs. J B Toulmin, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Campbell. Minutes read. Money paid in by Mrs. Smith from the circus, \$25 from Mrs. Ledyard collected by The Committee on Christmas \$12.21. Mrs. Toulmin subscription, \$3. Mr. J B Toulmin was elected to fill the vacancy of Manager from the Unitarian Church.

Mrs. Bliss requested permission to adopt Amelia Micks (Micles?) as her own child. Granted by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Sassles applied for Mary Jane Whitney. After discussing the subject, the ladies thought it best not to grant her request.

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Christian Gallagher having no home and an infirm mother was permitted to remain in the Asylum until the ladies should procure a situation for her.

In order to prevent any unpleasant feelings in the minds of the children that might be applied for, be it therefore resolved that the Matron be instructed to prevent as far as possible the business of any visitor being made known to the children or servants, and that she be requested to inform any who may apply for a child that the application is to be made on the day of our meeting, or to the visiting committee serving that month (in writing).

Favourable report from Visiting Committee.

Mrs. Battle, Manager for the month, order \$150. Mrs. Ledyard & Martin, Visitors.

No further business, meeting adjourned. *J McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ MARCH, 1848

The Board met at the usual time and place, 4 Managers absent; Mrs. Tuthill, Ledyard, Campbell, Sorey. Money paid in Ladies subscriptions. A letter from Mrs. Wilson, New York, was presented by Mrs. McBrian stating that if her cousin Virginia Spaulding should want a home, her house is open to receive her as their own child. On motion of Mrs. Marston, the following resolution was adopted. Resolved that whenever an application be made for the admission of an orphan into the Asylum that the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress appoint a committee out of the Board to investigate their claim on the Institution, giving them liberty to admit the child or children to the Asylum if they deem them suitable to a home there and at the next meeting of the Board give in their report, at which time they will be fully received or rejected.

A note was read, sent by the Mayor, requesting the ladies to let Mrs. King have her son who was placed there by Mr. McCaffen, former Mayor.

Mrs. McCoy and Pirram were appointed a committee to see the mayor and inform him of the circumstances of admission. Having full power to act, whether to retain or dismiss the child.

A proposition was sent in to the Board through Mr. Campbell from Mrs. Lyon wishing to know if we should take her note for \$600, payable in 12 months without an inclusion and a house & lot on Claybourn Street, as the whole amount of property bequested to the orphans by Mrs. Burgate. On motion the settlement was again left to Mr. Campbell.

Mrs. Jarvit and Mrs. Perrin were appointed to the planting of vegetables in the back lot; also to inspect the fence.

Mrs. Alderson and Ledyard, Visitors. Mrs. Toulmin, Manager, Order \$15. Meeting adjourned to meet April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Asylum. *J. McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ MARCH, 1848

A called meeting of the Board was held in the basement of the St. Francis St. Methodist Church, Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock. Present, 8 Managers & Officers, Mrs. Bliss in the Chair.

The object of the meeting was to re-consider the vote passed at the last meeting of the Board of referring the entire business of the Burgate estate to J A Campbell Esq, and whereupon the following resolution was accepted unanimously.

Resolved that a Committee of three gentlemen be appointed to examine into the accounts of estate of the late Mrs. Burgate left by her to the POAS and that they be authorized to settle the same to the best advantage for the benefit of said Society, and that they be requested to consult J A Campbell Esq on which motion the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee: Mrs. T J McCoy, T P Miller and General Smith.

Meeting adjourned. *Jane McCoy*

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## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The ladies of the Board met at the Asylum April 4<sup>th</sup>; present Mrs. Bliss, Smith, McCoy, McBride, Ketchum, Miller, Hurt, Alderson, Martin, Mrs. Toulmin & Mrs. J B Toulmin. Mrs. Bliss in the chair. The minutes of the called meeting were read, some of the ladies who did not attend disapproved of the prescribings, but after some discussion were adopted, money paid in by secretary \$119.45, as Ladies subscriptions, \$7.

Two children named Mary Elizabeth and (*blank*) Gillum received; mother dead, and a sickly father. Mr. & Mrs. Dupier requested permission to take Franklin Paine to their home for one month, after which, if agreeable to all parties, they will adopt him as their own son. Granted. Mrs. W E Holt also applied for Angeline Mitchel wishing, to adopt her, which was discussed but not agreed.

Mrs. Walch sent in her resignation as Matron but on increase of wages has consented to remain. She now receives 25 dollars per month.

From Committee appointed to see the Mayor, reported they thought best to give up the child to his Mother.

Mr. William Jones requested permission to draw the 100 dollars (which he placed in the hands of the ladies by Mrs. McBrian to be held in trust by them for Virginia Spaulding some two years since) and invest it in some way that it might bear interest for her benefit. On motion of Mrs. Alderson, a committee of two ladies (Mrs. Ketchum and J B Toulmin) were appointed to see Mr. Jones and inquire of him his opinion as to the best disposition to be made of the money and to act accordingly. Still retaining the funds in their control. On motion of Mrs. Martin the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the children in the Institution be encouraged in acts of industry and good behaviour and that a committee of two ladies be elected as a standing committee to purchase presents for that purpose, and that the funds required shall be drawn from the visitors box, whereupon Mrs. Alderson and J B Toulmin were appointed.

T Smith Esq was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee of Gentlemen by the removal of George Cleveland Esq and the secretary to notify him to that effect.

Mrs. Ketchum, Manager for the month, order \$1.50. Mrs. Tuthill, Ledyard, Visitors. Meeting adjourned.

## ☐ MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1848

The semi-annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the basement of the St. Francis Street Methodist Church on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Present only 11 persons and the Managers of the Board; Mrs. Bliss in the chair.

Minutes accepted, bills examined, money paid in, 6 dollars, ladies subscriptions.

Vote taken on Mrs. Hobbs' application for Angeline Michael; negative. Mr. & Mrs. Dupier returned Franklin Paine to the Asylum, him being too young to learn a trade; gave him an excellent character as a boy. Lucius appointed to dispose of the 100 dollars of Virginia Spaulding; report deferred till next meeting.

The Gentlemen Committee appointed in the Burgate estate were requested to serve. Mrs. Martin Alderson was appointed to see Mr. Smith and inform him his duties as a committee for the Asylum Society and request him to settle, if possible, Mr. Williams' claim on the Ala Asylum at Summerville.

Another child belonging to Gillum at Toulminville was received into the Institution. One child given to her mother.

Mrs. Hurt was appointed to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Directress in Mrs. Bliss's absence. Mrs. Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress in Mrs. Barney's absence.

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Mrs. Alderson a Committee to see the work finished on the premises of the Asylum, with the cash to settle \$31.10.

Report of the Visiting Committee favourable; Mrs. Battle & Mrs. John visitors. Mrs. McBride, Manager. Meeting adjourned, having dispensed with the Constitution and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer being read. *Jane McCoy*

## ☐ JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The Board met at the Asylum June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock. Present Mrs. Hurt, Campbell, J B Toulmin, Tores, Miller, Mrs. McBride, Butler, Perrine, McCoy and Smith. Mrs. Jewitt in the chair. Money paid in ladies' subscriptions, \$11.00. donation \$33.33.

Report of the Visiting Committee received. One child died, a babe who had been delicate in health from its birth named Elizabeth Gillam.

Committee on money investment, referred to Mrs. McBride for a copy of a note they had received from Mr. Jones, which was read, the purpose of which was that the management and control of the 100 dollars was given to Mrs. McBride, the subject was discussed but not yet decided.

The committee to visit W.S. Smith was not present. Mrs. Perrine and J B Toulmin, Visitors. Mrs. Tores, Manager. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum at 11 o'clock, July 4<sup>th</sup>. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The Board met at the Asylum on July 5<sup>th</sup> having postponed the meeting on day. Present, Mrs. Hurt, Tores, Alderson, Martin, McBride, Perrine, Ketchum, McCoy. Treasurer absent, Mrs. Gurt in the chair.

Minutes received. Money paid in by Mrs. Alderson, ladies subscriptions 21 dollars. Mrs. V Spaulding 100 dollars was left in charge of Mrs. McBride to invest to the best advantage in certificate of deposit – brought report to the Board and leaving it in their care.

Committee to visit Mr. Smith reported his willingness to serve the Society. Report of Visiting Committee agreeable. Mrs. Martin and Alderson were appointed Visitors. Mrs. McBride Manager. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11 o'clock. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1848

The ladies composing the Board met according to appointment. Present, Mrs. Perrine, McBride, Alderson, McCoy. Mrs. Hurt in the Chair.

Visiting Committee reported general good order. Two girls named Miller were permitted by Visiting committee to visit their mother for two days, and have not since returned. Mrs. McBride and Perrine were requested to inquire into this case. Mrs. Pain took her two boys, John & Franklin, to provide for them by the assistance of her relations. Admitted a boy named Augustus Berg. His mother left him with Mr. Turbin, saying she could not support him and he sent him to the Asylum.

Mrs. Perrine was appointed Manager, amt of order \$1.50. Mrs. Alderson, Visitor. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The ladies of the Board met at the Asylum at 11 o'clock. Present Mrs. Hurt, Campbell, McBride, Perrine, Alderson, Martin and McCoy. Mrs. Hurt in the Chair.

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Visiting Committee reported that by Doctor Miller's direction, two of the children whose health had been delicate were sent to board at Magnolia Grove. Committee to inquire after the two girls named Miller who were permitted to visit their mother stated that Mrs. Miller requested to keep them with herself as her circumstances had improved, which was granted. Two boys named Henry & Tony Holliman were fully received with intentions to bind them during their father's term of servitude, who is an outcast from society. Two children were also received having no parent, named Reed.

A man named James Savel presented himself requesting permission to take two daughters of Mrs. Lee (whom he married) to his own home. The ladies did not like his appearance and thought it best not to let him have them, and sent for the mother of the girls to hear her wish respecting them. They are unwilling to leave the Asylum.

Mrs. Coles tendered her resignation as Teacher in the Institution in consequence of feeble health, which was accepted, and the secretary requested to advertise for a teacher to fill the vacancy, vacated by her the last of September.

Mrs. McBride was appointed Manager, amt of order \$133.50. Mrs. Alderson, Visitor. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 o'clock AM. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

### ☐ OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1848

The Board met at the Asylum according to appointment. Present, Mrs. Jurst, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Ketchum, Tores, Alderson, Martin, McBride, Smith and McCoy. Mrs. Jurst in the chair.

Minutes being read and accts adjusted, the Visiting Committee reported the usual regularity of the Home and family without alteration except the return of the three children (who had been sent to board in the country for feeble health) not being improved, and still remain under the doctor's hands. Two boys were received named William and Richard Tallan, having no father and whose mother is unable to provide for them. Mrs. Alderson presented the situation of Timothy Fitzpatrick who had recently lost his wife, had one son named William whom he requested the privilege of bringing to the Asylum, receive with the promise of his paying the Institution three dollars per month. Mrs. Savel, formerly Mrs. Lee, whose husband wished to take her two daughters out of the Asylum, came and said it was her wish they should remain in the Asylum. Mrs. Hamilton sent a communication stating the circumstances of their first coming into the Institution. They have no one to take them out and can be retainable.. They are each 18 years of age.

Mrs. Walters was the only applicant for the Teacher's position. She was rejected as presented teacher consented to remain a little longer.

Mrs. Dussien applied for Sally Jackson but she having two brothers who wished to house her when thought available by the Board, she was not permitted to go to Mrs. Dussien.

Mrs. Campbell again reminded the Board of Mr. Lyons proposition to settle the Burgate estate whereupon the Committee of three gentlemen were requested to serve according to previous appointment. Mrs. McBride Visitor for the month; Mrs. Martin, manager. Amount of gifts \$111.15. Meeting adjourned until Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock at the Asylum. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The ladies composing the Board met at the Asylum Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock. Present, Mrs. Jurt, Miller, Alderson, Martin, McBride and McCoy, Mrs. Jurt presiding. Minutes read and accounts accepted.

Miss Cassilo was accepted as Teacher in the Institution at 300 dollars per year. Vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Mrs. Coles for her faithful services during the 2-1/2 years past and for her instruction and pious example.

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Mrs. Miller and Jurt were appointed Visiting Committee and Mrs. McBride Manager. Meeting adjourned to meet at the St Francis Street Meth Church the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Dec. Jane McCoy, Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> Directress from the Episcopal Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress to be chosen from the Baptist Church, Secretary, Presbyterian, Treasurer, Unitarian.

## ☐ DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1848

The ladies composing the Board of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society met in the basement of the St Francis St Methodist Church on Monday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11 o'clock. A full attendance except Mrs. Battle and Mrs. McBride who were absent because of sickness.

The published meeting was then commenced. The Constitution read, the reports of Secretary read and adopted, ordered to be printed.

The election of officers and managers from the various churches took place whereupon the following named ladies were elected: Mrs. Alderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Episcopal; Mrs. Bliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Baptist; Mrs. Chandler, Secretary, Presbyterian; Mrs. Campbell, Treasurer, Unitarian. No officer from the Methodist church.

Mrs. Chandler not being present, Mrs. McCoy was requested to continue her duties until Mrs. C was notified of her election.

Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. E Jones, Mrs. Tuthill were chosen from the Episcopal Church to serve as Managers. Mrs. Bliss Tores, Miller, Martin, Baptist; Mrs. J B Toulmin, Peabody & Barney, Unitarians; Mrs. McBride, Butler and McCoy, Methodist; Mrs. Harwood, Parsley, Langam, Presbyterian.

A recommendation was handed in from Mrs. Lyon respecting the Burgate Estate which was read and referred to the Committee of Gentlemen appointed to settle that business.

Mrs. Harwood and Parmly, Visiting Committee. Mrs. Barney, Manager. Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1849. *J McCoy, Secretary pro tem*

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum according to appointment Tuesday, January 4. Present Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Chandler, McBride, Barney, Battle, Harwood, McNeil, Jones, Peabody and McCoy. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

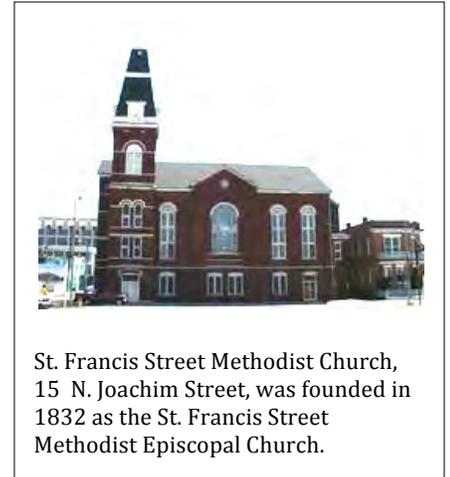
The Manager of the preceding month presented her accounts which were read and accepted.

Ladies subscriptions for the year were paid in amounting to fifty three dollars, with several donations; one from the Strikers Club of fifty dollars, twenty dollars from the Society of Odd Fellows (Alabama Lodge No. 1) and ten dollars from a lady in Baldwin County.

Upon motion it was resolved that these donations be acknowledged in the city papers.

Upon motion it was resolved that the thanks of this society e tendered to Dr. Miller for his kind attentions and professional services to the children of this Institution. The ladies of the Board expressed their regrets that it was not embraced in the Annual Report.

Three children were presented as applicants for admission into the Asylum, of the Robinson family, and after a consideration of their claims, were received.



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Many minor matters appertaining to the arrangements and interests of the Asylum were discussed and some of them postponed to the next meeting. Mrs. McNeil was appointed Manager for the month. Order \$120.00. Mrs. Jones and Tuthill, Visitors. Meeting adjourned. *Sarah G. Chandler, Secretary*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Toulmin, McBride, Bliss, Miller, Martin, Langdon, Battle, McCoy, Harwood, Barney, Loree, Jones, McNeil and Chandler. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The Manager of the preceding month presented her accounts which were accepted.

Ladies subscriptions for the year and several small donations were presented, amounting to forty six dollars.

Ten orphans were presented as applicants for admission into the Asylum, and after a discussion of their claims, were received. Two of them were admitted conditionally to be decided at the next meeting.

An application to withdraw one of the orphans from the Asylum was made by Mr. Carson (a relation) and granted.

A motion was made to purchase the adjoining lot to the Asylum for a playground and other purposes. A committee of appointed consisting of Mrs. McBride, Barney and Jones to make enquiries with regard to it and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Sidney Smith having been appointed on behalf of the Society to confer with Mr. Williams in regard to its claim against him, reported unfavorably as to its immediate adjustment.

Upon motion it was resolved that the schoolroom be enlarged to meet the wants of the Institution. Mrs. Miller was appointed the school Visitor for the month with the view of encouraging the Teacher and stimulating the children to greater efforts for their improvement.

Mrs. Barney was appointed Manager and Mrs. Harwood and Toulmin, Visitors. Order \$200.00. Meeting adjourned. *Sarah G. Chandler, Secretary*

### ☐ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum March 6<sup>th</sup> pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Bliss, Miller, McCoy, Parmly, Harwood, Peabody, Sorey, Langdon and Chandler. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The Manager of the preceding month presented her accounts which were as usual read and accepted. Ladies subscriptions were received amounting to nine dollars with a donation of six dollars from Mr. Cooper and a hundred dollars from the Amateur Minstrels Society.

Two of the children who were admitted conditionally last month who have a lunatic mother and worthy father, were permitted to remain until the father could remove their afflicted parent to an Asylum and make suitable arrangements for them. The father proposed a compensation for the board which was accepted.

Another child that was left last month by a mother who is compelled to labor offered a compensation for the care of her infant at the Asylum. It was decided that it involved too great care for the Matron and was not suitable subject for the Asylum.

In consequence of the refractory character of young Humphries (admitted last month) it was decided that he should be discharged as soon as a situation could be procured for him by his friends.

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An application was made by Mrs. John Henry in behalf of Mr. Tait for a little girl, ten or twelve years of age, whom he promised to rear and protect. The matter was postponed to the next meeting. After Mr. Tait had examined the children, made her selection and sent in a formal application.

After consulting with regard to the repairs and improvements of the edifice, the meeting adjourned after appointing Mrs. Harwood, Manager and Mrs. Parmly and Langdon, Visitors. Order for monthly expenses \$150.00. *Sarah G. Chandler, Secretary P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held this morning. Present, nearly all of the Officers and Managers. Very little business was transacted. The Manager of the preceding month presented her accounts which were read and accepted. Ladies subscriptions were received amounting to eleven dollars, with a donation of five dollars from Mrs. Wheeler and six dollars for the board of Wm. Patrick

Mrs. Langdon reported favorably of the school, the apparent order and improvements of the children during her monthly visits.

The meeting adjourned after appointing the semi-annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in May at the St. Francis Methodist Church and Mrs. Battle, Manager. Mrs. McCoy, Visitor. Order for monthly expenses \$150.00. *Sarah G. Chandler, Sec P.O.A.S.*

### ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The semi-annual meeting of the Society was held at the St. Francis St. Methodist Church on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Barney, Harwood, McCoy, Battle, Parmby, McNeil and Chandler. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The treasurer read the semi-annual report which was accepted and approved.

The Manager of the preceding month presented her accounts which were accepted. Ladies subscriptions were received amounting to eighteen dollars.

The school Visitor of the preceding month reported favorably as to the discipline of the school. Many little matters appertaining to the comfort and convenience of the Asylum were discussed.

Mrs. Harwood was appointed to confer with Mr. Stein as to the expense of a hydrant for the Asylum and to report at the next meeting.

A proposition was made to bestow a suitable donation to Dr. Miller for his kind and efficient services as "physician of the Asylum". Upon motion it was referred to the next meeting. Other details were discussed and arranged.

The Manager and Visitor of the next month were appointed. Order for expenses \$150.00. Meeting adjourned. *S.G. Chandler, Secretary*

### ☐ JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, Harwood, McBride, McCoy, Barney, Sorley and Chandler. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The Manager presented her accounts which were read and accepted.

Thirty dollars was received from Mr. Frederick as a compensation for the care of his children with a lunatic mother. Six dollars were also received for the board of Wm Patrick.

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It was announced that two children had died in the interval of the last meeting, William Sloane and Rebecca Palmer. They were both very delicate when admitted into the Asylum and the most efficient care and attention could not avail for their restoration.

Several specifications were received for enclosing the burying lots, granted by the Corporation to the Asylum. Neither was accepted.

A proposition was received from Mr. Stein to supply the Asylum with water for Five Hundred dollars. The proposition was rejected and a committee appointed to confer with Mr. S and offer him a smaller compensation.

Miss Kappel sent in a note requesting the Board to increase her salary as Teacher to almost double the amount for which she was engaged. After a little discussion, a decision was postponed to the next meeting.

Upon motion it was resolved that the Secretary address Mr. Ledyard a note requesting him to procure from Mr. Fisher the balance retained in his hand of the Christmas Collections, amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars.

Mrs. McBride was appointed Manager and Mrs. Barney Visitor for the ensuing month. Meeting adjourned.  
*S.G. Chandler, Sec*

### ☐ JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum July 3<sup>rd</sup> pursuant to adjournment. Present Mrs. Alderson, Campbell, McCoy, Harwood, McBride, Barney, McNeil, Parmly, Bliss, Tuthill and Chandler. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The Manager presented her accounts, which were examined and accepted. The Visitor as usual made a favorable report.

The Treasurer presented twenty-five dollars as a donation from the hands of Mr. Bryan from some arbitration. No annual subscriptions were received this month.

Mr. Ledyard reported that Mr. Fisher acknowledged the amount of eighty dollars in his possession of the Christmas collections and had promised to pay it to the Treasurer.

A Committee consisting of Messrs Ledyard, Allen and Alderson were appointed to contract with Mr. Stein for hydrant water for the Asylum. The subject was fully discussed and all concurred that it was a necessity with which we could no longer dismiss.

The petition of Miss Kappel for an increase of salary as Teacher was again considered and discussed. Upon motion it was resolved that it be postponed until her engagement expired as this Board has no authority to make contracts for another year or alter its time of service.

A verbal application was received from Dr. Coleman for a child which was unanimously rejected.

An application was received by Mrs. Bliss from person assuming to be relations for Elizabeth Johnson. An order was granted by her and the child withdrawn from the Asylum. Since then it has been ascertained that they were not true representations and Mrs. Bliss and Barney were appointed a committee to examine into the character of the family and to have the child restored to the Asylum until there was a formal application from the relations.

Mrs. Moffet withdrew two of her children from the Asylum being (as I understood) in improved circumstances.

It was announced with regret that another child, James Gilbert had died during the month, two years of age. He was long the subject of disease and affliction.

After the appointment of the monthly Manager and Visitor and the order for expenses \$15, the meeting adjourned.  
*Sarah G. Chandler, Sec'y*

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### ☐ AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum August 7<sup>th</sup> pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mrs. Alderson, Barney, Jones, Tuthill, Harwood, McCoy. Mrs. Chandler having left the city for the summer requested Mrs. T.J. McCoy to serve for her during her absence and on motion was chosen secretary pro tem. The Treasurer was also absent from attendance at this meeting, consequently the bills were not requested. Mrs. McCoy being Manager for the month, she was therefore requested to continue her services for the month of August, amount of funds \$100.

Miss Walch sent in her resignation as Matron which was accepted.

Mrs. B Robinson sent a written application for \_\_\_ Palmer, proposing to adopt her as her own child, but Mrs. Langan had taken her on trust the month previous with the same intentions. We expect to hear from Mrs. L before the next meeting.

Money paid in donations from Mrs. Fitzpatrick, \$6.00, and from Miss Walch, \$4.00. Meeting adjourned.

*Jane McCoy*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1849

The Board met according to appointment, present Mrs. Alderson, Jones, Tuthill, McBrian, McNeil and McCoy. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

The two months bills adjusted and money paid in donation form Mrs. Trawick, twenty-five dollars, subscriptions \$28.00.

Mr. John Wilson applied for Hannah Bush, which was not granted. Mary Jane Whitney was also applied for by Mrs. Thornbie, not granted. Mrs. Langan returned the child she took to adopt, in consequence of her feeble health, fearing she should not live to raise her. Mrs. McNeil and McCoy were appointed a committee to call on Mrs. Binge who took Elizabeth Johnson out of the Asylum stating she should send her to her aunt in South Carolina. She is still with Mrs. B and the ladies of the Board wish her returned to the Asylum.

Mrs. Jones, Visitor. Mrs. McNeil, Manager. Order of \$1.20. Meeting adjourned. *Jane McCoy, Sec'y Pro Tem*

### ☐ OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1849

The Board met according to appointment at the Asylum, present Mrs. Alderson, McBride, Campbell, McNeil, Peabody. Accts adjusted.

Mary Doogan was applied for by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. McBride and McCoy were appointed to inquire into the subject as Mrs. Jones was not sufficiently explicit in her application. Mr. J.A. Hammock of Blakely applied for a small boy, having no boy of his own ancestry to adopt, the selection of one he left to Mrs. Singletary. Mrs. McBride and McCoy were appointed a committee to attend to 4 children named Stokes; Martha, Justine, (David Mathison) (Georgia Rebecca Dubose).

The water committee were requested to act as soon as convenient as the water was indispensable.

Mrs. McNeil, Manager, bills \$1.50. Elizabeth Johnson was again placed in the Asylum.

Meeting adjourned. *Jane McCoy, Sec'y Pro Tem*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

The Board met at the Asylum, present Mrs. Alderson, McNeil, McBride, Sores, Langham, McCoy; Mrs. Alderson in the chair. Ms. McNeil's accts correct. Mrs. McBride & McCoy appointed letting Mrs. Jones have Mary Doogan, they reported favorably of Mr. Hammock's application for a boy. He is permitted to select one. Mrs. Sorey was appointed Manager for the month and authorized to pay Matron and Teacher's salary, amount of order three hundred dollars.

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Next meeting being the Annual one for the election of officers to be held at the St. Francis St. Methodist Church on the first Monday in Dec at 11 o'clock. Board to meet at 10 o'clock. Notices to be sent to all the churches the Sunday morning previous. Reports accepted from Secretary & Treasurer. Meeting adjourned.

*Jane McCoy, Sec'y Pro Tem*

### ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1849

The Annual Meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the St. Francis St. Methodist church on Monday, 3d of December. Present, all of the Officers and several of the Managers. Mrs. Alderson in the chair.

After the adjustment of the monthly accounts and expenses, annual subscriptions were received amounting to thirty-seven dollars.

The Public Meeting was then commenced when the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The election of officers and Managers from the various churches took place and the following ladies were chosen for the ensuing year.

Mrs. McBride, First Directress, Methodist; Mrs. Alderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Episcopalian; Mrs. Campbell, Secretary, Unitarian; Mrs. Keen, Treasurer, Baptist.

For Managers from the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Stickney, McNeil and Tuthill; from Presbyterian, Mrs. Harwood, Morris and Barnes; from Baptist, Mrs. Bliss, Miller, Sorey; from Unitarian, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. A. Irvine and Barney.

Upon motion it was resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Alderson for her kind and efficient services during the present year.

Miss Kappel sent in her resignation as Teacher, which was accepted.

Applications were received from Mrs. Carver to adopt one of the boys and from a lady in the country through Mrs. Knapp to take one of the girls (Sally Jackson) with a promise to instruct her in a trade. Both applications were referred to a committee, consisting of Mrs. Bliss and Miller to inquire into the propriety of their acceptance or procure more eligible situations if practicable.

Mrs. Peabody was appointed Manager and the meeting adjourned. *Sarah G Chandler, Sec'y*

### ☐ DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 1849

By order of the First Directress a public meeting was called for this day for the election of a Treasurer, Mrs. Keen of the Baptist Church having tendered her resignation. The Society met according to appointment in the St. Francis St Church, a very small number of members present. Of the Board Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Perrine and Mrs. Campbell. First and Second Directress not being present, Mrs. Bliss was requested to take the chair and business commenced.

Nobody of the Baptist denomination being presented for Treasurer, Mrs. McCoy of the Methodist church was requested by the Baptist ladies to serve for that year as their representative. Mrs. McCoy was then unanimously elected and the Society adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1850.

*Mrs. Campbell*

### ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1850

Meeting of the ladies took place at the Asylum as usual; present all the Officers and most of the Managers. Bills and accounts arranged.

Applications for 4 children received and acted upon. Elizabeth Johnston applied for by Mr. & Mrs. Dyke of Clark County to be received as their own child. Granted; the child to be sent upon the first good opportunity. For Hannah Bush by Mrs. Jacobsen. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Bliss appointed to make suitable inquiries and report to the next meeting for a child of the

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Palmer family by Miss Walker. Mrs. Savoy and Mrs. Perrine committee to inquire for Knapp boy from his uncle, Jacob Kercher, Cincinnati; inquiries to be made by letter.

Two applications for the vacant situation of Teacher to the children were then read and discussed. Miss Plum chosen and to be allowed accordingly. The Society then adjourned to meet again upon the regular day.

### ☐ FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1850

The ladies of the Board met at the Asylum according to appointment; present Mrs. McBride, Barney, Peabody, Toulmin, Barnes, Harwood, Bliss and McCoy. Bills adjusted, money paid in. Mrs. Barney and Mrs. John Marshal, \$6.00; Mrs. J B Toulmin, two years subscriptions \$1.00; Mrs. Stickney \$3.00. total \$10.00.

Mrs. Jacobs presented her claim for Hannah Bush and was permitted to take her as her own child. Sally Jackson sent to Miss Heath to learn dressmaking. Anna Palmer given to Miss Palmer in Clark County, Elizabeth Johnson sent to Mr. & Mrs. Dyke, Clark County. Caroline Lee being unsatisfied with her treatment by Mrs. Chandler is to be brought back to the Asylum. Mrs. McBride a committee to withdraw her from there. Miss Walch resigned her office to leave the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. Mrs. Barney, school Visitor, general Visitor, Mrs. Barnes.

### ☐ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1850

The Society met as usual, present Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell. Managers, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Tuthill Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Battle.

Business transacted as usual, accounts presented and arranged. Bills paid. Mrs. Tuthill appointed Manager for March. \$781 allotted to pay expenses (including bills of last month remaining unpaid for want of funds).

Application for Mary Frances Reed from Mrs. Pine rejected. Report from Mr. Stein withdrawing his proposal to furnish water to the Asylum free of charge, when the fixtures should be paid for. He now demands payment for the water annually. Ladies expressed their disapproval of this gentleman's conduct and it was determined to resort to a cistern, which was completed to the charge of Messrs Alderson and Ledyard. Mrs. Toulmin appointed Visitor for the school, Mrs. Bliss for the House. Society adjourned to meet again in April.

### ☐ APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1850

Society met on Wednesday, April 3; present Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Morris. Bills arranged as usual.

Application from Charlotte Kirkhoff for her brother referred to a committee of Mrs. Morris and Mrs. McNeil with power to act. Mrs. T B Toulmin presented a report as Visitor of the school satisfactory as requested the efforts of the teacher. Appointed Visitor for the next month. Matron withdrew her resignation for the present. Mrs. Battle appointed Manager for next month. Mrs. Tuthill to be Visitor for the general condition of things. Society adjourned to meet again 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May at the Government St church.

### ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1850

The semi-annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the basement of the Government St Church; present Mrs. McBride, Alderson, McNeil, Tuthill, Battle, Perrine, Barnes, Harwood, Toulmin, Morris, Barney, Lorey, Peabody. Usual business of receiving and paying bills. Mrs. Peabody appointed Manager, Mrs. Battle, Visitor of the house, Mrs. Toulmin appointed permanent Visitor of the school.

A proposition was received from Mrs. Alderson and Spears to take Charles Golden, the ladies to pay one-half of his board and supply him with clothes for the first year. A letter of agreement to be sent in at the next meeting. Application from Mrs. Soneweber for Mary Jane Whitney received. Meeting adjourned. (copy Mrs. McNeil)

\$15.00 subscription paid in.

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## ☐ JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1850

Board met at Asylum as usual; present Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lorey, Mrs. Harwood. Usual business enacted. Mrs. Toulmin reported favorably of the program of the school, an evident improvement. The Visitor of the house not present. Mrs. Barney appointed Manager for supplies. Mrs. Morris Visitor. A donation of \$10.00 from "a friend" handed in by Mrs. McBride. Meeting adjourned.

## ☐ JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1850

Board met as usual, present Mrs. McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Tuthill. \$11.00 subscriptions paid in, bills exclusive of Mrs. Barney's accounts presented and arranged. Mrs. Barney not being present, business deferred.

Application from Mrs. Thurwell for her brother, Jackson Palmer, granted. Eliza Rush returned. An application of Mrs. Robinson to be inquired into by Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Perrine. Two children, Thomas & Elizabeth Frank admitted for a short time to enable the father to accumulate funds sufficient to carry them to another home. Joseph Hoover received for the time being; his claims to protection to be examined. Miss Chamberlain appointed Manager in place of Mrs. Harwood who will be absent for some time. Society adjourned to meet in August.

## ☐ AUGUST, 1850

Society met as usual, First Directress and Secretary absent. No minutes appear to have been kept. Usual business appertaining to the expenses of the house transacted. Nothing of importance presented to the Board. A suggestion made of the propriety of inquiring into the situation of Hannah Rush, as reports had been heard by some ladies of an unfavorable nature. Mrs. Stickney appointed to make inquiry.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1850

Society met as usual; First Directress absent through illness. Other officers and several Managers present. Mrs. Alderson in the chair. Business of the month transacted. Mrs. Sydney Smith's and Mrs. Levain's subscriptions paid in. Mrs. Stickney reported favorably of the condition of Hannah Rush. Mrs. Lorey appointed Manager. Applications made in behalf of some children. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Perrine appointed to inquire. Mrs. Chamberlain Visitor for the school. Society adjourned.

## ☐ OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1850

A full attendance of the Society; all the officers present. Usual business transacted, bills examined and settled. Miss Chamberlain appointed permanent Visitor to the school until Mrs. J B Toulmin returns. Mrs. Perrine Manager, Mrs. McBride Visitor. \$37 subscriptions and donations paid in.

Two children named Delavin (Delwin?) & Monier received. Application for 3 children of Mrs. Robertson by their half-sister, Mrs. Garton. Referred to a committee of Mrs. Perrine and Mrs. McCoy to make inquiry. Secretary instructed to write to Mr. Scattergood about the sister (done). Society adjourned.

## ☐ NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1850

Board met at the Asylum, only five Managers present; Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. McNeill. Bills received. Mrs. McNeill appointed Manager for the month and also Visitor of the house.

Permission to be given to Mrs. Gaston, the step-sister of the children of Mrs. Robinson, to take them out in December. Eliza Monier received.

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The annual meeting to be held the first Monday in December in the Government St Presbyterian Church. The Secretary is requested to send notices to each of the churches the preceding Sunday. Subscriptions paid, \$6.00. Meeting adjourned.

## ☐ DECEMBER, 1850

The Annual meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December was held at the Government St Church, according to notice. Present, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Campbell, with several Managers and members of the Society at large. The usual business of the month was arranged. Statement of funds presented by the Treasurer, report of the Secretary read and accepted and ordered to be published in the papers of the city a few days before Christmas.

Society then proceeded to the election of Officers and Managers for the coming year.

First Directions, Mrs Morris, Presbyterian; Second Directress, Mrs. McBride, Methodist; Treasurer, Mrs. McNeil, Episcopal; Secretary, Mrs. Bliss, Baptist.

Managers: Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Malcolmson, Mrs. Tuthill, Episcopal; Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Chandler, Presbyterian; Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Larey, Baptist; Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. J B Toulmin, Unitarian; Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Perrine, Methodist.

The new 1<sup>st</sup> Directress then assumed the chair. A vote of thanks was then unanimously voted to Mrs. McBride for the able and efficient manner in which she had discharged the duties of the office.

Miss Walch was re-elected to the situation of Matron and Miss Plum to that of teacher. Mrs. Campbell consented to perform the duty of Secretary until the return of Mrs. Bliss at the time expected. Mrs. Battle was appointed Manager for supplies and Mrs. Peabody Visitor for the house and also for the school until the return of Mrs. John B Toulmin. Society adjourned.

## ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of January, the Board met at the Asylum; absent Mrs. McBride, Second Directress, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. J B Toulmin, Managers. Mrs. Morris presiding.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read and approved. It was proposed to have the settlement of the Matron's wages for Dec recorded, \$25 having been paid; also that of the Teacher, \$25. Mrs. P reported favourably as Visitor of the school during the month of December. Mrs. Peabody also reported favourable as Visitor of the House. Mrs. Ghaston had removed the three children of her step-sister, Mrs. Robinson; Temperance, Timothy, and Susan Robinson.

Mrs. Harwood was requested by the Board to superintend the setting out of the hedge in front yard, Mrs. Perrine was requested to superintend the painting of the dining room floor & sundry small jobs. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed manager of supplies for the month of January 1851. Mrs. H. Griffin Visitor of the house and Mrs. J Malcomson, Visitor of the school during the month of January 1851.

The Board adjourned to meet again 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February. *Lydia M Bliss Sec.*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

Board of Managers of Protestant O Asylum met at the Asylum on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1851. Present, Mrs. Morris in the chair, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer pro tem, Mrs. Harwood, Alderson, Battle, Peabody, Ketchum,, Toulmin and Bliss. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Malcomson being absent, no report of the school was received for the month of January. Mrs. Griffin being absent sent in a favourable report as Visitor of the house during the month of January.

Mr. Trask removed his son Lonny during the month of January 1851. Mr. Joseph Rowell made application for the boy William Garrold. A committee was appointed to wait upon the Mr. Rowell and inform him that it would be necessary for him

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to give a written statement of his intended disposal of Wm Garrold before the consent of the Board of Managers could be obtained in giving up the same.

Three children of Mr. Guy were received during the month of December 1850 for so specified time the mother being intemperate in habit and sadly wasted her life at the time despaired of.

The meeting adjourned until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March, Mrs. Harwood provider of supplies for the month. Visitor of house, Peabody, Visitor of school, Mrs. John B Toulmin. *Lydia M Bliss, Sec.*

### ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

The Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum met the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McBride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. McNeil, Treasurer. Managers present Mrs. Harwood, Toulmin, Perrine, Alderson, Tuthill, McCoy, Charles, Carswal, McCollough, Griffin and Malcomson. Mrs. Bliss Secretary. Absent Managers, Mrs. Peabody, Battle and Sorey. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, then proceeded to business.

Mrs. McBride presented a written request from Mr. Clark wishing to have his two children presented for baptism at the Methodist Church, ordinance administered by Dr. Jefferson Hamilton; children Johnston Tolly, and Janet Cowan Clark. Mrs. McBride made a request in behalf of Sally Jackson to return to the Asylum and engage in service as nurse. It was voted that Mrs. Perrine and McBride call upon Mrs. Plum & Mitchell and ascertain the situation of Sally before granting her request.

Mrs. Julia A Strong's application for Betty Jackson was granted, her proposals being satisfactory to the Board. Mrs. Harwood was appointed to call upon Mrs. Strong and inform her that the Board accepted the same.

Mrs. McCollough and Mrs. Griffin were appointed to call upon Mrs. Hickman and ascertain her circumstances and wishes relative to the two children placed in the Asylum by herself John & Augustus, January 13, 1851. Mrs. McCoy appointed provider during the month, Mrs. Alderson Visitor of the house, Mrs. Toulmin of the school, reporting favourable of the improvement in time past. Adjourned. *Lydia M Bliss*

### ☐ APRIL, 1851

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, owing to the inclemency of the weather, was not fully attended on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April last. Present 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Morris, presiding, Mrs. McCoy acting Secretary and Treasurer in the absence of Mrs. McNeil, Treas., and absence of Mrs. Bliss, Sec. A postponement was not of general business until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May.

Three children, Mary Jane, George and James Barnes were received as inmates of the institution. Application was presented from Mrs. Turner for the girl Mary Doogan, laid on the table. Mrs. Barker's request for a girl could not be granted. Mrs. McCoy was requested to attend to the necessary articles for binding Wm Garrold to Mr. Joseph Rowell. Mrs. Peabody informed the Board that an illegitimate child of Col Walton was an inmate of the Asylum. Mrs. Peabody was requested to make further inquiries respecting the same and report at the next meeting.

Miss Walch offered her resignation as Matron of the Asylum, wishing to leave on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Laid on the table, to be considered at the next meeting.

The Secretary was requested to give notice through the several churches of the semi-annual meeting to be held at the St. Francis St. Methodist Church the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May of the month, 1851. Adjourned, *Lydia M Bliss, Sec.*

### ☐ MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

Owing to the inclemency of Sunday previous to the Semi-annual meeting, the notice of said meeting could not be made through the churches. Consequently the Board of Managers were disappointed in assembling in the St. Francis St Methodist Church. Through the instrumentality of Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Levine kindly gave the Board the use of her parlour.

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The regular business was presented, previous monthly minutes read and approved. Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress was present, presiding, Mrs. McBride 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress. Mrs. McNeil, Treasurer, Mrs. Bliss, Sec., Mrs. Battle, Alderson, Toulmin, Perrine, Harwood, Larey and Malcomson, Managers present.

Mrs. Peabody's being absent, Mrs. McBride reported that the child George Walton was an inmate of the Asylum and received by the name of George W Delivan, it was unanimously agreed that he remain an inmate until some suitable arrangements could be made for him.

Mrs. Turner's application for Mary Doogan was unanimously granted, Mrs. McBride and Battle were requested to call upon Mrs. Turner and inform her of the same and make the necessary arrangements for binding Mary.

Mrs. Barker's request could not be granted, as Mary Doogan was previously sought for and as other girls suited her application. Mrs. Guy had removed her three children during the month of April, Margaret, William and Tommy. Mrs. Arnsworth removed her two, Sarah and Peter Arnsworth. Mrs. Dyas had taken her child Alice. An application was made by Mrs. Phillips through Mrs. Lorey, to admit an orphan child in to the Asylum. Its was granted; the child's name (*blank*).

The Teacher, Miss Plum, presented a petition to have the benches in the school soon repaired with backs for the comfort of the younger children. It was granted and Mrs. Toulmin and Alderson requested to superintend the same.

Caroline Lee made application through Mrs. McBride for wages past due for services as nurse for six months, six dollars per month. It was approved that she receive the same.

Miss Plum offered her resignation as Teacher, also Miss Walch as Matron. Both were received and Secretary instructed to advertise for suitable persons to fill said vacancies.

Mrs. Peabody sent in a favourable report as Visitor of the house during the month of April.

Mrs. Toulmin could not report as favourably as formerly respecting the school, attributable to the absence of servants and confinement of the older girls in the domestic department. Mrs. Plum was requested through the committee to remove the school back to the accustomed rooms.

Mrs. Perrine was appointed Manager of supplies for May. Mrs. Malcomson Visitor of the House and Mrs. Toulmin of the school.

Mrs. Wanroy kindly offered through Mrs. McNeil to give the children a May party; her proposal was kindly and unanimously received with many thanks and on petition that the children may have a happy time. It is with sorrow that we record the absence of several of the present Board and the non-appearance of one new voice to encourage us in our responsible duties. We fondly hope the annual meeting of 1852 will offer more encouragement. If not, may the faithful few be faithful found.

Adjourned to meet at the Asylum June 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 4 o'clock PM. Lydia M. Bliss

May 6<sup>th</sup> an important paper containing the deed of the lot upon which the Institution stands was committed to the secretary and by her placed in a private drawer of the safe of Fry Bliss & Co. Sec., LMB

Several children were admitted into the Asylum during the month of May, their names, Henry Thompson & Charles Thompson, brothers, William and James McMullen, Rebecca Goldstein, Samuel Demerand, Milton Cross.

### ☐ JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1851

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, the Board of Managers met at the Asylum, present Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Malcomson, Treasurer pro tem, Mrs. Bliss, Sec., managers Mrs. Alderson, Peabody, Harwood and Ketchum.

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The minutes of the semi-annual meeting read and offered.

Mrs. Isabelle Young's application for Teacher's situation was unanimously read and she requested to undertake the duties on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1851. Mrs. Clark's application received and she duly notified of the same.

Mr. & Mrs. Tyler's application for a girl could not be granted. Mary Doogan having been returned to the Institution by Mr. Turner in consequence of her unmanageable conduct, it was unanimously desired by the Board that a committee be appointed to entreat for her a more suitable home, her conduct considered deleterious as an inmate of the Asylum. Mrs. McBride and Battle were requested to make arrangements if possible to have her apprenticed at the Dog River Factory. Also, the two boys, 13 and 14 years of age, Joseph Clinton and Jacob Knapp.

No acceptable application for Matron having been presented to the Board, Miss Walch was conferred with and persuaded to continue the responsible office until her place could be desirably filled. The ladies urged to an active lookout for a suitable supply.

Mrs. Harwood was appointed Manager of Supplies, Mrs. Peabody Malcomson, Visitors of the house during the summer, being near residents and no excuse.

Adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday. *Lydia M. Bliss, Secy*

### ☐ JULY, 1851

Met at the Asylum 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in July. Present, Mrs. Morris in the Chair, Mrs. Malcomson, Treas., Mrs. Bliss, Secretary. Managers, Mrs. Harwood, Larey, McCullough, Griffin, Ketchum, Peabody, Perrine, McCoy, Caswell and Alderson. Minutes of June meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Cunningham committed to the care of the Board the books and papers belonging to the father of William Halloway.

The office of Matron discussed, it was approved and the secretary instructed to write Mrs. Whidden of New Orleans to send her a copy of the Constitution.

Four children had been admitted during the month of June and in complaining health; Eliza Wainwright, Jane, William and Mary Gibson.

Joe Clinton, a rude and unmanageable boy, broke his leg which was duly and carefully attended to by Dr. Miller. He was doing well on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

Mrs. Young had entered upon the duties of Teacher. Miss Plum as voted thanks for her faithfulness as Teacher during the time she served. Miss Walch consented to remain another 10 days. Mrs. Alderson appointed Manager of Supplies for the month. Adjourned. *Lydia M. Bliss, Sec.*

### ☐ AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

The Board of Managers met at the Asylum on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 o'clock. Present, Mrs. Morris in the chair, Mrs. McBride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Malcomson, Treasurer; Managers, Mrs. Perrine, Loser, Griffith, McCullough, Alderson and Tuthill, Mrs. McCoy Sec pro tem in absence of Mrs. Bliss from the city.

Mrs. Johnson was unanimously chosen as Matron until the Annual meeting 1<sup>st</sup> of November, Mrs. Walch having left the Institution without a supply on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

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Mary Gibson died of disease contracted before entering. Mr. G, fearing the loss of another of his children, removed the remaining two. Mrs. Hickman removed her two children, John & Augustus. Mrs. Bolton removed her daughter Lucinda and Mrs. Walch requested to adopt Julia Metcliff, having obtained the consent of the father. The Board granted her request.

Mrs. Malcomson was requested to telegraph and also write Mrs. L A Whidden of New Orleans, the lady a long time corresponded with, in hopes of obtaining her services as Matron. It became necessary to abandon the object as she was not at liberty to leave New Orleans at the time. Specified. Mrs. Johnson then received full power to act as Matron. Betsy Jackson was returned by Mrs. Strong. Two persons, mother & daughter, were employed from Mrs. George Cullum to fill the vacancy of cook, washer & ironer. The Board were requested to obtain the services of a suitable protestant for child's nurse.

Mrs. Griffin appointed Manager of Supplies, Mrs. Peabody visitor. Adjourned.

### ☐ SEPT 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1851

The Board of managers met at the Asylum Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 o'clock, present Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Malcomson, Treasurer, Mrs. Bliss, Sec; managers Mrs. Alderson, Perrine, McCoy Peabody, McCullough, Ketchum, Larey.

Mrs. Campbell had entered as nurse on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, finding the office too arduous, consented to remain only until her place could be filled by another person.

Ellen Franklin was received in August from Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. F, stepmother of Ellen made application for the same. Mrs. Morris and Perrine appointed to make inquiries concerning the propriety of granting the request of Mrs. F and decide the same.

Mr. Carpenter's 5 children removed and eight boys reported to have run away, thus absent from the Institution. Henry Holliman left in July in company with Mr. Carpenter's boys, the latter returned, the former not yet heard from.

John Clark left on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, Joseph Jones left on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, Elisha Palmer & William Rush on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, George Pain taking his young brother Richard, 31<sup>st</sup>, Jacob Knapp left on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Board expressed great regret at the uncalled for departure of these boys, fearing that they have been made unhappy by the visits and stories from a boy lately returned from sea and formerly an inmate of the Institution. The Board were unanimously urged to great vigilance in inquiring their present condition and employ proper means to have them returned to the Institution.

Reports were favourable of the health and condition of the Institution during the month of August. Mrs. McCullough appointed Provider during Sept, Mrs. Alderson Visitor. Adjourned to meet Oct 7 at 5 o'clock. *Lydia M. Bliss, Sec.*

### ☐ OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1851

The Board of Managers met punctually at the Asylum October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1851 at 4 o'clock. Present, Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McBride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Malcomson, Treas pro tem, Mrs. Bliss, Sec. Managers, Mrs. Alderson, Ketchum, Harwood, McCullough, Perrine, Peabody, McCoy and Griffin.

Mrs. Perrine and Morris reported on the visits of inquiries relative to parting with Ellen Franklin; had learned that Ellen was given to Mrs. Phillips by her father previous to his last marriage with a request that Mrs. P would place her in the Protestant Orphan Asylum when she should part with her. Mrs. Franklin was in no way related to Ellen although 6 weeks married to Ellen's step-father, and also that Mrs. F wished Ellen to occupy the position of child's nurse to her daughter's child. The Board unanimously agreed to retain Ellen Franklin in the Institution and regard her an entire orphan under their especial care.

Six of the seven absent boys had been returned. John Clark was found with his father who refused to give him up. Mrs. Pain had removed her two boys, Richard and George. Mrs. Alderson reported favourably of the present condition of the

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Institution, also of the exemplary conduct and industry of several of the larger girls and presented a petition that said girls should receive a nice, new dress, each as reward for their improvement and future encouragement. Unanimously granted.

Mrs. Alderson also reported that means had been taken, and it would very soon be arranged for the removal of several of the larger boys to the Dog River Factory, also requested that a bureau be purchased for the convenience of the Matron. Granted.

Mrs. Malcomson reported favourably of the school also of the low state of the finances. The secretary was requested to draw off a list of subscribers that they may be applied to for the last year's subscription.

Mrs. Harwood appointed provider for the month. Adjourned to meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November 4 o'clock PM

### ☐ NOVEMBER, 1851

Board of Managers met according to appointment 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November; present, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Morris & McBride, Mrs. Malcomson, Treasurer. Absent, Sec. Managers present, Mrs. Harwood, Griffin, Larey, McCullough, Ketchum and Alderson.

Several subscriptions were paid in, due for membership of the present year.

An application was made by Catherin Maher to enter her child, 19 months old. Objection ruled. It was afterwards thought advisable by the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress and two of the Board and the child was received.

Adjourned to meet at one of the churches, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Dec to hold the Annual meeting and elect officers for the ensuing year. *L. M. Bliss, Sec.*

### ☐ DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1851

The Annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held agreeable to public notice at the St. Francis Street Methodist church on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 1851. Present, all the Officers and Managers and a large number of ladies interested. Mrs. Morris presiding, the monthly business was disposed of in due form, subscriptions due from the present year, 1851, were paid in to the amount of \$2050, one donation also received from Mrs. Dodson, \$85. Subscriptions were also paid in for 1852 to the amount of \$1200.

The public meeting was then opened, the report of the Secretary read by Mrs. Malcomson and accepted. The Treasurer was not prepared to give in her report, simply stated the amount of money in the Treasury.

The election of Officers was then entered upon. The Unitarian Church declining to fill the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, that office was in turn supplied by the Baptist Church and the following ladies were chosen:

Mrs. L. M. Bliss, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Baptist Church; Mrs. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Presbyterian Church; Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Methodist Church.

For Managers: From the Episcopal Church, Mrs. George Tuthill, Mrs. Malcomson, Mrs. Alderson; From the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Ketchum, and Mrs. Chandler; From the Methodist Church, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Battle; From the Baptist church, Mrs. Griffin, McCullough and Larey; From the Unitarian Church, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Campbell.

The Board of Managers being organized, a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Morris for her active and kind service rendered during the past year. Mrs. Bliss took the chair and Mrs. McNeil assumed her duties as Secretary.

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### ☐ JANUARY 1852

The Board met at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Sorey, McBride, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. McNeill. Bills received and paid. Donald of \$50.00 received from Striker's Cub.

An application from Mrs. Albaugh for Eliza Rush was read and rejected. Mrs. Bliss was appointed to wait on Mrs. Albaugh.

Mrs. McBride, Provider for the month; Mrs. Sorey, Visitor of the house and Mrs. Malcomson, Visitor of the school. Adjourned. *E J McNeill, Sect.*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1852

An adjourned meeting was held at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Sorey, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McNeill. Bills received and the usual business attended to.

Mrs. Bliss stated Betsy Jackson wishes to leave the Asylum in order that she might obtain a situation. Resolved that her brother be written to in regard to the matter that he might either procure a suitable one for her or the Board would do so. Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Perrine appointed the committee to attend to it and also make some inquiries respecting Sally Jackson.

Resolved that the Board refuse to let Mrs. Franklin have the child, Ellen, as her father requested she might be placed in the Asylum.

Seven children admitted during the last month; son of Mrs. Crawley, three children of Mrs. Young's and three of Mrs. Black.

Mrs. Harwood requested to see Mrs. Black before her children could be received by the Board permanently.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. George Martin for a Mangle (*machine for pressing fabric*) presented by him to the Asylum.

Letters written by some of the boys in the school were read and commended by the ladies.

Mrs. Sorey and Mrs. McNeill appointed to see Mr. Belknap and have some definite arrangement made in respect to the boys.

Rules for the Matron, school and dining room read and approved and the same to be printed.

Mrs. Griffin, Provider for the month; Mrs. Battle, Visitor of the house; Mrs. Malcomson, Visitor of the school. Meeting adjourned. *E J McNeill, Sect POAS*

### ☐ MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1852

The Board met at the appointed time but owing to the rain and other causes, few were present.

Bills received and the usual business attended to. Since the last meeting four of the largest boys had been taken to the factory at Sutton; John Tyler, Joseph Jones, Jacob Knapp and Chas Summerfield. William Rush not yet been seen.

Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Harwood appointed to make further inquiries respecting Mrs. Blackwell.

Ladies subscriptions, \$23.50. Mrs. Malcomson, Visitor of the school; Mrs. Chandler, Visitor of the house; Mrs. McCullough, Provider for the month of March. *E J McNeill, Sect.*

### ☐ APRIL 1852

At a monthly meeting of the Board of Managers, the following ladies were present: Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Malcomson, Mrs. McNeill.

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Bills received and the usual money transactions attended to. Mrs. Chandler's report as Visitor of the house received and approved.

Application from Mrs. Brooks for Betsy Jackson. Resolved that Board permit Mrs. Brooks to take Betsy on trial for one month. Wages for the present, \$3.00.

A letter from the Mayor was read requesting admission for an orphan boy, Joseph Hergenberger, received and the child to be bound to the Institution.

Application from Mrs. Newman for the child, Mary Jones, proposing to adopt her.

Mrs. Malcomson was appointed to see Mrs. Newman and make further inquiries before deciding.

A letter received from Mr. Greene requesting to know if he could have a child named "Sarah Miller", taken from the Asylum by a friend and sent to him at Buffalo, N.Y. , the child being a niece of his wife. Unfinished and laid over to the next meeting.

Two children of Mrs. Ophly's received.

The semi-annual meeting to be held the first Monday of May at the Gov St Church. Mrs. Alderson, Provider for the month.  
*E J McNeill, Sect*

## ☐ MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1852

The Semi-annual meeting was held at the St. Francis St Methodist Church. Present, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Sorey, Mrs. McNeill. Usual money transactions attended to and Managers & Visitors appointed for the month.

Mrs. Malcomson's report of Mrs. Newman was favorably received. Resolved that the Board accept her proposal to adopt Mary Jones.

Resolved that the secretary will write to Mr. Greene that the child "Sarah Miller" is now under the care & protection of the Asylum, but will be given up to him if he will, by letter or any person sent by him, give the Board of Manager's satisfactory assurance that he will do for her as well as they would.

Mrs. Perrine to see Dr. Woodcock, relative to George Walton.

Mrs. Perrine, Provider for May; Mrs. Alderson, Visitor of the school; Mrs. Malcomson of the house.

\$6.00 ladies' subscriptions. *E McNeill, Sect.*

## ☐ JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1852

Monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Asylum. Owing to several of the members having left the city, there were but six present.

Bills received and paid.

Application from Mrs. Miller for Eliza Rush; after some discussion the Board decided she should go for a month on trial and if at the end of that time the child was satisfied to remain and Mrs. Miller willing to keep her, the terms on which she was to remain would then be decided upon.

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Much unpleasant feeling existing between the Matron and teacher and a succession of difficulties arising therefrom, it was thought best to dismiss the teacher. The secretary requested to inform her that her services would not be required after the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Mrs. McNeill appointed to purchase the winter clothes for the boys in order to have them made during the summer.

Mrs. Chandler, Provider; Mrs. Harwood, Visitor of the house. *E McNeill Sect*

☐ **JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1852**

A postponed meeting was held on Wednesday; only four members in attendance owing to the absence of some & sickness of others.

Mrs. Chandler's accounts for the month received through Mrs. McNeill. The usual business of paying bills, appointing Managers and Visitor. Letter and certificate from Mr. Greene read. His niece, Sarah Miller, was taken from the Asylum to be placed in care of his friends.

Two children have died during the month, William McMullen and Jerry Crawley. Three received, James Mason, John Mason, and Thomas Mason. Betsy Jackson returned to the Asylum.

Resolved that Mrs. Miller be allowed to retain Eliza Ruth for the year, providing her clothes.

Application received from Miss Plurch for teacher for the summer rejected; another from Miss Sarah Rogers without any specified time. Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Harwood appointed a committee to wait on Miss Rogers before receiving her application.

Mrs. Harwood, Manager, Mrs. Alderson Visitor for July. The Sec'y will be absent during the next two months.

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The Secretary being absent for four months and the Sec'y pro tem having been sick, the most of that time, no regular minutes have been kept.

☐ **DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1852**

The Annual Meeting of the POA Society met in the Government St. Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>; Present Mrs. Bliss, McNeill, McCoy, Perrine, Harwood, McCullough, Miller, Campbell, Alderson, Tuthill and four subscribers. The business of last year being settled, the following named ladies were elected:

Mrs. McNeill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Bliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. T J McCoy, Sec'y, Mrs. Chandler, Treasurer.

Managers from Episcopal Church elected: Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. C Mitchel, Malcomson

Baptist Church: Mrs. Miller, McCullough, and Mrs. Griffin

Presbyterian: Mrs. Harwood, Ledyard, Morris

Unitarian: Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cazzani, Sampson

Methodist: Mrs. McBride, Perrine and Mrs. D.W. Goodman

Matron & Teacher re-elected; 52 children in the Asylum. Mrs. Perrine, Manager; Order - \$75. Mrs. Miller, Visitor for the House, Mrs. Malcomson, Visitor for the School.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the Asylum January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock. *Jane McCoy*

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## ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

The Board met according to appointment; present, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Bliss, Chandler, McCoy, Morris, Harwood, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Campbell, McCullough, Mrs. Gazzani and Perrine.

Mrs. Chandler received the book of the Treasurer; also the funds on hand \$133; also 36 ladies subscriptions. The Minutes read and accts settled.

Four children received; two twin boys named William & Henry O'Neal, and Harriett and Elizabeth Conway.

Mrs. Harwood and Alderson were appointed a Committee to ascertain the amount of repair the building required and get it done.

Mrs. Campbell appointed Provider; order \$200. \$6 returned from last month she also rec'd. Mrs. Gazzani & Morris, House Visitors.

Meeting adjourned to meet at usual. *J McCoy*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1853

The Board of Managers met at the Asylum at 11 AM. Present, Mrs. McNeill, Bliss, McCullough, Goodman, Ledyard, Alderson, Gazzani, Campbell, Chandler and McCoy. Bills settled.

Visitor's report favourable. Mrs. Rogers adopted Charlotte Bonhigan. Two children admitted named Harriett and Elizabeth Conway, also three brothers. Since the meeting named Henry Conway retained in the Asylum under wages of 4 dollars per month.

Mrs. Ledyard was appointed Visitor, Mrs. Morris Manager. Meeting adjourned. *J McCoy*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

A called meeting of the Board met at Mrs. McNeill's at which time a communication from Mr. A.H. Byland was read and discussed requesting the ladies to permit him and wife to adopt the twin boys named William and Henry Anst as their own, which received a unanimous vote. There were present Mrs. McNeill, Perrine, Morris, Harwood, McCullough, Bliss and McCoy. *Jane McCoy*

## ☐ MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1853

The Board met at the Asylum according to appointment; present, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Bliss, Harwood, Alderson, Perrine, Morris, Mrs. Chandler, Miller, Mrs. McCullough, McCoy, Mrs. Harwood.

Provider order \$150; also \$11. Mrs. Perrine, Visitor.

John Christo taken out by Mr. M.C. Miller to learn the drug business. Mary Griffin received, being destitute. Received until another home be provided.

## ☐ APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

The Board met at the Asylum; present, Mrs. McNeill, Bliss, Goodman, Harwood, McCullough, Alderson, McCoy.

Accts of Mrs. Harwood reexamined and found correct. Usual business transacted, reports favourable.

Mrs. Goodman appointed Provider. Next meeting being the Semi-Annual is to be held at the St. Francis St. Church. *Jane McCoy, Secretary*

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## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1853

The Semi-Annual meeting of the PO Asylum was held as notified; present, Mrs. McNeill, Bliss, Chandler, McCoy, Alderson McCullough and Morris. Accts settled and three dollars paid in from Mrs. Maseroy.

Mrs. McNeill was requested to attend to Mrs. McBreder's request respecting the house of the Burget Estate.

No other business being brought before the meeting, Mrs. McCoy was appointed Manager, amount of order \$150. Mrs. McCullough Visitor. Meeting adjourned. *J McCoy*

## ☐ JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Asylum at 5 PM. Present, Mrs. McNeill, Harwood, Alderson and McCoy. Bills settled. Mrs. Harwood appointed Manager Provider for the month. Amount of order \$100. *J McCoy*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1853

The Board met at the Asylum; present, Mrs. McNeill, Morris, Harwood, Bliss, Perrine and McCoy. Accounts settled and found correct.

Mrs. Bliss and McNeill committee to furnish grates and other necessary articles for the Asylum; amount of money \$533.33. Returned by them and handed over to Mrs. Perrine to find provisions for Nov. \$6.

Mrs. Johnson sent in her resignation as Matron in the Asylum in consequence of her intention to move to California. Mrs. McNeill and Perrine were requested to procure another Matron.

Three children admitted.

Next meeting being the Annual one, appointed the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Dec to be held at the Presbyterian Church. *Jane McCoy, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

the Annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held as appointed in the Presbyterian Church. Present, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress and Secretary. Treasurer absent Mrs. McCoy performed her duties. There was a good attendance of the members.

Subscriptions paid in amounting to \$48.

The following named ladies were elected to serve offices of managers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J McCoy, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. McNeill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Miss Williams, Secretary, Mrs. Manton, Treasurer.

Managers:

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Malcomson, Mrs. Birch.

Baptist Church: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. McCollum, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Childers, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Perrine.

Forty-two children in the Asylum.

Mrs. McWilliams taken on trial as Matron, 6 months.

Application having been made by Mrs. Williams for the little Spanish boy named Leontine. Mrs. McNeill appointed to see her. Mrs. Perrine, Provider for present month.

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## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1854

Monthly meeting of the Board of Managers held as usual at the Asylum; present, Mrs. McCoy, McNeill, McCullough, Perrine, Morris, Goodman.

Childrens Committee: Mrs. Malcomson, Miss Williams, Mrs. Bliss, Manton. Accounts examined and found correct. Subscriptions handed in amounting to six dollars.

Fifty dollars presented by the Strikers Club and fifty dollars from the (*unreadable*) Club. There has been one death during the past month and one child received named Joseph Smith. Mrs. McNeill's report of Mrs. Wilson favorably received. Resolved to accept her proposal to adopt Leontine. Resolved by the Board to receive Mrs. Mims's babe for the present until other arrangements can be made by her.

Mrs. McNeill appointed to see the Matron respecting her adopted child, complaints having been made of her being rude and troublesome to the children. Mrs. Goodman and Children's Committee appointed Visitors for this month and Mrs. McCullough, Provider. *E. Manton, Sec.*

## ☐ FEBRUARY, 1854

The weather being inclement, only a few of the ladies were present.

An application was read from Mr. Robert Watson of Cahaba, desiring to adopt William Livingston. He referred the ladies to Mr. Winsmore. Two of the ladies visited Mr. W and were assured it would be a suitable and pleasant home for the child.

Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Harwood appointed to find what would be the cost of a washer. Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Morris, Providers for the month. *E Manton, Sec.*

## ☐ MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

Present at the meeting, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. McNeill acting secretary.

Bills received and the usual business attended to. Mrs. McCoy appointed to have the fence put around the lot in the graveyard. Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. McNeill to attend to the erection and repairs of outbuildings and furnishing children summer clothing.

Children received the past month were Nicholas & Catherine Seibert, Mary and John Peterson and Ann O'Brien. Twenty-five dollars received for the benefit of Ann O'Brien, being the proceeds of articles sold belonging to her mother. Resolved it be placed in the savings bank until she is of an age to require it.

Mrs. Miler and Mrs. McCullough, Visitors. *E Manton, Sec.*

## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

Present at the monthly meeting of Managers, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Williams.

The usual month transactions were attended to. Two children were received during the past month, Robert McClintock and Emma Holt and one taken out, George Watson, he having been adopted by Mrs. Quigley.

No very important business before the Board. They adjourned at an early hour. *E. Manton, Secretary*

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### ☐ MAY, 1854

The semi-annual meeting was held at the St. Francis Street Methodist Church. Present, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Morris, Miss Williams, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Childers, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Sorey and Mrs. Harwood.

Bills received and paid. Application read from Rev. Mr. Massey requesting that two children should be received into the Asylum. After some discussion it was thought best to receive only the youngest, the other being thought old enough to be bound out. Two others received.

Mrs. Malcomson having left for the summer, Mrs. Hughes was appointed to take her place as Visitor to the school. Mrs. Morris, Provider. *E Manton, Sec.*

### ☐ JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

Present at the monthly meeting: Mrs. McCoy, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McNeill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. Childress.

The treasurer of the Society, Miss Williams, having resigned, Mrs. McCoy was elected for the remainder of the year, Mrs. Morris taking Mrs. McCoy's place of 1<sup>st</sup> Directress.

Mrs. Bolling having succeeded in getting judgment on the house belonging to the Burkitt estate and left by him to the Asylum, resolved that Mr. Bolling and Mrs. McCoy be authorized to sell the house.

Ten lottery tickets presented to the Society by Mr. Swan of Montgomery. The secretary requested to acknowledge the same.

Donation of \$24.50 from Miller & Batre. Caroline & Alabama Meader and John Megan received. Mrs. Harwood, Provider. *E McNeill, Sec pro tem*

### ☐ JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

Present at the Board of Managers, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Harwood.

There have been ten cases of scarlet fever in the Asylum during the past month and one death from it, Caroline Meter. One death, Emma Boyd. Emma Holt taken out by her uncle, Mr. Nelson. Received Mary Virginia Watts, Maria Genobia Watts, Louisa Mahaly Watts and Alice Brown Watts.

Mrs. McNeill appointed to purchase the children's winter clothing. Mrs. Harwood, Provider. *E. Manton, Secretary*

### ☐ AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

Present, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Perrine, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Harwood.

Bills received and paid and the usual business transacted. There was but little other matters of interest brought before the Board. The house had been painted inside and out and several repairs made on the premises, which were necessary to be done.

Mrs. Harwood appointed Provider. *Mrs. McNeill, Sec pro tem*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

The secretary being absent and but few members in attendance, no minutes were taken.

### ☐ OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1854

Present, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Hughes.

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Bills received and the usual business transacted. **During the past month a fire took place at the Asylum caused by one of the little boys throwing hot ashes on some dry materials under the cow shed, that together with the wood house and privies were consumed.** No insurance, estimated over three hundred dollars.

The office in which the building was insured having failed, it is now insured in the Merchants & Fireman's Offices.

The Board being informed by Mr. Mayo that a Gentleman and lady living north were anxious to come south and willing to take the charge of the Asylum, letters were written to them stating the terms & what was required of them.

Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. McNeill appointed to attend to the rebuilding of the outhouses. Mrs. McNeill, Provider. *E McNeill, Sec pro tem*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1853

Present, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill.

Not having sufficient in the treasury to pay the bills, they were laid over until some arrangement could be made to meet them.

Application from Mr. Mareschal for Ellen Franklin. The Managers declined its reception on account of the child being too small to leave the Institution.

Mrs. McWilliams wishing to go for her child was dismissed. Miss Rogers taking her place as Matron until the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Pyke from whom a letter had been received accepting the appointment of Matron & Teacher.

The secretary requested to give notice to the several churches of the Annual meeting of the Society to be held in the basement of the Government Street church on Tuesday, December the 5<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. McNeill, Manager for the month. *E. McNeill, Sec pro tem*

## ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1854

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held on Tuesday, Dec 5, 1854. The meeting was small. The usual business of receiving and paying bills of the past year being over, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place at which time a proposition was made to elect the Treasurer & Secretary for an indefinite term, but subject to a re-election every year. After much discussion it was adopted.

Mr. & Mrs. Pyke elected Teacher & Matron for a year.

Resolved that it be made an established rule that no visitors be admitted on the Sabbath.

The following ladies were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Bliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary.

Managers: Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Ketchum; Baptist Church, Mrs. Elgin, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Barnes; Methodist Church, Mrs. Perrine Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Goodman; Episcopal Church, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Crothers, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Harwood. Provider; Mrs. Crothers, Visitor. *E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1855

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary, Mrs. Crothers, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Elgin, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Perrine.

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The usual business attended to of receiving and paying bills.

Ladies subscriptions for 1855, \$15.50. Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Perrine Providers for the month. Mrs. Miller, Visitor of the house.

Dr. Miller having withdrawn his services, Mrs. McCoy was requested to write him a letter expressive of the warmest thanks of the board for his long continued and unremitting attention to the Asylum.

Dr. Mandeville having offered his services, they were thankfully accepted.

Augustus Gowde received in the Asylum. *E. McNeill, Secretary, P.O.A.S.*

From Strikers Club \$50.00, Donation, Campbell \$25.00 Total \$75.00

### ☐ FEBRUARY 1855

Monthly meeting met as usual at the Asylum, Mrs. Morris presiding. The meeting was well attended by the Managers.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Elgin, Visitors of the past month, reported the bed & bedsteads as unfit for the children to sleep on and also as needing more bed clothing.

Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Elder were appointed a committee to inquire the price of bedsteads and to get such bed clothes as was needed and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Perrine not having finished the purchases they were again appointed for the following month.

Six children received during the month. *E McNeil, Secretary*

### ☐ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers met at the Asylum. Bills received and paid. During the previous month a door had been between the rooms now used for a nursery. Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Elder reported having made arrangements to procure a sufficient number of bed sheets for the dormitories and also an effort to raise money to pay for them without drawing upon the Christmas Collections.

Much time was occupied in discussing various plans by which the comfort, cleanliness and health of the children might be improved, particularly in their fare.

An application from Mrs. Badgenstos for Emma Blackman was received, it being understood the child was not at present at the entire disposal of the board. She was requested to select another. Her next choice was Lucy Schelin, which met the approval of the board, Mrs. Badgenstos adopting the child as her own.

Mrs. Garwood, Provider; Mrs. Goodman & Mrs. Knapp, Visitors of the house. Mrs. Brothers, Visitor of the school.

Two children received during the month. Ladies subscriptions \$26.50; Donation from Mr. B. Tardy, \$2.50.  
*E. McNeill, Secretary*

### ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1855

Monthly meeting met at the Asylum.. Present, Mrs. Morris, First Directress, Mrs. Bliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Managers, Mrs. Tuthill,, Crothers, Barnes, Hughes, Miller, McNeill, Harwood.

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Report of the Visitor of the house received and approved. The Institution being reported as suffering for the want of water, both well and cistern nearly exhausted. A motion was again made to have the city water brought in. Mrs. Crothers & Mrs. Tuthill were appointed a committee to see Mr. Stein to make all necessary arrangements and report at the next meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Mitseke, uncle of Louisa (Lucy) Schelin, desiring to have under his protection. The child having been adopted, it was proposed to write to him to that effect before deciding. Mrs. Crothers & McNeill to call on Mrs. Badgenstos and acquaint her with the facts to request her to give up the child if required of her.

Manager for the month, Mrs. Barnes assisted by Mrs. Bliss, Provider. Mrs. Hughes, Visitor of the house.

Ladies subscriptions \$44.25. Adjourned to hold the semi-annual meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> of May at the Gov't St. Church.  
*E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1855

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held in the basement of the Gov't Street Church, but few attended. It was decided to accept the kind offer of the Executive Committee of the Railroad Company of Mr. Donovan to take the children on an excursion on the railroad to Mauvila. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. McNeill to make all necessary arrangements.

It being understood Mrs. Johnson was married, the Society deem it expedient she should remove her children from the Asylum as soon as practicable. Mrs. McNeill to advise her to that effect.

Mrs. Crothers reported having made all preliminary arrangements with Mr. Stein with regard to bringing water into the Asylum.. This contract is to bring the water in as soon as he can procure pipe for the same, and after the work is completed to send the bills to the Society for payment, thereby charging only for the actual labour. He also agreed to furnish water free of charge for one year.

Mrs. Elder Provider for the month. Mrs. Hughes Visitor of the house.  
*E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

Present at the meeting Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Crothers, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Norwood, Mrs. McNeill.

No business of much importance before the board. Bills paid. Treasurer to be absent for three months.  
Alfred Covington received.

Mrs. Tuthill Provider for July; Mrs. Hughes Visitor of the House. *E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ JULY 1855

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, no meeting was held in July.

## ☐ AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

Present at the monthly meeting, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. McNeill.

An application from Mr. A. Weir for Joseph Ashbury, wishing to adopt him. The Managers declined on account of his age. Secretary to give an answer to that effect.

No other business being before the Board, they adjourned. Mrs. Hughes Visitor Mrs. Harwood/Manager.  
*E. McNeill, Secretary*

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## ☐ SEPTEMBER 1855

No meeting owing to the absence from town of most of the Managers.

## ☐ OCTOBER 1855

The Secretary prevented from attending the meeting on account of sickness.

## ☐ NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

Monthly meeting held at the Asylum, only four Managers present. Bills received and paid.

Mrs. Elder appointed Provider and also to purchase bonnets for the girls.

It being understood the lady who had taken Virginia Watts from the Asylum wished to return her. Mrs. Elder was requested to attend to having her brought back.

Ladies subscriptions: \$3.00; From county commissioners, \$250; Donation from a friend: \$15; Donation from Mr. Morgan, \$13; Donation from Mr. Cassity, \$20.

The Annual Meeting to be held the first Tuesday in December at the Government Street church. Secretary to notify the several congregations to that effect.

Permission given to Mr. Pyke to adopt the orphan child of Donahue.

Meeting adjourned. *E.J. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

The Annual Meeting was held according to appointment. Present: Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary; five Managers and four members. The day being very unpleasant prevented a larger attendance.

Usual business of receiving and paying bills. Mrs. Harwood represented the case of a destitute family of children named LeFevre, four of whom she had taken to the Asylum. Resolved said children be retained if bound to the Institution.

Mrs. Harwood stated another case of four children, the mother said to be incapable of taking care of them, two had been received and Mrs. Harwood requested to attend to the others. Twelve children received during the month.

An application from Mrs. Dupier for a child named Jane Bryan. Laid over until the next month as there was not sufficient number to act.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Ladies subscriptions \$39.

*E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1855

An adjourned meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the Gov't St Church on Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1855. Quite a large number were in attendance. Treasurer & Secretary reports read and approved and a resolution passed to have them published in all the daily papers.

Mrs. Dupier's application for Jane Bryan declined for various reasons.

Mr. Pyke having requested the board to take into consideration the value of his own and his wife's services with a view to the increase of salaries. It was brought before the meeting. Resolved that one hundred dollars be added to each salary.

Mrs. McBride elected 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer; Mrs. McNeill, Secretary

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Mrs. Hughes approved Visitor of the school; Mrs. Elgin, Provider for the month. Ladies subscriptions: \$31.  
*E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1856

The board met January 3rd at the Asylum. Present Mrs. McBride, Withers, Hughes, Elgin & McCoy. Bills examined and unpaid ones handed over to Mrs. Hughes to pay when the Treasurer had funds.

Report of Mrs. McCoy respecting the boys who had gone from the Asylum and now returned. Mr. Pyke authorized to confirm the agreement with Mr. Donovan to supply the Asylum with wood for the year at five dollars a cord.

Subscriptions paid in: Mrs. Withers, \$3.00, Mrs. Wood, \$3.00; Mrs. Chester, \$3.00, Mrs. Hinson, \$3.00, Mrs. Hughes, \$3.00. Total \$15.00.

Mrs. Elgin reported respecting the blind child. She had received an answer from the Asylum in Georgia they would receive the child if the Ladies would defray the expenses of travelling and educate her for one hundred dollars per year. Mrs. Elder was appointed agent to have her sent as soon as she can be made ready. Several ladies subscribe \$5.00 per year for her support.

Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Elder, Visitors, Mrs. Hughes, Manager. *E. McNeill, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1856

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Present Mrs. McBride, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary. Eight managers. Minutes of the last meeting read; bills examined and paid.

Mrs. McBride reported the case of Henry Holloman who having left the Asylum and again returned had been applied for by Capt. Joseph Conway of the Ship Jas L Bogert of New York. Residence 117 Warren St, Brooklyn. Reference: Deshon & Myers. Mrs. McBride receive the application and gave a permit for his removal.

Resolved that Mr. Thompson's children not being considered objects for the Institution, they should only be permitted to remain until other arrangements could be made.

Mr. Pyke to sell the cow and purchase another. Ladies' subscriptions \$18.00. Mrs. Nott and Mrs. Dicky, Managers. Mrs. Hughes, Visitor. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1856

The monthly meeting was held at Asylum. Present Mrs. McBride, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McNeill. Bills received and an order given for their payment. Report of the Visitor received.

Mr. Pyke requested to see Mr. Donovan and have a more explicit understanding with reference to his furnishing the wood for the Asylum.

Application from Mr. Landry for a girl to be sent in the country. Declined.

Application from Mrs. Quigley for William Patterson to be taken by her to Illinois. Received, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress requested to notify her to that effect.

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A donation of 1 cord of wood from Mr. Cyrus Sibley.

Two children of Mrs. Stringfellow received. Mrs. Crothers and Mrs. Bliss Visitor & Manager. *E McNeill, Sec'y*

☐ **APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1856**

Present nine managers. Report of the Visitor of the house received and approved.

To children of Mrs. Lavelle and one Stokes received during the month. A permit given to Mrs. McNeill for Mr. Morgan to place three children in the Asylum, him paying twelve dollars per month. Mrs. Quigley adopted Josephine Carpenter.

Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Morris, Mors. McNeill, committee of arrangements for the May Party. Mrs. Elgin, Provider.  
*E McNeill, Sec'y*

☐ **MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1856**

Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the change of hour of meeting, but three Managers were present.

Two applications for children, both laid on the table, for further consideration.

Mrs. Young has received a permit to replace her children in the Asylum from the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress who, not knowing of her conduct on a previous occasion with regard to her children, requested Mr. Pike not to receive them until further orders were given.

Mrs. Nott, Provider for the Month. *E McNeill, Sec'y*

The Secretary requests leave of absence until November.

☐ **DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1856**

The annual meeting was held in basement of the Gov St Church. As usual the attendance was small. Reports of the Sec'y and Treasurer read and approved and ordered to be published in the City Paper, after which the election of Officers and Managers took place.

Mrs. McBride declined being re-elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, much to the regret of all present.

Mrs. Bliss, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McBride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary.

Baptist Church: Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Buggles; Presbyterian: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Harwood,; Methodist: Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Elder; Episcopal: Mrs. Dicky, Mrs. Nott, Mrs. Walker.

The new board then proceeded to the usual business. Mr. & Mrs. Pyke re-elected as Matron & Teacher.

Resolved that the Ladies subscriptions be appropriated to purchasing oil cloth.

Matting and other things needed for the comfort and cleanliness of the house. Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Dickey to make the purchases they deemed necessary.

Mrs. Hughes appointed regular Visitor of the school and requested to report monthly.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Battle Providers for the month. Ladies subscriptions \$36; Donation from Mr. Cassity, \$25.  
*E J McNeill, Sec'y*

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## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1857

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum.

## ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1857

Present at the meeting Mrs. Bliss, Hughes, Harwood, Anderson, McCoy, Elder, Ruggles, McNeill, Walker.

Application received from Mr. Murphree to adopt Leonard Thurman, the boy not wishing to go Mr. Murphree to be advised to that effect and requested to select another.

Application from Mrs. Thurig for a little girl, answer deferred until the next meeting. Mrs. McNeil to visit Mrs. Thurig to learn something more satisfactory about her.

William Goodman placed in the Asylum by his mother, to be retained provided she be willing to bind him.

Proposed to have an Indenture drawn up in proper form by a lawyer and a number of them to be printed to be ready for use.

Milton Cross adopted by Mr. Laughlin, Parthenia Dix and Mary William/half-sisters, received this month and bound to the Asylum until they are eighteen.

Mr. Pyke reported not having enough benches in the schoolroom and also the fence on one side requiring repairs. Resolved that he be allowed to have more benches made and the fence repaired.

Mrs. McCoy to attend to having the walk in front filled up with gravel.

Donation of twenty-five dollars from Mrs. J.L. Abbot. Ladies subscriptions \$18. Mrs. Ruggles and Mrs. Paine, Visitors. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Elder, Providers. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1857

The monthly meeting was held March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Present, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill.

After the usual business of receiving bills, heard the reports of Visitor of the House and School committees, neither of which were very satisfactory.

A letter from Mrs. Mayo was read regretting that she had been the cause of any trouble coming upon Mr. & Mrs. Pyke. Mr. & Mrs. Pyke having sent in their resignation to the board after much discussion resolved that it be received.

Resolved that June Duffie be requested to take her child from the Asylum.

The Secretary to advertise in one or more of the daily papers for a Teacher & Matron.

Mrs. Harwood, Provider; Mrs. Morris, Visitor for March. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1857

A majority of the board was present at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting read and received. The exercise of the school having been interrupted by the sickness of the children. The Visitor had nothing of interest to report.

Twelve children received during the month. Two have died.

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Application received from Mr. & Mrs. Massy for the situation of Teacher & Matron. They were selected until the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Other applications were made but no action taken upon them.

Mr. & Mrs. Pyke requested to leave by the 15<sup>th</sup> to enable their successors to enter upon the duties. They consented to do so, the Board paying their salaries in full up to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

Mrs. Elder, Visitor of the house; Mrs. Pain & Mrs. Ruggles, Providers. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

### ☐ **MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1857**

The regular monthly meeting was held May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Present, Mrs. Bliss, Harwood, Morris, Battle, Dicky, Walker, Anderson, Ketchum, Mott, Ruggles, Paine, Elder, McCoy, McBride, McNeill.

Bills received and paid. Visitor of the house reported finding everything in as good order as circumstances would admit. Several of the children were still sick.

Dr. Mandeville's resignation as Physician of the Institution accepted.

The Secretary requested to notify to that effect and also return him a vote of thanks from the board for his kindness and attention, it being understood Dr. Coles would give his services, assisted when required, by Dr. Gordon. They were duly elected.

An invitation for the children to attend a May Party given by the Sunday School of the Methodist Church received and thankfully accepted. Mrs. Dickey requested to attend to their being prepared for the occasion.

A donation from Mr. Magrange. Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Nott Visitor. Mrs. Morris, Provider for the m month.  
*E McNeill, Sec'y*

### ☐ **OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1857**

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. McNeill met at the Asylum.

Mrs. Elder received from Mrs. McNeill eighty-two dollars and 30 cents for the month.

Mrs. McBride to provide the clothing for the boys.

Donation of fifty dollars from Mr. Robinson.

Application from Mr. Eames for Robert Johnson. Rejected. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

### ☐ **NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1857**

Present at the monthly meeting Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Hughes Mrs. McNeill. No regular visiting during the month. The general appearance of the house and children have been satisfactory to those managers who have visited during the summer.

The Annual meeting to be held at the Gov't St Church Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. The secretary to notify the several congregations. Mrs. Anderson, Provider. Mrs. Ruggles, Visitor Mrs. Hughes Visitor of the School.  
*E. McNeill, Sec'y*

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## ☐ DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1857

The Annual Meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the basement of the Gov't St Church. A majority of the Managers and a larger number than usual of the members were present. The regular business consisting of receiving and paying bills was attended.

A very satisfactory report was received from the Visitor of the school respecting the improvement of the children.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports read and approved. The same to be published in the City Papers.

Re-election of the Matron and Teacher, the Society feeling satisfied they have endeavored to perform their duties to the utmost of their abilities.

Next in order, the election of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church having the privilege of choosing a First Directress nominated Mrs. McBride, preferring her to fill that office to anyone that they could select from their own church. A unanimous vote was given and Mrs. McBride kindly consented to the election.

The following are the names of the Officers and Managers for the year 1858: Mrs. McBride, First Directress; Mrs. Bliss, Second Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treas. Mrs. McNeill, Secretary.

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Marshall; Baptist Church: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Paine; Methodist Church: Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Jas Battle; Episcopal Church Mrs. Dicky, Mrs. J Walker, Mrs. Lowe.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Mrs. McBride for the regular discharge of the duties of the office she held the past year.

Mrs. Harwood, Provider \$75.00, Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Walker, Visitors; Mrs. Hughes, Visitor of the School.

*E. McNeill, Sec'y*

Ladies Subscriptions \$52

## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1858

A majority of the Managers were present.

The committee appointed to secure the services of a physician, Mrs. McCoy was requested to write a note to Dr Ketchum asking him to lay their case before the Board of Physicians. Dr. Coster appointed druggist to the Asylum.

Complaints having again been made of unkind treatment of Charlotte Bonhagen by Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Morris were appointed a committee to investigate the case.

Edward Brady placed in the Asylum by Rev. Mr. Massey.

Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Walker, Providers for the month. Mrs. Ruggles, Visitor of the house. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

Check \$83.00

## ☐ APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1858

A majority of the Managers being present, the usual business was attended to; receiving and paying bills, admitting children, etc.

Harry G. Campbell received a permit from the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress to take Ellen Tolle and with the father's consent to adopt her.

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Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. McNeill to attend to having the painting and any repairs made which they deemed necessary for the preservation of the building.

Mrs. Talbot's application for Ellen rejected.

Three children of Mrs. Monk's received. Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Marshall to provide for the house. Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Walker, Visitors. *E J McNeill, Sec'y* Check for \$200.00

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 1858, the secretary stated that Samuel Battle and John A M Battle Esqrs, Executors, were prepared to pay the legacy left of ten thousand dollars, willed to the Asylum by the late James Battle Esq. it was on motion resolved that the First Directress Mrs. Margaret McBride and the Treasurer, Mrs. Jane McCoy be hereby authorized to receive the same and execute to the said Samuel Battle and John A M Battle a full and satisfactory receipt for the money.

A true copy from the minutes.

*E.J. McNeill*

Resolved that Mr. Wm Ledyard, Duke, Goodman, Dan Wheeler, Dan McNeill be appointed Trustees of said legacy and to invest as they may think best for the interest of the Institution.

### ☐ **MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1858**

Present Mrs. McBride, Anderson, Paine, Hughes, Marshall, Lowe, McNeill, Morris, Dickey, McCoy.

Bills received and paid. School Visitor report received and approved.

Application from Mrs. Hall for one of the largest girls, Rejected. Also one from Mrs. Miller for Ellen.

The services of the larger girls are much needed and therefore they feel it their duty to refuse all such applications.

Mrs. Anderson, Provider for the month.. Check \$102.00. Mrs. Marshall, Visitor

*E.J. McNeill, Sec'y*

### ☐ **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1858**

The board met at the usual hour at the Asylum. Present Mrs. McBride, Dickey, Anderson, Mrs. Morris, Paine and McCoy. Mrs. McBride in the chair.

The Secretary being absent Mrs. McCoy took the minutes of the meeting. Adjusted the accounts of Mrs. Anderson and found them correct.

Committee of the admission of water reported that Mr. Stein would not consent to let them have it for less than six hundred dollars which amount they declined to pay.

One child died during the month named Nancy Crawford. A boy named Andrew Rob was admitted and bound.

Mrs. Dickey proposed Mrs. Dr. Mott to take her place during her absence which proposition was received with pleasure.

The repairs of the Asylum were finished and in perfect order.

Treasurer reported having handed over in checks to the Gentlemen who were appointed to invest the \$10,000 bequeathed to them by Jas Battle Esq, they having lent \$5000 to Moses Waring Esq and \$5000 to Mr. Gage for one year, Security Mortgage on real estate. Mortgage was recorded and papers deposited in a tin box in the Bank of Mobile for safekeeping.

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Mrs. Dickey Manager amount of order \$150. *E McNeill, Sec'y*

Application of Mr. Hinckey for Jane Bryan rejected.

## ☐ JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1858

Present Mrs. McBride, Elder, Harwood, Morris, Mrs. McCoy, McNeill, Mrs. McBride in the chair.

Mrs. Dickey's accounts examined and found correct. Application from Mr. H. Newcomb for Louisa Watts declined and the secretary requested to write him to that effect.

Application for two children to be received in the Asylum whose parents are in jail for burglary, they having four children. Mrs. Harwood appointed to visit and if Protestants, to receive the two eldest and retain them until Oct. Then if the parents are convicted it may be found necessary to take them all, provided the father will consent to bind them to the Asylum.

Mrs. Elder, Provider for July. Check \$3.50. Check to Mrs. McBride \$119.25. Donation through Mr. Wheeler \$2000.  
*Eliza McNeill, Sec'y*

Secretary absent until November.

## ☐ DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1858

The annual meeting was held in the Lecture Room of Gov St Church, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1858. Members in attendance very small. Bills received and paid. Ladies' subscriptions for 1858 handed in to the Treasurer.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports read and approved. Election of officers and managers for the ensuing year Mrs. McBride declined a re-election much to the regret of all present. Mr. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. McBride, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. McCoy, Treasurer, Mrs. McNeill, Secretary.

Managers: Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. George, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Nott, Mrs. Dickey.

Resolved that a vote of thanks from the Society and especially from the ladies of the Episcopal Church be given to Mrs. McBride for her faithful discharge of the duties attendant on her office.

Margaret Newman adopted by Jno T Banifer. Application from Mrs. Walker for Bertha Daniel. Ms. Jno Walker and Mrs. Dickey to visit her and if satisfied with the conditions upon which she wishes to take the child to give her permission and do so immediately.

Mrs. Walker, Provider for December, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Elder Visitor of the house. Mrs. Hughes, Visitor of the school.  
Adjourned. *E McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. George, Mrs. McNeill.

Donation of groceries from Wm. McNoss, Esq., \$19.24. Donation of poultry from Campbell & Bennet for Christmas. Donation of a cow from Mr. Duke W. Goodman.

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Visitor of the house reported the Asylum to be in want of beds and bedding and clothing for the children. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Elder appointed a committee to provide whatever was needed.

Mr. & Mrs. Massey fearing they might not be able to discharge their respective duties, offered their resignations. After a consultation with each, the Board refused to accept it.

Mrs. Miller, Provider for the month, Mrs. George, Visitor of the house. Check \$1.30. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1859

Majority of the Managers being present, the usual business of receiving and paying bills was attended to. Visitor of house reported favorably in regard to the appearance of house.

Proposed that those appointed to provide for the house be requested to go through the storeroom and judge for themselves what is required, thus aiding the Matron in suitable and sufficient diet for the children.

Application from Mrs. Murphy to admit a lame child. The relatives being Catholics and having an Institution connected with their own church in which they could place the child, the application was declined.

Application from Mrs. Thompson for Jane Clark. Rejected.

The teacher be requested to admit such parents and relatives as could not come on the Saturday appointed on one Sunday afternoon in the month.

Donation of five dollars from Mr. Grotz.

Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Morris to visit the house of Mr. Hamblin and if they consider his children proper objects for the Asylum to admit them.

Mrs. Anderson, Visitor of the House. Mrs. Bliss, Provider. Check, \$3.55.  
*E. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1859

Present at the monthly meeting Mrs. Morris, Bliss, Anderson Miller, Marshall, Beck, McNeill.

Three deaths had taken place during the month.

Much discussion with regard to the number of servants required. Mrs. Miller proposed getting an assistant to the Matron. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. McNeill appointed to see Mrs. Ludlow respecting a person spoken of by her living in New Orleans. Mr. Arends donation of \$12.00. Mrs. Harwood, Provider for the House, Mrs. Nott, Visitor.

Mr. W.M. Robinson adopted two children, Elizabeth Donohue and Richard Griffin. Lives near Camden.  
*E. McNeill, Sec'y*

Five dollars from Mr. Grotz

## ☐ APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The monthly meeting met at the Asylum. Full attendance of members.

Application from Mr. Wm. G. Johnson for either Jane Bryant or Virginia Watts. Rejected as it was understood he wished them as servants.

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Mrs. McBride handed in two hundred and fifty dollars from the Commissioners.

Some discussion respecting the different arrangements in the House & School. Nothing definite was determined and it was laid over for the next meeting.

Mrs. Mott, provider for May; Mrs. George, Visitor of the House. Check \$195.70. *E. J. McNeill, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The Board met at the Asylum at 11 AM. Present, Mrs. Morris, Anders, Bliss, Tuthill, Hughes, Miller, Harwood Walker, Mott, McCoy. Mrs. Morris in the chair. The secretary being absent Mrs. McCoy assumed her duties. The accounts of Mrs. Mott were attended to and found correct.

It being the semi-annual meeting of the Society, the Treasurer tendered an account of receipts and expenditures since Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to date. Report adopted.

On visitation of Mrs. Miller the amendment to the Constitution was read and the subject of a change in the domestic arrangements of the Asylum again discussed. It was finally decided that Mrs. Cunningham might be employed to assist Mrs. Massey for the present, as Mrs. Massey was not now able to attend to the duties devolving upon her.

Mrs. McBride sent in her resignation of the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, which was not accepted, the Board unanimously agreeing that we could dispense with her services, but on motion of Mrs. McCoy she was excused from attendance when unable to be present.

Mrs. Thompson again applied for a child, which was rejected. Mr., Masse reported the bridge at the entrance decayed. Mrs. Harwood appointed to have a new one in its place.

Mrs. McCoy presented an invitation from Mr. Williams to the children and attend the exhibition of the Bible Panorama on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> which was accepted.

Mrs. Anderson, Provider for May. Amount of order \$200.00  
*Minutes by Mrs. McCoy*

## ☐ JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The Board met at the Asylum at 5 o'clock PM. Present Mrs. McBride, Tuthill, Walker, Harwood, McNeill, Anderson.

Mrs. Morris being absent, Mrs. McBride took the chair. Minutes of the last meeting read. Mrs. Anderson accounts received and found correct.

Mrs. Harwood reported the case of a poor woman who had died leaving an infant a few days old in the charge of Mrs. Calahan. Mrs. McBride proposed to leave it with her until Nov if it lives and pay her \$1.50 per week. Approved by the Board.

Mr. Weir made application for Virginia Watts on behalf of her brother who wishes to have her with him. The Managers are unwilling to separate the sisters and on motion of Mrs. McNeill it was resolved that Mrs. Morris and Mrs. McBride be requested to see either Mr. Weir or the brother and state their objections.

Permission given to Mr. Massey to leave home for a month. Mrs. Massey's sister, Miss McCawley, to be engaged for the summer, the board paying her ten dollars and Mr. Massey five dollars per month.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. McNeill to provide for the month of June. *E McNeill, Sec'y*  
Check \$300. Mrs. Perrine subscription \$500

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## ☐ JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The board met at the Asylum at 5 o'clock PM. Present Mrs. Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McNeill, Treasurer Provider. Managers, Mrs. Harwood Hughes, Tuthill, Walker.

Since the last meeting permission had been given to Edward Watts to take his sister Virginia Watts from the Asylum.

Proposed by Mrs. McNeill to get two radiators for the House from Baltimore during the summer. Agreed to by the Board.

Mrs. Tuthill, Provider for the month of July. Mrs. Harwood, Visitor.

Check for Mrs. Tuthill, \$100; Check for Mrs. Walker, \$218. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

Donation of iron and broom from Mr. Thos Bray.

## ☐ AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1859

Present at the monthly meeting Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Morris Mrs. McNeill.

Mrs. Tuthill's accounts correct and she was requested to provide for the next month as no other Manager was present.

An application for William Newman from his sister (Mrs. Ross) received.

Check to Mrs. Tuthill, \$100; Check to Mrs. McNeill, \$177.50. *E McNeill, Sec'y*

NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

## ☐ OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The board met at the Asylum. Mrs. McBride presiding. Mrs. Tuthill brought in bills contracted by her in August, Mrs. Harwood, bills for September. Both found correct.

Application from Mrs. Moore for Louisa Sutton. Declined.

A letter received from J.D. Jacobson requesting permission to marry Jane Bryan to whom he had become attached. The ladies declined giving their consent until after the first of November.

Mrs. Harwood, Provider for October. Mrs. Hughes, Visitor of House and school.

## ☐ NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1859

Present at the meeting Mrs. Morris, Mrs. George, Mrs. Beck, Ms. McNeill. Nothing of importance was attended as neither the Provider for the month previous, nor the Visitor of the house were present.

The Secretary to notify the members and Managers through the churches of the Annual Meeting. Mrs. George, Provider, Mrs. Beck, Visitor. *E. McNeill, Sec'y*

Donations of a washing machine from Davidson & Cavanaugh.

## ☐ DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1859

The annual meeting was held agreeable to appointment in the Government St Church Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, '59 at 11 oc AM. The attendance was larger than usual although the weather was unfair. Business of the last year was closed, by the rendering of

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Secretary's report, also that of the Treasurer, both offices having been filled by Mr. E. McNeill, Our former Treasurer, Mrs. McCoy, having resigned during the summer.

It was resolved and carried by vote that we have 50 copies of the Constitution, with an Amendment of '57, printed. Entered upon election of officers for 1860.

Mrs. M. McBride of Franklin St Methodist Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Morris, Gov St Presbyterian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Mrs. E McNeill, Episcopal Ch, Treasurer; Mrs. L.M. Bliss, Baptist, Secretary.

Managers: Presbyterian: Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Wm Stewart, Mrs. Beck. Baptist: Mrs. L.P. Miller, Mrs. C. Barnet, Mrs. L. Anderson. Methodist: Mrs. Hughes, Ms. Elder, Mrs. George. Episcopal: Ms. Dr. Nott, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Dickey.

Mr. & Mrs. Massey again proposing to resign. Mrs. Bliss proposed the resignation be accepted, hoping to procure the services of other parties by the approach of Spring. A committee of ladies from the four churches was appointed to confer with the applicants desiring Matron & Teacher's offices. Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Morris. Secretary to advertise in the city papers. The Treasurer obtained consent to keep her books according to old rule in the Constitution.

The new board entered upon business.

An application from Mrs. Farnell to remove two children, Mary E. and Joshua Singleton. Was referred to the careful consideration of Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Hughes, they to report 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January.

Consent was obtained to admit a son of Mrs. Edwards. Dr. Child's resignation accepted. Dr. Nott recommended the professional services of Dr. Hale. Mr. E. Weed elected druggist.

Mrs. Dickey to provide during Dec., Mrs. Elder visits the House, Mrs. Hughes the school.

Board adjourned to meet at the Asylum 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in January 1860.

## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1860

On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1860, nearly all the ladies composing the Board of Managers met at the Asylum, absent Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Nott.

Proceeding to business the minutes of preceding meeting were approved. Mrs. Elder reported as Visitor for Dec '59 not very favourably. Mrs. Dickey and Harwood were requested to examine beds and renovate or repair as far as found necessary. On Mrs. Dickey's report, after careful inquiries relative to the condition of the parties who wish to remove the Harrell children, we conclude to retain them in the Asylum. Mrs. Ware's application for Robert Johnson laid over for the meeting in February

Mrs. McBride presented her resignation of the office of 1<sup>st</sup> directress, was accepted. The Board entered upon the election of another. Mrs. James Elder was elected to serve the Institution for 1860. Mrs. Henry Holcomb was elected Manager to supply Mrs. Elder's vacancy. The Batchelor application presented and accepted, himself and his wife requested to enter upon the duties of Teacher & Matron on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1860.

Mrs. Osey wishing to enter the orphan boy (*unreadable*) Violette. Received permission. Mrs. Walker appointed Provider for January, Mrs. Wm Stewart and Mrs. C. Barnes, Visitors of the house, Mrs. Hughes to continue her visits to the school. Adjourned.

## ☐ FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

The inclemency of the weather of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> preventing the Board of Managers, mostly assembled on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Absent, Mrs. George, Mrs. Beck, and Mrs. Walker.

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Minutes of last meeting approved. Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Harwood reported that they found it necessary to renew the beds as the old ones were mostly past recovery, purchased new ones of Trent & Co.

Dr. Anderson's application for Robert Johnson declined. Mr. Armand Ware's application rec'd, Sec'y to write Mr. W, did so. E. F. Geisinger's request to take Henry Father under his care and learn him the shoe trade. Approved. Sec'y informed Mr. G that the boy had left the Asylum. The Rev Mrs. H Pierce was granted an application to remove the girl Lizzie Lanktry. The letter from the Trustees of the Gen Academy for the Blind conveying the painful intelligence of the death of Ella Roberts (the little beneficiary from the Institution) was read. Mrs. Jane Elder was requested to reply, assuring that Board of Trustees that we submit all to the "will of Him Who afflicts none willingly".

Ladies subscriptions were taken to the amount of \$18. Charity box 4.75.

Jane Briant's case considered, conclude to let her remain with Mrs. Massey until more suitable disposition could be made of her.

Two children had been admitted; six given up. One had died of dropsy (ill when entered less than a year ago).

The two boys deserted not yet heard from, Henry Father and James Keigan.

Mrs. Burton noted thanks for a generous donation of 38 bonnets for the girls. Vote carried to allow Mr. James Elder to organize a union S.S. on Sunday afternoons at the Asylum, assistance solicited from all the churches.

Mrs. Stewart to be Provider, Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. J.P. Miller, Visitors.

Sec'y requested to solicit the Committee on Christmas Col to convene and consider the propriety and ability to build a wing south of the dwelling. She did. In addressing Mr. Ledyard, also wrote to Dr Anderson and Mr. Bernard Haase.

Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor had entered upon their duties as Matron and Teacher, many improvements had been affected, much remaining to be done.

As the sons of Mr. B were inmates of the house, contrary to the wishes of the Board, Mr. & Mrs. B were informed that their services would not be acceptable unless the sons were removed beyond the Asylum.

Adjourned.

### ☐ FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of February, at a called meeting by order of the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, convened in the basement room at the O. Asylum. Mrs. Elder 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding.

The object of the meeting was given. The board was not full. Present, Mrs. Elder, Morris,, Stewart, Miller, Harwood, Hughes, Dickey, Holcomb, Barnes, George and Bliss.

Mrs. Elder and Stewart, believing Mr. Batchelor and wife had conducted in relation to their sons, in defiance of the Managers' instruction, moved and seconded the immediate expulsion of these and the acceptance of Mrs. Lucretia Clark to act as Matron.

The Sec'y, Mrs. Bliss, then informed the ladies that she believed their suspicions were not well-founded as Mrs. Miller and herself called upon Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor and was told by them that their sons had gone from the Institution to other homes.

A free discussion ensued, as prejudice had operated against Mr. & Mrs. B. Mrs. Dickey offered a resolution that was seconded and voted upon and carried by a majority. The resolution read thus: Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor, the present teacher

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and Matron, have made their sons inmates of this Asylum and being notified on the 7<sup>th</sup> that it was contrary to our rules and could no longer be allowed, did continue to keep them there. Therefore, resolved that in view of our responsibility, acting as we do, under a Charter from the State, and disposing the bounties of a generous and confiding community, duty requires us to request Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor to give place without delay to others who may be provided to fill their places and whom we shall expect to obey more promptly the wishes of the Board.

Vote taken. Ayes: Mrs. Dickey, Stewart, George, Beck, Harwood, Morris, and Haas. Nays: Mrs. Holcomb, Miller Barnes and Bliss. Mrs. Clark was now recommended by Mrs. Elder to act as Matron. Mrs. Bliss, knowing Mrs. Clark well in domestic life, contended that she was not eligible. A vote was taken and lost. The subject was closed and the Sec'y requested to write an advertisement for the three papers.

Mrs. Miller moved that the by-laws governing our meetings and rules be read. None could be found. Mrs. M then moved and obtained a second and carried the resolution that a committee be appointed to find the by-laws and present them at the next monthly meeting. Mrs. Beck, Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. George were to meet at Mrs. Miller's residence Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> as the Committee on By-Laws. Mrs. Harwood presented an application to enter 2 children, to board at \$10 monthly. (names)

Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Bliss requested to visit Mr. Massey and arrange for Jane Briant's stay or removal as necessity might be.

Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. George did call upon and inform Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor of the result of the called meeting (the resolution having been carried) that Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor should be allowed to remain until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, making three months, and if they gave satisfaction to the Board of Managers, could again present application for the office they now hold, of Teacher and Matron.

Adjourned. *L.M. Bliss, Sec'y*

### ☐ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

The regular monthly meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> convened at the Asylum, Mrs. Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress presiding. Present, Mrs. Wm Stewart, Mrs. Dickey, Harwood, Walker, Barnes, Beck, Anderson Miller, McNeill, George, Hughes and Bliss. Proceeding to business Mrs. Bliss read the minutes of the last monthly meeting. They were approved without correction. Read the minutes of the called meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb, a mistake corrected. The Committee on by-laws present, finding no by-laws recorded. Recommend to Board that measures be taken to provide the P O Asylum Board necessary by-laws, amendments, rules, etc., for their government hereafter. Committee: Mrs. McNeill, Mille, Beck and George. This report was accepted and committee discharged.

Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Stewart had called to see Jane Bryant and reported her improving, having recovered her sight. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Hayes were requested to see to her and provide for her, after the expiration of the month, paying Mrs. Massey \$10 for her board during the month she had tarried with her.

The minutes of the called meeting at the residence of Mrs. D. McNeill, 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb, was read and approved. Mr. & Mrs. Batchelor were still at the Asylum and not disposed to leave until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, unless the month's wages were advanced them. Subject dropped, expecting them to stay.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Dickey reported as Visitors of the House quite favourably, suggesting room for improvements particularly in the wardrobe. Mrs. Hayes reported quite favourably on the School.

Application from Mrs. Farnell to remove their children. Rejected, as upon previous, careful inquiry it was believed the condition of the orphans would not be improved. Mrs. Morris was instructed to arrange to have Robert Johnson ready to leave for Galveston (consigned to the care of Mrs. Armand Ware) by the Steamer Fashion to sail Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was now moved and seconded, carried by vote that a committee be appointed to draft amendments, by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of this Board and submit the same at the next regular meeting. Mrs. E McBride, Mrs. T.P. Miller, Mrs. Augusta Beck, Mrs. W. Dickey to meet at Mrs. McBride's residence Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at twelve.

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Report from W. F Ledyard read. Mrs. Bliss instructed to inform him that Mrs. James Battle approved of using the money left in legacy to the Asylum by Mr. Jas Battle and the Building Committee be requested to meet the three ladies constituting a committee, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Bliss, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 oc at the Asylum building to take preparatory steps for said building. It was moved, seconded and carried by vote that Mrs. Wm Alderson, Henry Stickney, E McBride, James Battle and Mrs. Salome Jewett become honorary members of our Asylum Board. Sec'y to inform each person of the election.

Mrs. Dazenberry having offered to continue music lessons to Parthenia Scott gratis, provided she would be allowed to go Mrs. D residence; considered.

Mrs. Sarah Anderson was appointed Provider for March, Mrs. A Beck, Visitor of the House, Mrs. Hayes of the School.  
Adjournment. *L M Bliss, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1860

Monthly meeting at the Asylum 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Mrs. Elder presiding. Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill, George, Dickey, Harwood, Hayes, Miller, Anderson, Barnes, Beck, Walker and Bliss present. Mrs. McBride and Battle hon members were present. Mrs. Stewart and Nott absent.

Minutes of previous meeting read by the Sec'y and approved. Bills amounting to \$238 examined and left in the hands of the Treasurer for payment.

1<sup>st</sup> considered was the report from Committee on Amendments & By-Laws. Mrs. Dickey very kindly read the lengthy articles as one of that committee and submitted the same. Mrs. McNeill moved and Mrs. Harwood seconded the reception of those by-laws, etc. and the committee were discharged with thanks by the Board for their energy in the work.

Mrs. McBride then moved that Mrs. T P Miller have the special thanks of the committee for her indefatigable energy and exertion By-laws for the Board were first considered. Also special regulations, regulations and rules of order brought up in regular order, article by article, as presented by one of the committee. Moved, seconded and voted in for our future government. These new regulations will be found written out in full under the head of Amendment of the Constitution, By-Laws, etc.

The Sec'y was then requested to prepare a semi-annual report for the Com on Roads & Revenues and give notice from the several churches of the meeting to be held in the Government St Church 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in May at 11 oc AM.

Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Hayes continued committee to attend to Jane Bryant. Committee on building reported that Mrs. McNeill, St John and Ledyard would serve as a committee and present the draft and specifications to the Board of Managers for their consideration as early as possible.

Visitors report House in good order. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin have entered upon their duties from the 12 of April. Mr. Batchelor made application for Parthenia Scott; it was rejected. It was then proposed by Mrs. Miller that we pay Mr. Batchelor according to our agreement up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. After much discussion, motion put and discussed. Mr. Batchelor remains unpaid for his services.

Application for the Farnell children laid over again. Mr. Cahill asked for his child, Arabella, 12 yrs of age. Granted. Mrs. Chaudron's application for a girl rejected. Another rejected. Mrs. Dickey resigned as a manager, offering the services of Mrs. Geo A Tuthill in her place. Mrs. Beck appointed Manager. Mrs. Henry Holcomb, Visitor. Mrs. Miller \*\* 1.75 was taken from the charity box and paid into the Treasurer's hands. Moved. Adjourned.

## ☐ APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

A meeting called on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, convened at the house of Mrs. McBride at 4 oc. Present, Mrs. Elder presiding, Mrs. Morris, Harwood, Dickey, George, Holcomb, Beck, Barnes, Bliss, McNeill, and Mrs. Walker. Object of meeting to examine the

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draft and specifications as presented by the gentlemen on building committee. Managers examined these and unanimously agreed in leaving all to the gentlemen to proceed in the erection of same.

Mrs. James Elder, George and Nott presented an application to remove from our care the two girls, Louisa Watts and Parthenia Scott, to assume the entire responsibility of educating them at Summerfield Institution, Ala. Moved consent be granted. Carried.

Mrs. Elder presented an application from Mrs. Hill of Columbus, Miss to receive an orphan into our institution from another state. Adjourned.

## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1860

The semi-annual meeting (as per notice from the general churches) was held in the basement of the Government St Presbyterian Church on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Meeting small, not a full Board of Managers present. Mrs. Elder presiding. Mrs. McNeill, Harwood, George, Holcomb, Miller, Nott, Tuthill, Barnes, Anderson, Beck and Bliss. Only two other ladies present. Sec read the minutes of the two preceding meetings. After a little correction they were accepted, approved Mrs. T.P. Miller then read the length new laws, by-laws, etc. All were approved and accepted by vote. The Sec requested to have them printed together with the Constitution and Charter to be presented at the next regular meeting for our future government.



Mrs. Bliss presented Mr. Batchelor's bill for services rendered the Asylum \$133.33.13. It was moved the same be paid by the Treasurer.

Mrs. Elder read an application from Mr. T.L. Lloyd wishing to remove Georgia Stokes. It was thought best to refer to enquire. Mrs. George appointed committee to report at next regular meeting.

Mrs. Bliss proposed Miss Mary Bagby to act as Sec pro tem during her absence – accepted.

Mrs. T.P. Miller moved we petition the Legislation next session for an alteration in our charter on the election of officers, allowing us to re-elect if desirable or necessary. Carried by vote.

Mrs. Miller requested that Isabella Bar be allowed to take her sister, Rebecca, out for the summer months, to send her into the country for a change of atmosphere, as her health seems declining. Carried.

Mrs. C Barnes was requested to be Visitor for May and enquire into the case of the babe recently admitted, ascertain if the mother is in the city. Mrs. S.C. Nott appointed Provider for the month. Adjourned. Moved.

\*Treasurer read a report of the amount of receipts and disbursements from December to May. Sec read her report, half yearly for the Board of Commissioners on Roads and Revenues. Adjourned.

## ☐ JUNE, 1860

Monthly meeting was held at the Orphan Asylum. Attendance large as usual. An application from Mr. Lloyd for permission to adopt and remove Georgia Stokes was agreed to.

Mrs. Baines, the Visitor for the past month, reported two deaths during the time, Edward Lawless and Clementina Lewis. Household affairs reported to have been in good order.

Mrs. Watson appointed Visitor for the following month. Mrs. George appointed Provider.

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## ☐ JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1860

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860. Present, Mrs. McBride acting as first Directress in absence of Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Harwood, Watson, Barnes, George, Walker. Secretary Pro tem being absent Mrs. McNeill was requested to take the minutes of the meeting. Visitor of the house reported everything to be in excellent order.

It being understood that Dr. Hale had withdrawn his services, Mrs. McBride proposed that Dr. Watson be requested to visit the Asylum, Mrs. McNeill to make this requested of him in writing. Mrs. Harwood, Provider, Ms. Watson, Visitor for the month of the school

## ☐ AUGUST, 1860

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum the first Tuesday in August. Present, Mrs. McBride, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress Pro Tem, Mr. Holcomb, Watson, Tuthill, Harwood, George, and McNeill.

An application was made by Mrs. B. Holcombe for a child named Emily Tyler. A decision was deferred until the next meeting. Granted in case no decision was made by Mr. Gage who placed her in the Asylum.

An application was made by Mr. Bernard for a child named James Rob. Decided that the child should be given in the Fall if he still wishes him.

Received five children during the past month. Mrs. George, Provider, Mrs. Holcomb, Visitor for the month. The names of the children received during the past month were James Bayliss, Charles Bayliss, W Price, W Arnold and Charles Arnold.

Miss Rugby acting as Secretary Pro tem at the meeting.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Orphan Asylum Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Visitor of the House for the month absent, no regular report, but one of the ladies, Mrs. Watson, having visited the Asylum during the month, reported everything in excellent order. Ladies present, Mrs. George, McNeill, Elder, Harwood, Beck, Tuthill, Watson, Barnes.

An application was made for Jeannette Miller on which the vote was taken – the application rejected.

An application was also made for Ellen Franklin by Mrs. Hardy. Moved and seconded the application of Mrs. C be rejected.

Mrs. Watson, Provider for the month, Mrs. Tuthill, Visitor. *Miss Bagby, Sec Pro Tem*

## ☐ OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 1860

Ladies, your Sec having been absent for several months wishes to extend her thanks to Miss Mary Bagby for services rendered in her absence, also the apology of Miss Bagby for non-appearance at the Oct and Nov meetings, rainy weather preventing. On November 6<sup>th</sup> our First Directress very kindly took note of and handed to me the following minutes.

Present at the Asylum, Mrs. Elder, George, Barnes, Harwood and Morris.

Application was presented by Mrs. Thompson for Janette Clark. Mrs. Morris presented reasons that were considered sufficient to prevent a compliance with this application and it was not granted as by vote it was unanimously declined.

Mrs. Bude was present and made application to enter her five children, she being deserted by her husband and unable to provide for them. By unanimous vote of those present, they were received.

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Mrs. Elder reported that Mr. Elder had collected \$250.00 from Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the year 1859 with a promise from the same to pay the dues for 1860 as practicable.

Mrs. Harwood reported a present of thirty-two suits of clothes for the boys from Mr. Irish.

Mrs. George was appointed Provider for the month, Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Barnes, Visitors. Board then adjourned.  
*Julia M. Elder, Sec Pro tem*

## ☐ DECMEBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

The annual meeting was held agreeable to appointment as given from the churches on Sabbath 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Government St Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec 11 AM. A larger attendance than usual, the old Board proceeded to business. Mrs. Morris presiding in the absence of 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. McNeill as Treasurer, Mrs. Bliss, Sec'y. Managers mostly present. Mrs. McNeill reported that she was not prepared to render her annual report, as outstanding debts to a large amount could not be met for want of June's dues not all collected. Commissioner on Roads and Revenues still owing the Asylum \$250.00 for the year '59 and \$500 for the year 1860.

Secretary then read her report which was accepted and voted to be published previous to Christmas at least one week. Subscriptions were then paid in to the amount of \$15 due for 1860 and recorded opposite the subscriber's in the book for that purpose. Subscriptions were then taken for 1861, names and sums recorded in the same book. Mrs. McNeill by mistake appropriating the same to her funds for 1860, to pay outstanding debts for said year.

The election of officers for the year 1861 was entered upon. Baptist Church: Ms. H. G. Watson, was elected by ballot 1<sup>st</sup> Directress. Mrs. J. M. Elder, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. L. Lockwood, Treasurer from Episcopal, Mrs. Augusta Beck, Secretary from Presbyterian Church.

Managers: Baptist Church, Mrs. T.P. Miller, Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. T L Bliss; Episcopal Church, Mrs. Geo Tuthill, Mrs. L.C. Nott, Mrs. Walker; Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. M.H. Morris, Mrs. Mary Witherspoon; Methodist Church: Mrs. Wm George, Mrs. Henry Holcomb, Miss Augusta Evans.

Mrs. Bliss then called attention of the Society to the resignation of Mrs. D McNeill and moved that she receive a vote of thanks for her long and untiring services. The voice was unanimous.

The old board of officers retire to give place to the new, Mrs. Bliss resigning her duties to Mrs. Augusta Beck.  
*L.M. Bliss, Sec*

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Number of girls in the Asylum at the commencement of he year Dec 1860 – 21; Boys, 45, Total 66.

Donation from Mrs. Hill, \$47.00 (bill of work). From Mrs. Alderson, 1 turkey, from Mrs. McGrath, 2 turkeys. Legacy from Miss H. Ogden \$100.00. From Striker's Club \$50.00 (\*\*see note below), Mrs. Stewart & Ross Christmas collections \$566; Mrs. Ledyard & Watkins Christmas collection \$371.70; Mrs. Flash & Butt Christmas collection \$250; Mrs., Wheeler & McNeill Christmas collection \$750.

Donation from Merchants Insurance Company \$25; donation from a gentleman (thru Mrs. Walker) \$5. A Bible by Mrs. Anne Wragg. Six turkeys from Mr. Campbell & Bennett. 1 cord of wood from Stinler & Cherokee, 2 loads of Coke. Donation from Mrs. Belknap, \$5; Donation from Messrs concert \$18.50; W.W. Mordecai bill \$7.45; Donation from Misses concert \$8.25; Christmas collection from C.P. Gage and Capt Munroe \$604.

The new board of Officers having taken their seats, Mrs. Watson presiding as 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Lockwood as Treasurer and Mrs. Beck as Secretary, proceeded to business. The standing committees viz. Committee on Supplies, Committee on

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Employees, Committee on Children, Committee on Building & Repairs were then appointed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress according to the new rules published in May last.

Committee on Supplies: Mrs. J.C. Nott, Mrs. Witherspoon, Mrs. Lawler, Miss Evans

Committee on Employees: Mrs. George, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Bliss

Committee on Children: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Beck

Committee on Repairs: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Lockwood

A motion was then made by Mrs. Miller, seconded and carried by vote of the Board that all outstanding bills be collected and brought in to Mrs. McNeill, Treasurer, from 1860 up to the finish of Dec and an account rendered of them in the Treasurer's Report of 1860.

Mrs. Bliss then moved that as we had committed an error in allowing Mrs. McNeill to carry away the funds \$93 subscriptions from 1860 that it be corrected immediately by a committee waiting on Mrs. McNeill and informing her it was necessary to refund the same to Mrs. Beck to be paid to our Treasurer for 1861. Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Beck were appointed as this committee.

Mrs. Holcombe and Mrs. Witherspoon were appointed as Visitors for the month and the meeting adjourned to meet again at the Asylum on the first Tuesday of January 1861. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

Received a donation of \$47 from Mr. James Hill, Dec. 15. A bill of work done for the Asylum.

### ☐ DECMEBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 1860

A called meeting was held at the house of the First Directress on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec at 11 o'clock A.M. to receive the Treasurer's Report for 1860, it not having been handed in at the Annual Meeting. Present, Mrs. Nott, Walker, Bliss, Miller, Holcombe, George, Morris, Watson, Lockwood, Beck and Miss Evans.

A note was received from Mrs. McNeill former Treasurer of the Asylum stating she was not yet prepared to render the Report as her accounts were not all closed, but hoped to be able to lay her books before the gentlemen for examination on the evening of that day.

A resolution was then offered by Mrs. Bliss and seconded by Mrs. Walker that the auditors be requested to examine the books of the Treasurer and attest the accounts.

The meeting then adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

### ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1861

The Board met at the Asylum on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jany 1861 according to appointment. Present Mrs. Watson, Bliss, Lockwood, Miller, Beck and Miss Evans.

Meeting opened by reading a portion of scripture and prayer after which the Board proceeded to business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and received by the Board with a slight amendment. No chairman of the several committees being present, no reports were received.

Mrs. Miller (one of the Committee on Children) brought in an application from Mr. Lyman Dunn for his three children who had been placed in the Asylum by his wife who had deserted him. It was unanimously carried by vote that his children should be sent to him where he resided near Cahaba.

Next came an application from Mrs. Connelly for her child that she might send it to the country for its health, which was delicate. Mrs. Bliss moved and Miss Evans seconded the motion that Mrs. C should be allowed to remove the child. Vote carried in the affirmative.

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Mrs. Reese applied for her five children. Mrs. Burnett (her mother) also applied for the eldest child.

Moved by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Lockwood that the mother (Mrs. Reese) be allowed to take all the children. Carried by a unanimous vote.

Received two children into the Asylum, Emma & Mary Morly.

Mr. Roberts applied to put in four children, mother living but not a proper person to raise them, he being willing to pay a small amount monthly for their support.

Also an application from Robert Smith to put in one child, mother living but very intemperate. These two cases were laid over till our next meeting.

Received a proposal from Mrs. Pierce to take back to the Asylum Lizzie Lankly

Bills to the amount of \$74.17 then examined and passed by Sec to Treasurer to pay when sufficient money should be called in.

The question then came of "shall we receive children having one or both parents living with or without charge.? If charged, at what rate per month?" It was then resolved that we admit only orphans and half-orphans unless the parents pay us sufficient to cover their expenses.

Mrs. Bliss moved when there is but one child placed in the Asylum the parents be required to pay \$8 per month; if more than one, at the rate of five dollars each. Mrs. Miller offered an amendment to this resolution that our regular charge be five dollars, but if the parents were able they shall be charged more according to their means. Seconded by Mrs. Tuthill and carried unanimously.

A resolution was then offered that all our valuable papers after examination & record, be enclosed in the tin box belonging to the Asylum and placed in the Bank of Mobile as a special deposit by our Treasurer. Vote carried.

Mr. Frederick Smythe's application for a little girl rejected on account of Mrs. Smythe's being a Catholic.

Same visitors for the house continued till our regular meeting. Adjourned. *S.A. Beck, Sec'y*

Report of Committee on Supplies: Mrs. Nott's report for the months of December & January. Furnished groceries to the amount of \$240, meal 62 cents, coal \$22, wood \$7.75, butcher's bill \$36.45. Besides some buckets, bread and crackers, which amounts added to the above makes about \$403.00.

December, Mrs. Bliss reports from Committee on Employees that three persons are employed by Mrs. Benjamin. Hired from Mrs. Elder a cook at \$15 per month, washerwoman from Mrs. Harwood, Matilde, at \$15, Miss Johnson as seamstress \$15. Miss Cullier & Miss Johnsons' bills presented for payment \$15 each.

Report of Committee on Children by Mrs. Walker, Chairman. Total number of orphans now in the Asylum, 65, classed as follows: Entire orphan girls, 9, entire orphan boys 14, total 23. Half orphan girls 8, half orphan boys 24, total 32; parents living, girls 3, boys 3, total 6; doubtful, 4. Total 65.

Purchases for the children' clothing for the month of Dec 1860 amounted to \$30.19.

Report of Building Committee, there have been no repairs on the building except a small leak in the shed. Amount paid out \$4.00, M.C. Lockwood.

Visitors report: visited the Asylum several time and found all things in order. Children all well. *Mrs. H.B. Holcombe.*

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## ☐ FEBRUARY 5<sup>H</sup>, 1861

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. Present Mrs. Watson, Nott, Holcomb, Witherspoon, Bliss, Tuthill, Lawler, Lockwood, Miller, Walker and Beck. Absent, Mrs. Elder, Morris, Harwood, George, Miss Evans.

After the meeting was opened as usual, the minutes of the last meeting were read and received by the Board. Bills to the amount of \$65.52 for the last two months were examined and passed to Treasurer.

Mrs. Nott, chairman of the Committee on Supplies read her report for the last two months. Mrs. Miller moved that it be received and Mrs. Walker seconded the motion. Put to vote and carried.

Employees report read, moved by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Nott that it be received, carried by vote.

Mrs. Walker's report as chairman of the Committee upon Children was read. Mrs. Bliss moved and Mrs. Witherspoon seconded the motion that it should be received. This also carried by vote.

Mrs. Watson, our First Directress, not having brought in a written report from Repairs (according to our new rules), Mrs. Miller therefore moved & Mrs. Beck seconded the motion that she should be censured for neglect of known duty. Carried by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Witherspoon's report as Visitor for the month was also received. Mrs. Lockwood's verbal report on repairs received. Treasurer's report was read and being satisfactory was unanimously received.

Mr. Benjamin having brought in several bills for articles purchased by himself, which ought only to have been purchased by the ladies who composed the Committee on Supplies. Mrs. Miller moved that these bills be paid back, that in future Mr. B. be instructed to make no purchases unless he receive a written order from one of the ladies who belong to the several committees. Mrs. Nott instructed to inform Mr. Benjamin of this resolution.

The subject of insurance was then discussed with regard to the **new building erected last summer**. Upon examination it was found that this portion of the Asylum was not insured and resolution was offered by Mrs. Nott and seconded by Mrs. Beck that Mrs. Lockwood, our Treasurer, should see Mr. McNeill and request him to attend to this business and have the new part of the building insured for such a sum as he thinks suitable for a building costing \$5,000. Carried.

Mrs. Bliss then read the articles of contract between the Teacher of the Asylum and board; also those between the Matron & Board to which the signature of both Teacher & Matron must be placed.

Mr. Frederick Smythe's application for an orphan child was again brought forward and unanimously voted to be laid on the table.

Mr. Benjamin reported that a cow was much needed. After considerable discussion it was agreed upon that Mrs. Lawler and Bliss e requested to get rid of the old cow and purchase a new one on as favorable terms as possible.

The subject of fitting up a bathroom, altering the dining room, making a new pantry and laying a new entry floor was discussed at some length. Finally a resolution was passed that the ladies of the Building Committee attend to the altering of dining room and entry floor. The fitting up of bathroom and building new pantry postponed till our funds are greater.

Visitors for month, Mrs. Tuthill & Lawler. Meeting adjourned *S.A. Beck, Secretary*

Reports from the five committees for the month of January. Mrs. Bliss for Committee on Employees reports a man has been hired from Mrs. Chrishen to do gardening and repairing for one month from date, at \$21.

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Mrs. Nott's report for Dec & Jan'y all together. Copied with the Dec report.

Mrs. Walker's report on Children for Jan'y 1861. During the month of Jan'y four children have been admitted into the Asylum, viz. admitted Jan'y 2 by order of the board Lizzie Lanktry, returned by Mrs. Pearch, wife of the Rector of St. John's Church of this city. Jan'y 8 admitted Isabella Jane & George Washington McGullen, two and four years of age. Jan'y 22 admitted Robert Smith – his father has agreed to pay \$5 monthly for his board.

Purchased for children during the month of Jan'y, bill of Douglas, \$8; bill of Daniels & Elgin, \$19.96; bill of Douglas \$15.20; bill of Lasik for shoes.

Mrs. Watson brought in no report upon Repairs. Mrs. Lockwood made a verbal report.

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Donations & Christmas collections. Collection from Mr. Treat & Cleveland \$295.50, from Mr. Letty, \$25.00 to be added to Messrs Stewart and Ross collection. Donation from Justice Campbell \$25. Money from Commissions of Roads & Revenues \$250.00.

Jan'y 8 received from Mr. Bayliss \$10 for Children's Committee; same amount from Mr. Bayliss \$10 for Children's Committee; Duke W. Goodman's Christmas collection \$310.00; Christmas collection from Messrs McNeill & Wheeler, \$502.00; Donation of \$1.00, donation through Mrs. Inge, \$20.00, donation from Mrs. Capt. Munroe, \$20.00, donation from Rev. Mrs. Nicholson, \$10.00, through Mrs. Elder \$3.

Received from Mr. Bayliss \$10 board for his children up to first of April.

Donation of a Confederate bond from a friend, \$50.00; proceeds of Gov Street Church concert \$635; donations from Messrs Turner & Mackensie \$10; from Mr. Burgette, \$2.50; donation from Messrs Waring & McNeill \$40.00.

### ☐ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1861

The Board of Managers held their regular monthly meeting at the Asylum March 5, 1861. Pleasant day but small attendance. Present, Mrs. Watson, Holcombe, Bliss, Miller, Lockwood, George, Walker and Beck.

After the opening of the meeting, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report also received. Chairman of the Committee on Supplies sent in her report which was read and received. A motion was made that all her certified bills be passed to secretary for examination.

Committee report on Children also received together with the report on Repairs & Employees. Mrs. Miller moved that the bills from Children, Employees and Repairs be also passed by secretary to treasurer for payment. Mrs. Lockwood's report upon the repairs which have been made since our last meeting was also read and Mrs. Miller moved and Mrs. Walker seconded the motion that it should be received. Carried by vote.

Mrs. Miller also moved that Mrs. Benjamin's bills be again paid and Mrs. Holcomb seconded the motion. Carried. Also moved that Mr. Donovan's wood bill of last year be examined by Sec and Treas and Mrs. Elder who purchased wood for the Asylum be requested to certify to the bill if found correct, pay over to Mr. D the amount. This motion seconded by Mrs. George and carried.

Visitors of the house for the past month absent, consequently, no report.

An application from Mrs. Sadler, Aberdeen, Miss, for an orphan girl passed to the Children's Committee to make enquiries with regard to the applicant and report upon the same at the next meeting.

An application also for Albert Covington by his uncle. Passed to Children's Committee.

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The three months having expired the time for the Standing Committees to be changed had arrived. A motion was made by Mrs. Holcombe and seconded by Mrs. Bliss that the same ladies be continued on each committee. This was unanimously carried by vote.

Mrs. Miller then proposed that a committee of four ladies, Mrs. Tuthill, Bliss, George and Beck be requested to make out a bill of fare for every day in the week for the children's meals and reported on at our next regular meeting. A proposal to leave a small amount of money with Mr. Benjamin monthly to pay for these articles he could not obtain without cash was laid over for consideration when we should have a full attendance of the Board. Visitors for the month, Mrs. Walker & George.

Mrs. Bliss moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion that we should adjourn. Carried. Adjourned.  
*S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

Mrs. Bliss report from Committee on Employees: Mrs. Bliss presents Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin's bill for three months, \$200.00, Mrs. Elder's bill for cook Ann for three months, \$45.00; three bills for seamstress \$65.00; a bill for gardener, one month \$20.00. Total amount \$310.00. Mrs. Bliss reports in absence of Mrs. Lawler they as a committee on milk and considering that the old cow would again give milk in early Spring, instructed Mr. Benjamin to get milk from milkman until said cow should have a calf. *L.M. Bliss*

Report of the Committee on Children for the month of Feb'y 1861.: Purchases for children amount to \$38.70. Application for child of Robert Smith & wife applied for and received their son Robert who was placed in the Asylum on the 22 of Jan'y. Feb'y 7 admitted into the Asylum Andrew Jackson and Josiah Hatchett, boys of eleven & six years, their mother agreeing to leave them undisturbed for twelve months. Feb'y 8, admitted George Washington Stokes and Mary, his sister, children of eleven & nine years, to remain undisturbed for six months. The children of Lyman Dunn, who were to have been sent to their father at Cahaba, by order of the Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan'y, were at the Asylum on the 22 of Feb'y, six weeks after. Mr. Benjamin was then requested to send them to their mother if she would not allow them to go to their father.  
Mrs. J.J. Walker, Chairman of Children's Committee

The Building Committee desire to say that upon examination they find the flooring of the meeting room very much out of order and therefore thought it best to add that to the contract for repairs accepted at the last meeting. Mr. Benjamin requested that a window in the children's dining room near the kitchen might be changed into a door for the convenience of bringing in the meals, which we also allowed and a window was also cut between the children's and Mrs. Benjamin's, and one table and bench have been furnished.  
Mrs. Lockwood, Chairman of Building Committee

### ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1861

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum April 2, 1861. Present, Mrs. Elder, Holcombe, Morris, Miller, Lockwood, Witherspoon & Beck. Also present one of our honorary members, Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. Watson, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, being absent, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Elder, Second Directress. A portion of scripture was read and prayer offered by Mrs. McBride. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report also approved.

Chairman of the Committee on Supplies not present, no report sent in. Employees, Children's and Building Committees reports voted to be received. A motion then made that all certified bills be passed to Sec for examination. Carried.

Having disposed of all the reports, the case of Albert Covington /or Nash, was brought up. Mrs. Lockwood moved that the boy should be given up to his uncle, provided said uncle should subscribe to the conditions the ladies of the board proposed. Seconded & carried in the affirmative.

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The application of Mrs. Sadler of Aberdeen Miss, for the girl Ellen Franklin was discussed at some length and Mrs. Lockwood moved that it be decided without further delay. Seconded and carried. An account of some agreement made by the managers at the time of Ellen Franklin's entrance into the Asylum, the ladies thought best to decline letting Mrs. Saddler take the girl. Therefore, carried in the negative. A resolution was then offered, seconded and carried that our Sec be requested to write to Mrs. Saddler and inform her that the one child selected for her by her friend Mrs. Richardson as suiting her purposes cannot be given on account of certain circumstances surrounding her.

Moved & seconded that the matter of the Bill of Fare be laid upon the table for the present. Carried. Mrs. Miller moved that Miss Evans, Chairman of Committee on Supplies, be requested to certify to her bills and send them to the Sec for examination without bringing them before the board as is our custom. Carried.

Mrs. Miller then offered a resolution which was seconded that we take up our \$5,000 now in the hands of Mr. Waring and invest it in Railroad bonds. Carried. Also resolved that our Treasurer be requested to inform Mr. Waring that the ladies of the board wish him to take up the note by the first of May, as they will need the money for the support of the Asylum. Carried.

Mrs. George then offered the following resolution: "Whereas the motion offered at our previous meeting of pleasantly censuring our First Directress was misunderstood by our Sec as a reality, thereby wounding our First Directress's feelings, it is therefore resolved that the board of managers withdraw all seeming censure and that this resolution be placed upon the minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Miller and carried.

A resolution was then offered that our Sec'y be instructed to make known through several of our city papers our real situation with regard to funds and request the public to again contribute to the support of the helpless inmates of the Asylum. Seconded and carried by vote. A committee of four gentlemen was then appointed to make collections, viz. Messrs C.R. Lester, Inman Elder, J R Miller and Mr. Wheeler. They were requested to report by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

A motion was also made that the children of the school connected with the Asylum pass through an examination on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month to ascertain which had been the most studious and obedient scholars, that a premium may be awarded to the same. Unanimously carried. Visitors for the Month, Mrs. Witherspoon and Miller. Adjourned.

*S.A. Beck, Sec'y*

No report from Miss Evans on Supplies. The supplies amounted to \$163.15.

The Committee on Children beg leave to report that since the last meeting of the board they have furnished with their spring and summer supply of clothing consisting of three suits for the boys, two common & one Sunday, also two for the girls at the expense of \$73.90. Shoes to the amount of \$31.15, also \$1.15, making a sum total of \$106.22. We have also had under advisement the applications for children made at our last meeting and find upon inquiry that Mrs. Saddler is a very worthy woman, one calculated to do a good part by any child we may place with her. Mrs. Richardson has selected Ellen Franklin. We would recommend the board to allow Mrs. S to take her provided she will bind herself to provide for her until she be eighteen years of age. Agreeable to the rules of this Society. Upon the application of Albert Nash we have been unable to decide and have concluded to refer the whole matter to the board. We have received another application upon which we have not decided but will present it for your consideration at this meeting, all of which is respectfully submitted.

*E.E. Miller, Chairman*

No report on Employees.

Building Committee's report: The committee on Repairs have to report that the work contracted for has been completed and paid for. An order was given for the paint and Mr. Benjamin has handled the new work. He reports that the shutters to the windows are loose and one of them off, & that a trough is wanted to carry off the water from the washroom. *M.C. Lockwood, Chairman*

Visiting Committee Report: I have visited the Asylum frequently during the past month and it affords me great pleasure to report to the board that I have found everything about the premises clean and in good order. There has been no sickness among the children during the month. *Mrs. W.W. George*

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Special Committee on Fare: The undersigned committee appointed at the last meeting to make out a bill of fare for the use of the Asylum beg leave to report that after due consideration as to the expediency of adopting a bill of fare, we think it but right that the furnishing of the food for the children should be left to the discretion of the Matron. We also suggest that the Matron be requested to use all the economy in her power, as our expenses are great and demand it. Mrs. Bliss, George and Beck, Mrs. Bliss, Chairman.

## ☐ APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 1861

A called meeting was held at the house of our First Directress on Tuesday the 23rd of April. Present, Mrs. Watson, Elder, Lockwood, Morris, Holcombe, Miller, Bliss, George, Harwood, Beck & Miss Evans.

Mrs. Watson stated the object of the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The subject of the \$5,000 now in Mr. Waring's hands was discussed and many of the ladies upon reflection, thinking they had acted precipitately in the matter in not consulting the gentlemen who had been appointed Trustees of said sum, wished to reconsider the matter, others thinking we had done what was right. A warm discussion ensued. Finally the following resolution was offered by Mrs. Bliss and seconded by Mrs. Morris, voted upon & carried: Resolved that a committee of ladies, four in number, be appointed to confer with the original committee of gentlemen & after consultation decide the matter of discussing of the \$5,000 in Mr. Waring's hands. The meeting then adjourned.

*S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1861

The ladies of the Protestant Orphan Asylum held their semi-annual meeting according to the notice given from the several churches, on the Sabbath previous in the basement of the Government Street Church, Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of May at 11 o'clock A.M. Attendance small. Present, Mrs. Watson, Elder, Lockwood, Harwood, Holcombe, Morris, Bliss, Miller, Walker, George, Witherspoon, Beck and Miss Augusta Evans. Meeting opened as usual. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report also received.

The reports from Committee on Supplies, Children, Employees and Repairs all read & approved. Moved by Miss Evans that all the bills be received. Carried. Visitors report for this month read and received. Special Committee's report also received.

Mrs. Saddler's second application for a child read. Carried by vote that the Children's Committee be empowered to look into the matter and decide upon it. Mr. Worthington's application for two boys named Kavanaugh & Brogan to put to the printer's business was also referred to the same committee and power given them to act after examining the references. Mr. Reuben Roberts applied for the girl Jennet as a nurse. Referred to the Children's Committee.

Three children admitted to the Asylum.

The case of the girl Eliza Duvoy, who was claimed by two guardians, referred to the same committee. The boy Lanktry recovered after having been run away for several years from the Asylum. Moved we dismiss the boy. Miss Bliss moved that we should not consider this boy an inmate of the Institution but allow him to go to Mrs. Watson who wished to employ such a boy This was unanimous & carried.

Mrs. Harwood then offered the following resolution: that the ladies of the Visiting Committee look into the case of the little girl (*name left blank*) who has looked very delicate and sick for some time past. Carried. Mrs. Elder moved that Mrs. Witherspoon & Bliss of this Com see that she returns to this Asylum. Carried.

Secretary's Semi-annual Report to Commissioners of Roads & Revenues was then called for and read and received. Mrs. Witherspoon suggested the propriety of buying a large supply of groceries immediately as they were daily increasing in

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value and Mrs. Miller moved that a committee of four ladies be appointed to lay in a supply for the summer. Mrs. Bliss, Witherspoon, Walker and Holcombe were accordingly appointed to attend to purchasing these supplies.

Visitors appointed for the month, Mrs. Elder and George. Meeting adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

As Chairman of Children's Committee I hardly know what to say, save that the duties during the past month have been arduous, difficult and trying. Two of the children ran away making it incumbent on the Teacher to seek and return them if possible. An entire orphan, Eliza Devoy, was admitted this 29<sup>th</sup> of April in accordance with the rules of this Institution. Two persons, each claiming to be her guardian, have already applied for her.

Albert Covington still remains in the Asylum, his uncle refusing to comply with the rules of the Institution in order to obtain him. Several applications have been presented to the Committee for the Board during the month

The bills for furnishing the children amount to \$15.20, all of which is respectfully submitted. *E.E. Miller, Chairman*

### ☐ MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1861

Expecting Mrs. Bliss to attend to the business of the Committee of Employees, I have only to report their bills, servants wages, to the amount of \$52.50.

L.M. Bliss, Chairman

The Committee on Repairs have visited the Asylum and found the shutters out of order and consulting together they decided to allow Mr. Benjamin to make the best bargain he could. The bill sent in amounted to \$17.15.

### Special Committees Report:

Three of the Special Committee of ladies appointed by the Board met with the four gentlemen designated in their resolution and after conference decided to let the legacy of \$5000 remain in the hands of Mr. Waring undisturbed until our funds are expended, then should it be necessary to meet an expense, call upon him to make up the deficiency. On behalf of the committee – E.E. Miller

Being one of the Visitors of the month, I would report having visited it only three times, sickness preventing. The premises were not in quite as good order as usual, probably owing to the illness of Mrs. Benjamin. Three children still have sore eyes and one of the large girls has a scald head. The others are well. I would suggest to the ladies as soon as they are able, the propriety of furnishing the Matron with a chest large enough to contain the medicines without leaving them exposed in the nursery.

E. E. Miller, Visitor of the Month

No report on Supplies except the amount of the bills, which was received.

Donations & Collections of Money: Ten cords of wood from Duke W. Goodman; donation from Mr. Wm James for \$100.00; donation from Grand (*unreadable*) \$11.50; from Commissioners of R & Revenues, \$250.00.

One barrel of flour from L.P. Hill, Esqr; two barrels of flour from Messrs F. Dolhande & Co; ten pairs of girls' shoes by C.W. Butt, Esqr; one basket of cakes and one ham from Orange Grove School; one basket of tomatoes from Mrs. Brown, Spring Hill; Donation of \$2 through Mrs. Lockwood; two cords of wood by Mr. Cartright; 90 yards of calico by Miss Thurston; one hundred dollars from Dr. R. Lee Tierne; several pieces of calico through Miss Thurston by several ladies; 200 yds of delaine from Mr. Rutledge; \$50 from Striker's Club for Jan'y 1862.

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## ☐ JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, 1861

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum on Tuesday evening, June 4. Present, Mrs. Watson, Lockwood, Bliss, Walker, Elder, Hughes, George, Harwood and Beck. Minutes read. Moved by Mrs. Elder and seconded by Mrs. Walker that the minutes be received. Amount of supplies sent in but no report from Chairman of that committee. Report from Mrs. Walker, Chairman of Children's Committee read and received. Report from Chairman of Employees also read and accepted. Also report from Chairman of Committee on Repairs read and accepted.

Visitor of the house read her report. It was moved and seconded that it be received.

Special committee's report also received. Treasurer's report as also received.

Three month's having expired the time for changing the standing committees having arrived Mrs. Watson, our First Directress, named the ladies to act on these committees as follows:

Committee on Supplies: Mrs. George, Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Witherspoon, Mrs. Walker; Children's Committee: Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Nott, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Holcomb; Employees Committee: Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Watson, Miss Evans; Committee on Repairs: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Elder.

The subject of planting vegetables in the front yard was discussed. Owing to the hard times, some thought it best to adopt this plan of increasing the quantity of vegetables raised at the Asylum.

A committee of two, Mrs. Walker and Elder, were appointed to look into the matter and do what was best for the interest of the Institution. Moved that we adjourn. Adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec*

Children's Committee Report: I have only to report the admission of an unusually large number of children into the Asylum during the past month, viz. three children of Mrs. Isabella Jones, a destitute widow, three children of Mrs. Owens, Martha Hunter, aged eleven years; three children of Mrs. Cox, living at the Dog River factory and two little girls, Annie and Caroline Shaffer, entire orphans living in the city. They were presented by the Rev. Mr. Pierce. Mrs. Hamilton applied for her son Will and we thankfully returned him to her. But one bill, for six pairs of shoes. Maria Walker, Chairman of Committee on Children.

Mrs. Bliss reports, met with the committee for large purchase of groceries; Mrs. Witherspoon, Nott, Holcombe and Bliss. Arrangements left with Mrs. Holcombe and Witherspoon. Both failing, as late as 30<sup>th</sup> of this month, requested Mr. Bliss to make the purchases according to his best judgement, which he has done and supply the bill for the same.

Visitors Report for the month. During the month I have visited the Asylum five or six times and with pleasure render a most favorable report. In every instance I found the Institution in perfect order, every department presenting an air of cleanliness and comfort. The children have appeared always neat and clean and during the month have enjoyed uninterrupted health. The table is plentifully supplied every day with a variety of vegetables; the food well prepared and neatly served. The larger girls alternately assist in the different kinds of work and sewing and while the Institution is receiving the benefit of their services, they are gaining very important knowledge of domestic duties. The Matron & Teacher are kind and much beloved by the children and this Institution is under a course of judicious, systematic management.

*Julia M. Elder*

## ☐ JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1861

At our regular monthly meeting July 2, the following ladies were present: Mrs. Elder, Walker, Lockwood, Witherspoon, Harwood, Bliss and Beck. After opening the meeting by the rendering of the Scripture and prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and received. Treasurer's report also received. The reports from the four standing committees, viz. on Supplies, Children, Employees and Repairs were all read and received.

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An application for the admission of his children was referred to the Children's Committee. An application from Mr. Bryant from his brother was presented to the Board. It was decided by vote that he should be allowed to take the boy.

Visitor's report for the month read and received. A verbal report from Mrs. Elder was read with regard to the front yard, which has been planted with peas and potatoes.

Mrs. Watson sent in a request that our meetings hereafter might be held at ten o'clock in the morning. The question shall we change the time of our monthly meetings being put to vote, it was decided in the negative.

One child admitted during the month. The mother of the child came at the hour of the meeting and requested permission to take it to the country. This was granted.

Dr. Watson's resignation, being read, was received and a vote of thanks tendered to him by the Board for his unwearied attention to the sick of the Asylum.

The Secretary instructed to apply to Dr. Gordon (in the absence of Dr. Nott) to supply us with an attending physician.

Mrs. Walker appointed Visitor for the month. The meeting adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec.*

Committee on Children: I have purchased for the use of the Asylum during the month of June such articles as were required amounting to \$141.66. June A. George, Chairman of Committee

Mrs. Bliss reports on behalf of the Children's Committee that only one child, a boy two and a half years of age, has been admitted by them during the month, named Leonidus, son of Mrs. Henry Lindsey.  
L.M. Bliss, Chairman

To the Board of Managers of the Asylum, as chairman of Committee on Employees, I have only to report four bills for servants hire. One being a bill not sent in last month by Mrs. Benjamin. There has been no change among the servants and Mrs. Benjamin reports that she is well pleased with all now in the establishment.  
S. Augusta Beck, Chairman of the Committee on Employees

Being one of the Visiting Committee during this month of June, I visited the Asylum several times and found everything in good order. L. Watson, Visitor

### ☐ AUGUST, 1861

The regular monthly meeting was opened as usual, Mrs. Henry Holcombe acting as First Directress. The following ladies were present, Mrs. George, Holcombe, Harwood, Witherspoon, Miller and Lockwood. The minutes of the last meeting were read and received. The Treasurer's report was also read and received.

The reports from Committees on Children, Supplies and Employees were then read and accepted. There was no report on Repairs. Visitor for the month being absent, no report. Mrs. Miller offered a resolution that all the certified bills be passed to Secretary Pro tem for inspection and paid by Treasurer.

The application from Mrs. Raymond was put to vote and received in the negative. The meeting then adjourned.  
*M.C. Lockwood, Sec Pro Tem*

Expenses form Committee on Supplies amounted to \$107.58. Bills for the children by order of Mrs. Bliss amounted to \$125.40. The expenditure of Committee on Employees amounted to \$57.

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Mrs. Miller would report no action on the part of the Committee on Repairs for the past month.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1861

The September meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was attended by thirteen ladies, viz. Mrs. Elder acting in the place of First Directress, Mrs. McBride, Holcombe, George, Morris, Bliss, Tuthill, Witherspoon, Harwood, Lockwood, Battelle, Miss Evans and Mrs. Beck.

Meeting opened as usual by reading the Scriptures and prayer. Minutes of the last meeting read by Sec Pro Tem. Voted to be received. Treasurer's Report also read and received. Reports from three of the standing committees on Supplies, Children and Employees called for, read and received. Nothing to report on Repairs. The Visitor of the house absent, consequently no report. Several of the ladies having visited the house during the month reported everything remarkably neat, taking into consideration the season of rainy weather.

Dr. Hensliss's services as physician of the Asylum gratefully accepted and the Sec requested to inform him.

A petition was then read by Mrs. Elder which had been drawn up by Peter Hamilton Esqr, addressed to the mayor and the city to request him to remit the fine of \$50 against Mr. Benjamin, Teacher of the Asylum, for severely whipping a girl in the Institution. It was moved and seconded that this petition be signed by the Managers. Carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Bliss offered the following resolution, moved by the Board of Managers of the P. O. Asylum, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, that we desire to retain Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin as our Superintendent & Teacher for the present and we cheerfully ponder the unfortunate, accidental punishment of Amanda Cox and esteem his services in all particulars as truly beneficial to our institution. The vote was taken and carried in the affirmative.

Mrs. Elder then appointed the following ladies to act as the Standing Committee for the next three months, according to our new regulations. Committee on Supplies: Miss Evans, Mrs. Holcombe, Mrs. Harwood, and Mrs. Tuthill; Committee on Children; Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Morris; Committee on Employees: Mrs. Witherspoon, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. George, Mrs. Beck; Committee on Repair: Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Nott, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Watson.

Visitor for the month, Mrs. Harwood and Morris. Meeting adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec.*

Report of Chairman on Supplies: I have provided such articles as were needed by the Asylum. Bills amount to \$132.60.

## ☐ OCTOBER, 1861

The October monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Elder, Lockwood, Harwood, Bliss, Battelle, Nott, George, Tuthill, Miss Evans and Mrs. Beck. After the opening of the meeting, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and received. Treasurer's report was also received. The committees, viz. on Supplies & Children, were read, then reports which were also received. No reports from Employees or Repairs.

One visitor from the house absent and one prevented from visiting the Asylum during the month by sickness in her family.

An application was received from Mrs. Weatherwax requesting the permission of the Board to adopt Maria Walts. After a careful investigation into the matter and finding it was agreeable to Maria Watt's feelings, the vote was taken and carried in the affirmative. Secretary instructed to inform Mrs. Weatherwax of the decision.

Mrs. Nott was appointed visitor for the month and the meeting adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Secretary*

## ☐ NOVEMBER, 1861

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum.

Present, Mrs. Elder, Bliss, Lockwood, Tuthill, Battelle, Miller, Beck and Miss Evans. Meeting opened by reading the Bible and prayer. Minutes of the last meeting read by Secretary. Moved and seconded that they be received. Treasurer's report read

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and received. Certified. Bills of the last month received by the Board and passed to Secretary for examination to be passed by her to Treasurer for payment.

Report from Chairman of Committee on Supplies read and received. Also report from Children's Committee received. No report from Committee on Employees & Repairs, the chairman of each committee being absent.

An application to admit a crippled boy was made. Referred to Children's Committee. Mrs. Tuthill appointed as Visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec.*

As Chairman of the Supply Committee, I have merely to report that grocery bills made during the month amounted to \$141.24. Augusta J. Evans, Com. Supplies

As Chairman of Children's Committee, I have to report the admission of two children of Mr. Woolf on written application with satisfactory names and information proving him to be a worthy applicant. The infant (died) belonging to Mrs. Williams and the nurse being extremely poor, I paid the \$4 expense, Mr. McNeill having discharged the debt of burial. Mary L. Carlton, living on Adam's between Dembourn & Wilkinson Streets, wishes us to take from her care a boy ten years of age crippled from his infancy (using a crutch) named Cornelius Convy. His two older brothers are in the army. Mr. Massey applied to put in a boy twelve years of age, entire orphans. Another died recently. An application by a lady for a boy named Tyler, wishing to take him on trial for a month. If pleased with him, will adopt him.

L.M. Bliss, C. C. Committee

Our Annual meeting was held in the basement of the Government Street Church according to the appointment given from the several churches on the previous Sabbath.

Present, Mrs. Watson, Bliss, Lockwood, Miler, Tuthill, Morris, Harwood, Witherspoon, Elder, George, Walker, Beck and Miss Evans. Meeting opened as usual, after which the minutes of the Secretary were read and received.

Chairman of Committee on Supplies read her report; also Chairman of Children's Committee, both of which were received. A verbal report from one of the Committee on Employees, as the chairman was absent. No report on Repairs.

Mrs. Tuthill being Visitor for the month read her report which was also received. Certified

Bills passed to Sec for examination.

An application was presented from Mrs. Webb requesting the ladies to allow her to take Nancy Wilson on trial for a month to see if they were mutually pleased with each other. The ladies granted the request.

The yearly report of the Sec was read and a vote passed to receive it. Also the Treas yearly report read and received and a resolution passed that they both be published in all the city papers some time previous to Christmas. A resolution was also passed that our present Treasurer be allowed to pay off all the bills of the past month thus leaving all our money matters settled up to our annual meeting. The Treasurer has also instructed to send her books to the same committee of gentlemen for examination who have been in the habit of attending to this part of our Asylum business.

The election of officers then took place: First Directress Mrs. Lockwood, Episcopal Church; Second Directress, Mrs. Watson, Baptist Church; Secretary, Mrs. Elder, Methodist Church; Treasurer, Mrs. Wheeler, Presbyterian church. Managers from Episcopal Church: Mrs. Walker, Tuthill & Bron; Baptist Church: Mrs. Bliss, Battelle, and Miller; Methodist: Mrs. N. Smith, Mrs. James Battle and Miss Evans; Presbyterian: Mrs. Morris, Harwood and Beck. The old officers then retired and made way for the new board. *S. Augusta Beck, Secretary*

As Chairman of the Committee of Supplies, I have merely to report that the bills for the month amount to \$310.98. This included the bread bill from Guilles which had been running since last May, some seven months; also a meal bill rendered before but remaining unpaid. Dec. 2 1861 Augusta J. Evans, Chr Comm on Supplies

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Nov. 14, Mrs. Webb applied for Lydia Black. Nov. 15, Received William Bryant on his own application, his sister-in-law treating him unkindly and he promising to be obedient to Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin. Nov. 28, Took a child of Mrs. Walker now in charity hospital for the time of her confinement.

Being one of the Visitors appointed to visit the Asylum during the past month, I regret to say I was unable to do so but twice. During such time I found everything in very good order, the Matron always in the discharge of her duty and the children well cared for and apparently happy and contented. Two of children are very delicate, the urchin considered then better. The teacher was discharging his duty faithfully to his scholars and they all seemed interested in their studies. On Sunday, I passed the children on their way to church with the Teacher and Matron, both appeared interested in the welfare & condition of the orphans. Dec. 3, 1861 P.S. Tuthill

List of donations for 1861 to P.O. Asylum: Mr. Nash, 3 turkeys; Messrs Hodge & Files, 75 lbs butter; Riley Anderson, 1 bl flour; Mr. George W. Ross, 3 cords wood. Amt repairs from Williams & Gwin \$13.80.

### ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1861

The new Board of the Protestant orphans Asylum was organized at the Annual Meeting, by the election of the following officers and managers, namely: Mrs. S.L. Lockwood, First Director; Mrs. A.F. Watson, Second Director; Mrs. Julia Elder, Secretary; Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, Treasurer;

#### Managers of the Board

*Episcopal Church:* Mrs. John J. Walker, Mrs. Harteston Bronn, Mrs. George H. Tuthill; *Methodist Church:* Mrs. James Battle, Mrs. Hampton Smith, Miss Augusta J. Evans

*Baptist Church:* Mrs. T.P. Miller, Mrs. L.M. Bliss, Mrs. J.A. Battelle

*Presbyterian Church:* Mrs. I.S. Augusta Beck, Mrs. M.A. Morris, Mrs. Wm B. Harwood

Committees were appointed to serve during the coming three months. Resolution then offered by Mrs. Millen, seconded by Miss Evans. *Resolved that the secretary be instructed to petition the Legislation, now in session, to so amend that section in our Charter relating to the election of officers; that we may re-elect persons who have served as faithfully to the same offices in regular succession.*

Resolution presented by Mrs. McBride, requesting the ladies of the Society, then present, to contribute each one dollar, for the purpose of presenting Mrs. Benjamin (the matron) with some testimonial of their regard, and to show their appreciation of her services, in behalf of the helpless orphans committed to her care. Nineteen dollars contributed; Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Elder appointed a committee to invest the amount in some suitable article to present to Mrs. Benjamin.

Mrs. Walker visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned – *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

### ☐ JANUARY 7, 1862

Board of Managers met as usual at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Lockwood, Wheeler, Bronn, Walker, Harwood, Miller, Beck, Battelle, Elder and Miss Evans. Minutes of last meeting called for, read and approved. Treasurer's report read and received.

*Following report of Committee on Supplies:* Amount expended during the month for supplies \$173.48. "Upon consulting gentlemen who understand the business of purchasing molasses or sugar, I concluded not to buy a large supply as directed by the Board but to wait for a decline in the prices of those articles." *S. Augusta Beck, Chairman*

*Report of Committee on Children:* Removed from the Asylum Frank Williams by his mother, Nancy Williams by Mrs. Webb. Permitted Mr. Jamison to have his two little boys, to spend Christmas with their father. Admitted Louisa Hadley by her brother, Sidney Hadley. *Mrs. M.A. Morris, Chairman*

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*Report of Committee on Employees:* I have to report the expenditure of \$42.00 servants' hire during the month. *Mr. D. Bronn, Chairman,*

*Report of Committee on Repairs:* As Chairman of Committee on Repairs, I beg leave to report no repairs have been made during the month. *Mrs. A.F. Watson, by Mrs. T.P. Miller*

*Report of Visitor:* Visited the Asylum every week, found every thing in good order – one child sick. *Mrs. Walker – Visitor*

*Report of Special Committee:* Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Elder respectfully report the appropriation of the sum collected, \$18.50 for the purchase of a silver ladle, which was presented to Mrs. Benjamin on Christmas Day. \$.50 remaining placed in the Treasury.

Mrs. Bliss then presented the case of an orphan by the name of Frank Ross as an applicant for admission into the Asylum. Moved and carried.

Application then presented by Mrs. Burbank to adopt as her own child, a little boy, Frank Farley, whom she had on trial. Vote taken-carried. Mrs. Morris, Chairman of Children's Committee, presented the case of Maria Watts, who had voluntarily left the care of Mr. & Mrs. Matherway, the persons who adopted her in October last. Mrs. Bliss offered the following resolution: Moved that in consideration of Maria Watts' extreme unwillingness to return to Mr. & Mrs. Matherway, that we retain her with the assurance that no censure is passed upon them. Carried.

A generous proposal was then presented by Mrs. Lockwood from Dr. R.Q. Feam to attend the ensuing year as Physician to the Asylum. Secretary instructed to inform him that the Board most gratefully accepts his services. A request then presented that a chimney be put up between the two servants' rooms. Referred to the Committee on Repairs.

An offer from the Histrionic Association of a benefit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully accepted.

Mrs. Elder then reported that in consequence of the early adjournment of the Legislation of the State, there was not sufficient time after the last meeting to forward a petition in reference to the re-election of officers.

Moved that all bills be passed to the Secretary for examination, and then to the Treasurer for payment.

Mrs. Bliss appointed visitor for the month. Adjourned – *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1862

Board met as usual at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Lockwood, Wheeler, Miller, Watson, Bliss, Walker, Morris, Elder. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved with some corrections by Mrs. Miller.

*Report of Mrs. Morris, Chairman of Children's' Committee:* Admitted into the Asylum two children of Mrs. Curtis; Joseph, eight, and William, six years of age. Their mother entirely unable to provide for them.

Admitted February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sarah Jane Campbell, eleven years; Myranda Bathada Campbell, nine years; Erasmus Gilmer Campbell, seven years; John Leonard Campbell, five years; Cornelius Kalton Campbell, three years. Their father, Mr. Campbell, has enlisted in Confederate Army and is unable to make any provision for his children. Their mother died two years ago, near Dog River. Mills (Walker), child of Mrs. Walker, died during the month.

No report from *Committee on Supplies*, every member of this committee being absent or sick. Mrs. Elder was directed by the First Directress to furnish all necessary supplies, which was done.

*Report of Committee on Repairs* by Mrs. Miller was read and received.

*Visitor's* written report read and received as following: "As visitor of the house for the month, found on casual observation that everything seemed in good order. On close inspection found some repairs very much needed, which would do more

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good than to complain of the matron and superintendent. One child died and it was painful to witness its burial without ministerial attendance. Mr. Benjamin made some effort to find a minister to perform the burial service, but failed and the undertaker could not wait. It was therefore obliged to be buried immediately." *Mrs. Bliss, Visitor*

Mrs. Morris stated that Mrs. Mobb wished to adopt Nancy Williams, a girl she had taken on trial for a month. Moved that she be allowed to do so. Carried

*Committee on Employees:* Requested to employ a gardener and provide necessary articles for gardening. Adjourned.

## ☐ FEBRUARY 27, 1862

A called meeting of the managers was held at Mrs. Lockwood's residence.

The business brought before the Board was stated, viz – **that in view of the present state of affairs, when the invading foe is daily expected, and our house is endangered, it is best to deliberate upon the disposition of funds belonging to our Institution and to provide some place of safety for the children.**

**Various plans were discussed; it was proposed to place the funds and property in the hands of some British resident for protection. Others objected proposing that, as one would share and accept this fortune of our country, so would the poor, friendless orphans under our charge, do the same in case of invasion.**

**Resolution then offered by Miss Evans, seconded by Mrs. Harwood. "I move that a Committee of Gentlemen be appointed who, in case of an attack from the enemy, shall be empowered by the Board to take charge of the funds of the Institution and remove the children if necessary." Carried.**

Second resolution offered by Mrs. Harwood, seconded by Miss Evans: Moved that a Committee of Ladies be appointed to confer with the Committee of Gentlemen and report at the next monthly meeting. Vote taken, carried. Adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

Names of Committees appointed:

*Gentlemen:* Mr. Daniel Wheeler, Mr. Wm Ledyard, Mr. D. McNull, Mr. D.W. Goodman, Mr. T.R. Millen

*Ladies:* Miss Evans, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Bliss

## ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1862

Regular monthly meeting was held this day. Present: Mrs. Lockwood, Morris, Wheeler, Tuthill, Miller, Bronn, McBride, Bliss, Walker, Elder and Miss Evans. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report read and received.

*Report of Committee on Children* read and received. The Chairman of the Children's Com. Reports the expenditure of \$233.17 during the last month ending March 4<sup>th</sup>. *Mary W. Morris, Chairman*

*Report of Committee on Supplies:* "I beg leave to inform the ladies that I have supplied the Asylum through the month to the amount of \$181.15." *Mrs. A.F. Watson, Chairman*

*Report of the Committee on Employees.* "The Chairman of Com. on Employees has to report that a gardener has been engaged at \$15 per month. He has ploughed on half of the garden and planted nearly a bushel of Irish potatoes and green peas. Mr. Benjamin has the seed for planting the rest of the garden." Expenses for the month \$225.00. *Mrs. W.D. Bronn, Chairman*

*Report of Committee on Repairs.* The Chairman of the committee would report no business transacted during the past month. *E.E. Miller, Chairman*

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*Report of Special Committee* by Miss Evans read and received. "As Chairman of the Committee of Ladies appointed at the recent called meeting of the society, I have to report that **after a consultation with the Committee of Gentlemen, it was decided to allow the funds of the Asylum to remain at least for the present, at the Bank where they are considered secure, from the fact that the directors have been assured that they would be notified in time to remove the deposits to a place of safety, if the city should be attacked.** Mr. McNeill kindly offered the use of his vault for the box containing the papers of the Society, and thinks he can promise to preserve it under all circumstances, as his office is in the same building with the British Consul and will be protected by the British flag, in case of danger. As Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ledyard requested the Board to indulge no apprehension regarding the children and proposes that the Board leave the removal of the children in the hands of the Committee of Gentlemen, who pledge themselves to provide a safe retreat for the orphans should the city be bombarded. In consideration of the fact that provisions are daily increasing in volume, and owing to the difficulty of transportation at this juncture, the joint-committee deems it advisable to purchase without delay a sufficient amount of flour, sugar, molasses and rice to sustain the children at least until the first of May. The Committee desires to cooperate heartily with the Board, and Mr. Ledyard assures us that should exigencies occur, they will lend their united efforts to shield the orphans and assist the ladies. All of which is respectfully submitted." *Augusta J. Evans, Chairman of Committee*

On account of continued rains and disagreeably cold weather, Mrs. Bliss (who is always so faithful in the discharge of her duties) was prevented from visiting the Asylum during the past month. Several members of the Board whose duties called them there found everything in the usual good order and the children all enjoying excellent health. Moved and seconded that all certified bills to be passed to the Treasurer for payment.

Resolution offered by Mrs. McBride. "That in view of the coming scarcity of provisions, Mr. Wheeler be requested to expend several hundreds of dollars, now on hand, in buying provisions for the summer."

Committee continued: *Supplies:* Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Ja's Battle, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Watson; *Children:* Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Battelle, Miss Evans; *Employees:* Mrs. Bronn, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Harwood; *Repairs:* Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Lockwood

Resolution presented by Mrs. McBride that Mrs. Wolff be allowed to take his children and not to return them. Carried.

Mrs. Tuthill, Visitor. Adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

### ☐ APRIL 1, 1862

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Watson, Wheeler, Morris, Battelle, Walker, Tuthill, Beck, and Miss Evans.

The First Directress being absent, Mrs. Watson presided. The minutes of the last meeting called for and as Mrs. Elder was absent, Mrs. Beck appointed secretary pro tem. Report of Treasurer read and received. Also, Reports from the Committees on Supplies, Children, Employees and Repairs all read and received. Visitor report – read and received. Moved and carried that all certified bills be passed to Sec'y for examination and to Treasurer for payment.

Four children had been received by Children's committee, to remain until April meeting, being the children of a destitute volunteer from Gainesville, Ala. The resolution was offered that the Sec'y be requested to write to Gainesville to ascertain the correctness of his statement – at which time the children be allowed permanently to remain inmates of the Asylum or until the father might be able to provide for them.

Mrs. Tuthill appointed visitor for the month. Adjourned. *I.S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y pro tem.*

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## ☐ APRIL 1, 1862

*Report of Com. on Supplies.* As one of the Committee I beg leave to report the expenditure of \$53.69. *Mrs. A.F. Watson*

*Report of Com. on Children.* Gave Mr. Campbell an order to remove his five children and give them to his mother. Gave a permit for four children to be placed in the Asylum until next meeting. Permit to Mr. Newman to remove his three children. *Mary Morris, Chairman of Committee*

No other business coming before the Board. Moved and carried that we adjourn. *S. Augusta Beck, Sec'y pro tem.*

## ☐ MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 1862

**In consequence of the panic prevailing from reports of an immediate attack of the Federal fleet, there was no meeting. Nearly all the members being absent or preparing to leave. Under the kind parental care of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin, the orphans were not forgotten.**

*Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1862

Present at the regular monthly meeting, *Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Wheeler, and Miss Evans.*

The secretary being absent, Miss Evans was appointed Sec'y pro tem.

*Report of the Treasurer* read and received. *Report from the Committee on Supplies* read and received. No other reports rendered through absence of chairman. Monthly visitor's report favorable and received. Complaint having been made of the tardiness of the druggist Wade Langdon in preparing medicine, a resolution was passed to the effect that in accordance with the expressed desire of Dr. Feam, Dr. Coster should in future have the patronage of the Asylum.

No further business – adjournment proposed and carried. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1862

No meeting. Only three ladies present. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1862

*Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Watson and Elder* present. No business transacted as the number present was insufficient to form a quorum. By direction of *Mrs. Lockwood,*

*Mrs. Elder* was appointed provider for the month.

At the request of several ladies, a called meeting was held one week later. Present: *Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Harwood, Miss Evans, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Wheeler.*

Object of meeting to deliberate upon some plan to raise funds for support of Institution during the remainder of the year. Several plans proposed when finally it was decided to leave the question under consideration until next meeting.

The amount on hand would probably pay through the present month and so large a portion of our community being absent it would be better to wait until our present fund was entirely exhausted before making an appeal to the public. *Mrs. Gorman* applied to adopt a little boy (Frank Farley) some 2-1/2 yrs old. Decided by Board to grant *Mrs. Gorman's* request. *Mrs. Marton Toulmin* applied for *Jeannette Clark* – petition to be decided upon next meeting.

Visitor report highly favorable. In absence of full committees, no action reports presented.

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Sent in by Mrs. Benjamin \$9.20 from sale of vegetables. Also \$11.75 sale of milk and butter. Moved and carried that it be placed in hands of Mrs. Benjamin for purchase of shoes for larger girls.

No other business – adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862

The regular monthly meeting was held. Present – Mrs. Wheeler, Watson, Harwood, Beck, Tuthill, Elder and Miss Evans.

No reports from committees – report of visitor very favorable.

The low state of the Treasury demanding the attention of the Board. The decision of the Board was as follows: That after a calculation of the amount on hand, and the \$200.00 due (interest on Battle Fund) together with the \$500 from Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, making in all about \$750.00, it is believed that with close economy the amt named will defray all expenses of the Institution until 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

There being no other business, Board adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

On account of rainy weather, no meeting was held.

## ☐ NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862

Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Lockwood, Wheeler, Tuthill, Harwood, Battelle, Walker, Beck, Watson, Elder and Miss Evans. Report of provider (Mrs. Elder) read and received. Report of visitor read and received (very favorable). Bills for the month examined and when certified by the ladies who made purchases to be passed to Treasurer for payment. Mrs. Walker appointed to receive and dismiss children. Mrs. Lockwood provider for the month. Mrs. Tuthill visitor. Adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1862

Board and Society met in Gov't Street Church for the purpose of holding Annual Meeting. Members of Board present, Mrs. Lockwood, Wheeler, Watson, Beck, Miller, Battelle, Harwood, Elder and Miss Augusta Evans.

The reports of Mrs. Lockwood, provider, and Mrs. Walker, Chairman of Com. on Children read and adopted. Visitor's report read and received. Bills for the month examined and by vote decided that they be passed to Treasurer for payment.

Resolution offered that the three larger girls, Mary Moore, Jeanette Clark and Ellen Franklin be provided with homes in some respectable families in or beyond the city. Referred to New Board. Also an application presented by Mrs. George W. Ross to admit a family of four children (entire orphans) left to the decision of the new Board when elected.

Mrs. Lockwood, First Directress, called the Society to order for the election of new officers and managers, which resulted as follows: Mrs. David Wheeler, First Directress; Miss Lockwood, Second Directress; Mrs. T.P. Miller, Secretary; Mrs. Julia Elder, Treasurer

### *Managers:*

Baptist Church: Mrs. J.A. Battelle, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Watson

Methodist Church: Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. James Battle, Miss Augusta Evans

Episcopal Church: Mrs. J.J. Walker, Mrs. Massendorf, Mrs. George Tuthill

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Wm. A. Smith, Mrs. L.A. Beck, Mrs. Morris

The only business before the Society was a resolution presented by Mrs. McBride to increase the salary of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin from eight hundred to one thousand dollars. Vote taken and carried. The new Board then took their places to the Society. Was dismissed by Mrs. Wheeler when the business before the Board proceeded. *Julia M. Elder, Sec'y*

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After the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society, the "New Board" was called to order by the First Directress for the transaction of business. Present: all the new officers, and all the managers, excepting Mrs. James. Battle.

The following persons were elected to fill the different committees for the term of three months:

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Battelle

*Committee on Children:* Miss Evans, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Massendorf

*Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Hamilton

*Committee on Repairs:* Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Elder

*Visiting Committee:* Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Walker

This business completed, the resolutions laid on the table by the old board were taken up for immediate attention.

The cases of the three girls, Ellen Franklin, Mary Moore and Jeanette Clark, by resolution were referred to the Children's Committee. Also the application from Mrs. Ross for the admission of children was referred "by resolution" to the Children's Committee. The Children's Committee was instructed to apply for the admission of several of the larger children into the public school.

A resolution was offered and carried that the money received from Ladies Subscriptions be passed to our former Treasurer for the liquidation of Nov. bills.

A resolution authorizing Mrs. Tuthill to secure the loan of \$500 to be paid from the Christmas collections was carried.

By an act of the Board, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Elder were appointed collectors of Ladies Subscriptions for the present year 1863.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned. *Emma E. Miller, Sec'y.*

## ☐ JANUARY 6, 1863

Board met at the Asylum at the usual time. Present; Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Morris, Beck, Battelle, Battle, Watson, Shaffer, Tuthill, Smith, Hamilton, Miss Evans. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer absent, no report.

Received a verbal report from the Chairman of the *Committee on Supplies*, accompanied by bills and written statement of her expenditures amounting to \$368.84. Also, bills from the Matron amounting to \$206.14. Total expense for the month by her rendered \$574.28.

Next in order received a written report from *Children's Committee*. Admitted during the past month 5 orphan children and obtained a good situation for Jeanette Clark. Amount of bills contracted by her during the month \$498.04.

*Committee on Employees* reports an exchange of one servant and an expense of \$10.

No report from *Committee on Repairs*. "Things in the usual order and children doing well" received from the Visiting Committee.

The report of the Special Committee resulted in a continuance of the committee for the next month when a report is expected from Miss Evans on the admission of the children into the public school. Permission was granted Mrs. Montgomery to take Mary Moore for one month on trial and a report is expected at the next meeting. Permission granted the Matron to hire a seamstress for a month or two at \$15 per month. The case of Ellen Franklin again referred to the Children's Committee.

Received in donations and subscriptions \$286, which was passed by order of the Board to Mrs. Tuthill in part payment of an indebtedness to her.

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By order of the First Directress the Secretary gave an order on the Treasurer for the balance due Mrs. Tuthill amounting to \$82.84.

Mrs. Smith and Lockwood appointed visitors for January. Adjourned. *Emma E. Miller, Secretary.*

Expended and rendered for the month of January \$1083.02 the outstanding bills.

Secretary received from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862 to Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 and passed to the Treasurer donations of \$828.75, Ladies Subscriptions \$386, Christmas collections from Mrs. Holmes \$367.25. Christmas collections from Mrs. Ledyard and Watkins \$653. Total for the month \$2235.00. *Emma E. Miller, Sec'y*

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Since writing the above I have received the two outstanding bills amounting to \$448.89, which added to the former amount of \$1083.02, make the actual expenses for the month of Dec terminating Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1863, \$1531.91.

During the present month commencing Jan 6<sup>th</sup> the Secretary has received and passed to the Treasurer donations and Ladies subscriptions \$389.70, Christmas collections \$5716. Whole amount passed to our Treasurer in Christmas collections \$6736.25; donations \$1138.75; Ladies Subscriptions \$465. Total \$8,340.00. *E.E. Miller, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

The Managers of the Asylum, having been previously notified, met at the house of Mrs. Wheeler on the morning of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> for official business. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Elder, Smith, Beck, Evans, Massendorf, Battelle, Shaffer, Hamilton, Morris and Matron.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Wheeler, called the meeting to order and presented the following reasons for the call: The reasons for calling the Board of Managers together - the card that was published advertising a supper to be given for the benefit of the orphans and which stated that the amount of money was entirely inadequate to defray the expenses of the present year, seemed to convey a reproach both upon the community and the Gentlemen, who have made our annual collections and living as we do entirely by public favor. With the advise and concurrence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, and not having time to convene, the Board (the card which was submitted to 8 of the Managers before it was published, all of whom saw it - some not being at home), approved it. It was merely to set the managers in a correct position before the community, and at the same time to aid as much as possible those ladies who had unintentionally placed us in this position. It seems to have given great offense and hearing that another card has to be published this morning that would be highly prejudicial to the interests of our institution and being earnestly solicited to call a meeting of the Board, I have done so.

I would state that the collections are upwards of \$6000, this with the interest on money loaned, and the amount received from the Commissioner on Road & Revenues would bring it up to near \$7000. The Ladies Subscriptions and donations which we have a right to expect from last year's experience, would amount to near \$8,000.

After deliberation upon the subject presented by Mrs. Wheeler, the following preamble and resolution was offered for the consideration of the Board:

"The Managers of the P.O. Asylum, ever grateful to a liberal community, beg leave to state that heretofore our annual Christmas collections and voluntary contributions have defrayed our current expenses. At the close of the year 1862 there was a deficit of about \$600. The receipt from the collectors up to this time for 1863 reach \$3700. Several of the collectors have not yet reported. Assuming they obtain \$2300 the amount of our Christmas collections will be \$6,000. The unprecedented high prices of provisions and clothing have led many to fear this sum may not prove sufficient for the expenses of the year, therefore; resolved that we will cheerfully cooperate with the ladies who have so kindly offered to furnish a supper for the benefit of the Orphans under our care."

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This preamble and resolution was presented in form and passed by the Board, but finding there was some dissatisfaction among the managers, this matter was reconsidered, amended by substituting "cooperate with" with "our influence on behalf of." Again, passed the Board with the understanding it was to be read in the Supper Hall and published in the Evening News of that day.

A note was presented from Mr. Griss requesting the presence of the orphan children at the exhibition in the theater on Saturday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Granted. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863

Board met at the Asylum for its regular monthly meeting. First Directress being absent, the meeting was opened by Mrs. Lockwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress. Present: Mrs. Lockwood, Elder, Miller, Evans, Tuthill, Walker, Hamilton, Morris, Battelle, Massendorf, Beck and Smith. Secretary being a little late, the Treasurer presented her report, which was received by the Board.

At this stage of the proceedings, Secretary being present, minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved; also minutes of the called meeting, read and approved. Secretary's report presented and accepted.

Mrs. Tuthill rendered a full and free written report, as *Chairman on Supplies*, which met the approval of the Board. Her own bills presented Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> amounted to \$75.60 - from Mr. Benjamin by her order \$33.75, sum \$109.30.

Miss Evans, *Chairman on Children's Committee* reported no admissions during the past month. There was a situation for Ellen Franklin with Mrs. Swanson, which had thus far proven satisfactory. Also reports the return of Mary Moore to the Asylum and recommends for various reasons a situation for her as soon as possible. Amount of bills: \$25.60. Report received.

Mrs. Beck, *Chairman of Committee on Employees* rendered \$60.00 as the expenses of her committee for January. Received. No report on *Repairs*.

Mrs. Smith visited; found things in good order and the children enjoying good health.

Miss Evans, the *Special Committee*, appointed to petition the School Commissioner for the admission of our children over eight years of age into the public school, reported a favorable answer to the petition and permission to enter immediately. Received. Bills passed to the Secretary for examination.

Resolution empowering Mrs. Tuthill to obtain money from the Treasurer for settlement of her Jan. bills. Passed.

A resolution that the children be sent immediately to the public school under the supervision of Mrs. Benjamin while going and returning, has carried. Miss Evans requested to return the thanks of the Board to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Battelle, one of the collectors, Ladies Subscriptions, reported donations and subscriptions \$43.00 + \$6.00. Total \$49.00. Mrs. Beck through Mrs. Walker.

Application for children referred to the Children's Committee. One for the reception of a child, referred also.

The note from our 1<sup>st</sup> Directress informing us of her resignation, having been presented, the following preamble and resolution was adopted by the Board.

"Having learned that our 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Wheeler, was wounded at the course pursued by our board at the called meeting, with reference to the publication of a second card, she regarding it as a reflection on the action which she had previously taken, and feeling that under no circumstances can the board dispense with the services of so admirable and valued an Officer; therefore resolved that the Board do most sincerely deplore the circumstances which have given rise to this dissatisfaction on her part; and while we earnestly disclaim the intention of any possible reflection upon an act which

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met the approbation of a majority of the managers, unite in requesting her to accept this expression of great regret and withdraw the resignation which has given so much pain to the Board."

The Managers desiring a committee to visit Mrs. Wheeler, the following ladies were appointed: Miss Evans, Mrs. Beck, Battelle, and Massendorf.

Presented by the Treasurer Mrs. Johnson, of the Ladies engaged in giving the supper, \$5201.30. Mrs. Hamilton desired to return the thanks of the Board to those ladies.

By vote of the Board, the \$5,000 presented above was directed to be placed in our tin box and deposited in bank for future uses.

Visitor for the month – Mrs. Massendorf. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

The Secretary reports amount of bills rendered Feb 3 - \$194.99. A bill from the Tribune Office: \$149.00. Received during the month of Feb: Subscriptions: \$37.00; Donations: \$215.00;

Christmas Com.: \$345.00. \$597.00 passed to Treasurer; Donations: \$15.00; Total: \$612.00

*E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

### ☐ MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863

The board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Elder, Tuthill, Watson, Walker, Battle, Battelle, Evans and Beck.

Mrs. Wheeler, our First Directress, having withdrawn her resignation called the Board to order as usual for the transaction of business.

Minutes for the last meeting and Secretary's report read and approved. Treasurer's report received. Mrs. Tuthill reported with her usual promptitude as *Chairman of Committee on Supplies*, bills amounting to \$557.55.

Mrs. Beck granted Mr. Benjamin permission to hire a gardener and reported bills in the amount of \$295. As to the indebtedness of the *Committee on Employees*, a monthly expense of \$45 for servants' hire independent of the salary of the Matron and Superintendent.

Miss Evans reported the children of Mr. Wolf restored to him; Ned Brace returned to the Asylum; an application for the admission of two children; a situation obtained for Ellen Franklin and bills amounting to \$259.66 and the expenditures of the Children's Committee for Feb.

No report from the *Committee on Repairs*.

Bills were passed to the Secretary for examination and to the Treasurer for payment, in the usual form. A resolution passed the Board that Mrs. Elder be allowed to open an account with the Savings Bank. A resolution was offered empowering Mrs. Elder to withdraw the interest bearing note from bank, if the same interest bearing note can be obtained and discretionary power granted her to deposit them in some person's iron chest for safety, but if these notes cannot be obtained, let our funds still remain in bank. Carried.

An application for the admission of children referred to *Children's Committee*.

Permission has granted the *Committee on Employees* to hire a gardener and an extra servant for Mrs. Benjamin.

The terms for the four committees having expired; the following ladies were appointed to serve for the next three months: *Committee on Supplies*: Mrs. Hamilton, Smith, Battle and Battelle; *Committee on Children*: Mrs. Lockwood, Morris, Shaffer, Massendorf; *Committee on Employees*: Mrs. Beck, Walker, Watson, Tuthill; *Committee on Repairs*: Mrs. Wheeler, Evans, Miller and Elder

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Monthly visitor: Mrs. Battle

Mrs. Beck instructed to visit Mrs. Waring and make some settlement in relation to the cow.

By vote of the Board the Secretary is requested to publish receipt of donations monthly. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretary's Report: Amount of bills examined, March 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,111.71. Received and passed to Treasurer since First Feb, \$5,838.30, + \$340.00. Total \$14,178.30

*E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

☐ **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863**

Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Elder, Hamilton, Tuthill, Morris and Beck. First Directress called the meeting to order when minutes of the last meeting and Secretary's Report were read and approved. Treasurer's Report received

*Chairman of the Committee on Supplies* reported expenses for the month of March \$627.31.

*Committee on Employees* reported bills amounting to \$79.00

*Chairman on Committee on Children* admitted during the month five children, one of whom agreed to pay \$16 per month board. Also, the giving out of four children and amount of expenses \$37.00.

No report from *Committee on Repairs*. Received a communication from Mrs. Waring through Mrs. Beck, still claiming the cow. Mrs. Beck was instructed to make some final settlement with her before the next meeting.

Bills passed in the usual form to the Secretary. Received at the meeting subscriptions and donations of \$142.00.

Mrs. Morris visitor for the month. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretary's Report: Amount of Bills examined, \$639.81

Monthly receipts: donations - \$142; Interest - \$200 Total \$342 (\$14,178.30 + 342 – total \$14,520.30)

☐ **MAY 6, 1863**

The Board met in the basement of the Government Street Church for the holding of their monthly and semi-annual meeting. Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Beck, Walker, Hamilton, Battle, Smith, Morris and Watson. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Treasurer being absent the report was read by Mrs. Lockwood and received.

Expenses of *Committee on Supplies* as rendered \$414.65, leaving a balance of \$48.04 in her hands for next month.

An indebtedness of \$60 reported by Chairman of *Committee on Employees* and Asylum bills rendered \$30.

Mrs. Lockwood admitted a child during the month. Expended \$352.50.

Mrs. Wheeler reported having made an application to the Mayor for the repair of the road and bridge in front of the Asylum. In reply His Honor said he would repair the road, but the bridge being private property must be done at the expense of the Asylum. Received.

Mrs. Morris, visitor, found everything in the usual good order during the month. The application of Mrs. Lundy for her niece was granted. Mrs. Lockwood was instructed to give Mr. Stanley the boy Tyler on trial for one month and if mutually satisfied at its expiration bind the boy to him until of age. All applications for admissions of children referred to the *Committee on Children*.

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Mrs. Beck reported paying Mrs. Waring \$120.00 for the cow. Report received and committee discharged.

Bills passed to the secretary in the usual manner.

By vote of the Board Mrs. Benjamin is allowed 2 lbs coffee for month only, during these pressing times. *Chairman of Committee on Supplies* instructed to purchase the sugar.

Mrs. Elder, Treasurer, reported the depositing in Bank of one tin box containing valuable papers and confederate notes, which by vote of the Board was approved.

Mrs. Smith, visitor for May.

Received at the meeting, receipts and donations: \$10.00; One month's board for Mr. Johnson's child: \$15.00  
After reading semi-annual report, adjourned.

## Semi-Annual Report:

Six months of the administration of the present board have passed and the Secretary is gratified to have it in her power to report favorably upon the condition of the inmates of our Asylum and the state of our finances.

When we consider the amount of sickness which has prevailed in our midst we have reason for gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father Who has shielded the children of our charge from the destroyer and the financial difficulties have pressed with great weight upon our people, yet God has opened the hearts of his children to remember our destitute ones.

Never, since the formation of the Society, have we been blessed with so large an amount of means for their support and we feel confident the current expenses of the year will be met without further call upon our citizens.

The amount received and passed to the Treasurer to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1863, is \$14,520.30. Our expenses have been very heavy as our Treasurer reports will show but let us not fear for the result. I have addressed the Commissioners but as yet have had no reply.

Their appropriation, together with balance interest money, will realize to actually be near probably \$1000 more.

Respectfully submitted – *Emma E. Miller, Secretary*

Secretary's Report for May: Received subscriptions: \$2.00; Received Donations: \$175.00; A. Minstrels: \$948.00. TOTAL \$1125.00. Passed to the Treasurer since last meeting: \$1150.00

## ☐ JUNE 2, 1863

Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Elder, Beck, Evans, Battelle, Hamilton, Battle. First Directress presiding. The Secretary's minutes and report was read and received.

Treasurer Report approved. *The Committee on Supplies* reported through Mrs. Hamilton money received for month's expenses \$598.04; returned bills amounting to \$593.62, leaving a balance in her hands of \$4.45 which was passed to Mrs. Elder, the new Provider. Received.

Mrs. Beck reported an indebtedness of \$310.00 for servants' hire. Received.

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Mrs. Lockwood admitted two children and gave out two during the month of May. Reported having received from the Treas. \$40.00 and expended \$16.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$24.00 which was passed to Miss Evans the new *Chairman of Children's Committee*. Received.

Mrs. Wheeler rendered \$12.52 as the only expense incurred by *Com on Repairs*, being the amount paid for repairing the bridge. Approved.

Visitor absent.

Mrs. Beck reported the check for the cow returned by Mr. Waring to Mrs. Elder, Treas. Mrs. Lockwood, visitor.

New Committees:

*Supplies*: Mrs. Elder, Battelle, Shaffer, Lockwood

*Children*: Miss Evans, Mrs. Battle, Morris, Hamilton

*Employees*: Mrs. Beck, Walker, Watson, Tuthill

*Repairs*: Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Smith and Doline

Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretarial Report: Examined paid bills: \$622.39 Unpaid bills: \$485.64. Expenses as rendered for May - \$1108.03 Received at the meeting for board: From Mr. Johnson: \$15.00; From Mrs. Eberlein: \$50.00; TOTAL \$65.00. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*. The Secretary received no money during the month of June.

## ☐ JULY 7<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Elder, Watson, Shaffer, Morris, Battle and Battelle. First Directress presided.

The secretary being absent the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Battelle (Sec pro tem). Received. Treasurer reports no receipts of money during the month. Accepted.

*Committee on Supplies* report through Mrs. Elder the amount of expenses for June \$296.00 and the furnishing of \$500.00 to Mr. Benjamin for the purchase of supplies for future use. Adopted.

*Committee on Children* in the absence of the chairman report through Mrs. Morris no expenses but the giving of Angelina Burr to Mrs. Anderson. An application from Mrs. Leigh for Mary Singleton granted. The son of Mr. Watson was admitted with the understanding that his father pays \$15.00 per month and clothes him.

*Chairman of Committee on Employees* being absent, the only report was through Mrs. Elder of the payment to Mrs. Benjamin of \$425.50 for salary.

No report on repairs.

Mrs. Lockwood made a favorable report as visitor. One child died during the month.

All these reports received.

Mrs. Battle and Lockwood were appointed as *Committee on Special Business*.. Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Watson appointed as *Committee on Special Business*.

The Board authorized the purchase of sundry supplies from Mr. Benjamin. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Watson, visitor. *Julia A. Battelle, Pro Tem*

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Secretary's Report: Expended \$1296.00. No money received as bills examined for June. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*. After examining the June bills I find bills rendered amounting to \$268.76, a memorandum from Mr. Benjamin of \$285.50 without bills and the payment of his salary of \$250.00, making an amt go from our funds of \$804.25. Also the furnishing of \$500.00 to Mr. Benjamin for future supplies. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

☐ **AUGUST 4, 1863**

The Board met as usual at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Morris, Walker, Tuthill, Elder and Miller. In the absence of our First and Second Directresses, Mrs. Hamilton desired to preside but resigned in favor of Mrs. Tuthill. Minutes of the past meeting were read and Secretary's report, and approved.

Treasurer made a verbal report stating the amount unexpended remaining in the treasury independent of the \$5000.00 in bank to be a little over \$1600.00. Received.

*Committee on Supplies* through Mrs. Elder reported bills not yet received from Mr. Benjamin, but expenses known amounting to \$544.80. Received

*Children's Committee* through Mrs. Morris: a report from Miss Evans of purchase amounting to \$68.46. Mary Singleton was permitted to go with Mrs. Leigh to Columbus, Miss. One child, boy, had died also. Received.

*Committee on Employees* through Mrs. Tuthill, report an expense of \$40.00. Received

No report on repairs. Visitor absent.

*Especial Committee* – Mrs. Battle and Lockwood, both absent. *Especial Committee No. 2*, through Mrs. Elder, the matter adjusted.

Mrs. Tuthill was appointed especial provider for Aug. during the absence of the Committee on Supplies.

Mrs. Walker visitor for August.

Bills passed to the Sec'y in usual order. Mrs. Hamilton permitted to take a child on trial for one month. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretary's Report: Examined bills amounting to: \$386.86; Received and passed to Treas. \$63.00  
*E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

☐ **SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863**

Managers present at the Asylum: Mrs. Wheeler, Lockwood, Miller, Doline, Beck, Evans, Morris, Watson, Smith, Battelle and Shaffer.

Mrs. Wheeler presiding, the minutes and Secretary's reports were read and approved. Treasurer absent, no report.

*Committee on Supplies* through Mrs. Tuthill reported expenses amounting to \$510.10. Received. Bills were presented from Mr. Benjamin contracted in August amounting to \$476.60 for July and June \$237.00.

Received the report of Mrs. Beck on employees making the usual statement of four servants employed and salaries of Matron and Superintendent due, amounting in all to \$300.00.

*Committee on Children* by Miss Evans report the admission of nine children during the month and the giving out of Samuel Burr to his mother at Pass Christian.

Bills: \$35.50 Received. No report on repairs. Visitor absent.

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By resolution Mr. Duckett permitted to take Patrick Monk and raise him as gardener.

Committees for the next three months retained with the exchange of Mrs. Tuthill to the Committee on Supplies and Mrs. Elder to Employees. Mrs. Battelle, Chairman on Supplies.

Visitor for Sept, Mrs. Doline. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretary's Report: Received during Aug. and passed to the Treasurer: \$50.00. Examined bills in amt of \$1507.20

## ☐ OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 1863

The following ladies were assembled at the Asylum. Mrs. Lockwood, Elder, Miller, Battelle, Shaffer, Beck, Battle, Watson, Tuthill. Mrs. Lockwood in the absence of the first Directress presiding. The minutes of the last meeting and secretary's report were read and approved. Treasurer reported only \$1000 on hand to meet the expenses of the month. Report received.

*Committee on Supplies*, Mrs. Battelle, Chairman, reported expenses amounting to \$579.55. Received.

Mrs. Beck, *Chairman on Employees*, reported three servants employed and \$40 expenses.

Miss Evans reported the admission of six children during the month. Expenses: \$26.00. Approved.

Mrs. Doline reported as Chairman of *Committee on Repairs* \$35.00 expenses. Accepted.

Mrs. Doline had visited during the month and found all things in order.

By direction of the board, Mrs. Battelle will purchase five barrels of flour from Mr. Benjamin at \$50 per barrel.

Mrs. Battle was requested to inquire into the circumstances of the grandmother of Mr. Stewart's children and dispose of the case. Mrs. Buckley was granted permission to take Maria Watts and have her bound to her until of age, with the understanding she will give her to her relatives if they wish to take her at any time. By note of the board, Mary Lacy is retained in the Asylum, her relatives not wishing her to leave.

Miss Evans was appointed a committee to visit Mr. Clark and obtain a teacher for the orphan children if possible to teach at the Asylum.

*Committee on Employees* instructed to determine the number of servants necessary and supply them.

Visitor, Mrs. Shaffer. Adjourned. *E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

Secretary's Report: Examined bills amounting to \$697.55; Received and passed to the Treasurer during Sept: \$526.00

*E.E. Miller, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863

After the adjournment of the Board for '63, the Society was called to order by Mrs. Wheeler for the election of a new Board for 1864 which resulted as follows:

First Directress: Mrs. Hamilton; Second Directress: Mrs. Wheeler; Secretary: Mrs. Lockwood; Treasurer: Mrs. Miller

### Managers

*Presbyterian* – Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Morris

*Episcopal* – Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Ketchum

*Baptist* – Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Watson

*Methodist* – Mrs. Battle, Miss Evans, Mrs. Elder

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The ladies were then called upon for yearly subscriptions after which the following ladies were appointed collectors for 1864: Mrs. E Shaffer, Mrs. J. Lyon, Mrs. J. Battelle, Mrs. J. Walker.

Having no further business, the Society adjourned. *Emma E. Miller, Secretary*

Sec'y & Treas reports read, approved and ordered to be printed in the city papers.  
*Emma E. Miller, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 1863

The new Board commenced business with all the officers and managers present except Mrs. Hamilton and Battelle, Mrs. Wheeler presiding in place of Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Wheeler was retained from the old Board and Miss Evans appointed in the new as a committee to make arrangements for the children to go to school.

It was moved and seconded that the old Committee confer with Mrs. Hamilton with regard to the funds in Mr. Waring's hands. Also moved that the former Treasurer pay all the bills contracted in November and that the chairman of the committees hand in their bills by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Mrs. Battle appointed visitor and the meeting adjourned. *Mrs. C. Lockwood, Secretary*

Received and passed to the Treasurer: \$4265.00. *Mrs. C. Lockwood*

The following ladies were appointed on the several committees for three months:

*On Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Elder, Battelle

*On Children:* Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Morris, Miss Evans; *On Employees:* Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Shaffer; *On Repairs:* Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Miller

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864

Board met for business at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Wheeler, Miller, Lockwood, Battle, Morris, Beck and Lyons. Secretary's report read and received. Treasurer's report also read and received. Mr. Benjamin represented that some donations had been omitted in the annual report. After some discussion Mrs. Wheeler moved that Mrs. Miller correct the mistake.

The Chairman of *Committees on Supplies* being absent and the bills not being completed it was moved that Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Elder, Miller and Lockwood should meet and arrange them.

Chairman of *Committee on Employees* reported bills to the amount of (*transcriber's note: no \$ amt entered*); report received.

Chairman of *Committee on Children* reported 4 children named Brady received into the Asylum but given out to their relatives the same month. Expenses for the month \$1,479.00. Report received.

*Committee on Repairs* reported bills to the amount of (*transcriber's note: no \$ amt entered*); report received. Visitor reported everything in good order.

Report of *Special Committee* on school read and received. Moved that the 5 boys mentioned be sent to the grammar school for the present and if not found to succeed, places be found for them. It was moved that the committee on funds in Mr. Waring's hands be continued as the Chairman was not present and only verbal report was made.

Bills from the Tribune office were presented, moved that the Secretary examine and pass them over to Treasurer. Also moved that the Secretary advertize monthly unless specially requested to do otherwise. Mrs. Beck reported that cloth could be woven for a reasonable price in the country. Moved that she make further inquiries about it.

Mrs. Lyons appointed visitor. Meeting adjourned.

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Examined bills to the amount of \$930.81. Received and passed to Treasurer: \$13,915.50. *Mrs. C. Lockwood, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1864

The Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Miller, Lockwood, Battle, Morris, Tuthill, Elder, Shaffer and Miss Evans. Secretary's report read and received. Treasurer's report also read and received.

*Committee on Employees* reported bills amounting to \$220.00.

Report of *Children's Committee* read and received. Bills amounted to \$573.04. Mrs. Elder moved that the Chairman of Children's Committee be authorized to place children out on trial for one month or until the next meeting of the Board.

No report from *Committee on Repairs*; bill of \$20.00 rendered.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman of *Committee on Supplies*, reported bills to the amount of \$911.05; report received.

Special report on funds in Mr. Waring's hands read and received. The Secretary instructed to place the report on the minutes. Mrs. Miller's request to be discharged being granted, Miss Evans was put in her place and the committee instructed to ascertain whether or not there are prior mortgages on the property of Mr. Waring's given in security for the amount due the Orphan's Asylum. Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to decide with reference to the expediency of investing the funds which will result from the Christmas collections. Also moved that the Secretary inform Mr. McNeill that Mr. T.P. Miller has been added to the *Committee of Gentlemen* who act as the advisors of the Board. Mrs. Watson was appointed visitor and the meeting adjourned.

Received and passed to Treasurer: \$2988.00; Examined bills to the amt: \$1724.09

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Peter Hamilton in regard to their portion of the Battle fund held by Mr. Moses Waring beg leave to report that they have been informed by Mr. Hamilton that Mr. Waring cannot legally demand his note except for specie.

The Committee have also been informed by several friends that Mr. Waring's proposition to extend the time of payment ten years would not place it beyond the power of the Board of the P O Asylum to obtain the money at any time it might be wanted, as such security can always be sold at good rates if Mr. Waring is not disposed to pay until maturity.

The Committee understand Mr. Hamilton to propose in behalf of Mr. Waring to release from mortgage his dwelling house and the warehouse on Royal St between Church and Main Sts, retaining as security only the mortgage on his one eighth of Matthews Press and Wharves and urged amongst other reasons that the two pieces of property first named had prior mortgages upon them. To this, the Committee objected as will be seen by the following note addressed to Mr. Hamilton:

"Mr. P Hamilton – Sir – the proposition made by you in behalf of Mr. Waring to extend the time of payment of the \$5000 held by him belonging to the P O Asylum, and to change the mortgage, was considered by the Board at their last meeting and the undersigned were instructed to say to you in reply that acting as they are in controlling a trust fund, the ladies of the Board do not feel justified in relinquishing any security they now hold. They are advised that the mortgages Mr. Waring proposes is good, but it is not so good as the present security. While every disposition is felt to accommodate Mr. Waring, they cannot consent to change the mortgage except as to time, and you will please act for the Board in taking a new note at ten years, secured by mortgage on the same property described in the deed you now hold, making the interest payable semi-annually and with power to sell in case the interest remains unpaid for sixty days beyond the time specified for any one of the payments.

The Board feels assured that the friends of Mr. Battle and the community would approve their course and the interest and the welfare of the orphans committed to their care forbid they should go further to meet Mr. Waring's views."

Respectfully, *Julia M. Elder, Emma E. Miller, Committee*

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The Committee have received nothing from Mr. Hamilton in reply to the above note and from Mr. Waring only some informal messages, the purpose of which was that still hoped to convince the friends of the Board that the security he offered ought to be accepted. All of which with a request to be discharged as respectfully submitted.

*Julia M. Elder, Emma E. Miller, Committee, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864*

### ☐ MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864

The meeting at the Asylum opened as usual. Mrs. Hamilton presided, present: Mrs. Miller, Lockwood, Battle, Walker, Elder, Morris, Ketchum, Watson and Miss Evans. Secretary & Treasurer's reports read and received.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chair of *Committee on Supplies*, was absent but her report was read and with accompanying bills received. *Report on Employees*, Mrs. Battle, was received; verbal report from *Children's Committee* also received. No report on repairs. Visitor's report received.

Mrs. Miller, Chairman of *Special Committee* to invest funds in hand, reported that it was decided by the Committee to invest a large amount in provisions and the balance in State bills. Mrs. Tuthill having very promptly and faithfully attended to the purchasing of provisions, Mrs. Miller moved that a vote of thanks be tendered her for her services. Carried.

*Special Committee* on funds in Mr. Waring's hands rendered verbal report, the business not being concluded the committee was continued. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed visitor.

It being the usual time for changing committees, the following ladies were approved and the meeting adjourned:

*On Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Walker and Elder

*On Children:* Miss Evans, Mrs. Morris and Ketchum

*On Employees:* Mrs. Battle, Watson, Lyons and Shaffer

*On Repairs:* Mrs. Hamilton, Wheeler, Lockwood and Miller

Received and passed to Treasurer: \$584.00. *Mrs. C. Lockwood, Secretary*

### ☐ APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1864

Board met at the Asylum; present: Mrs. Hamilton, Miller, Lockwood, Lyons, Battle, Wheeler, Beck, Shaffer, Watson & Miss Evans. Secretary and Treasurer's report read and received.

*Report on Supplies* from Mrs. Tuthill also received. *Children's Committee* through Miss Evans reported 8 children admitted during the past month; report received.

No report from *Committee on Repairs*.

Mrs. Beck reported that an offer was made by some ladies at Pleasant Hill to weave some cloth for the orphans. Some of the managers being of opinion that the children were very well-supplied for the present and the funds being low it would not be prudent to invest them in thread for the purpose of weaving cloth. It was moved by Mrs. Miller that "Mrs. Beck be empowered to investigate the necessities of the children present and future and act as her judgment dictated." Also moved by Mrs. Miller that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Beck for her successful exertions on behalf of the orphans while on a visit in the country.

Chairman of *Special Committee* on funds in Mr. Waring's hands absent; therefore, no regular report made, committee continued.

No visitor present, consequently no report. Mrs. Wheeler appointed visitor for the ensuing month.

It was moved and seconded that the funds in hand be left with Mrs. Miller, she using her discretion as to the disposition of them. Meeting adjourned.

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Examined bills to the amount of (*transcriber's note: no \$ amt listed*) received and passed to Treasurer. *Mrs. C. Lockwood, Secretary*

## ☐ MAY 3<sup>d</sup>, 1864

Board met to hold semi-annual meeting in Gov't St Church. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Wheeler, Miller, Lockwood, Beck, Tuthill, Ketchum, Morris, Lyons and Miss Evans.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports read and rec'd.

Report from *Children's Committee* read and rec'd. Verbal report from Committee on Repairs rec'd. Report of *Committee on Supplies* received.

At a former meeting Mrs. Wheeler passed a resolution recommending that Mrs. Benjamin use some substitute for coffee. Moved by Mrs. Beck that the bill for coffee be paid this month and as Mrs. Benjamin was positively told she could not have it, she is to have no more.

Mrs. Battle's report with bills read.

Miss Evans made report from Special Committee on the Battle Fund – amount of anterior mortgages on Mr. Moses Waring's Government Street house - fifteen thousand dollars, and upon Mr. Waring's 1/8 interest in Matthews Press - seven thousand dollars. The committee, Mrs. Elder and Miss Evans, were then discharged.

Mrs. Lyon collected \$198.00 subscriptions from Mr. Kennon. \$10.00 donation. Mrs. Hampton Smith \$5.00 subscription.

Mrs. Wheeler, visitor for the month, reported finding everything in good order. She also made a satisfactory report from the school. Bill for books \$11.75.

Moved and seconded that nothing be sold from the Asylum and that Mrs. Benjamin be told that she must not keep a cow of her own on the premises. Mrs. Hamilton reported that some meat she engaged would not be brought down now. Moved that Mrs. Hamilton use her judgment as to the best and safest way of getting it.

The question then arose as to the best means of raising money. Moved that a committee of ladies call upon the Gentlemen who called annually to know their opinion. Miss Evans reported that Dr. Feam proposed that we make application to the Medical Dept for medicine. Moved that Miss Evans make the application.

Report of *Children's Committee* – during the past month Mary Ann & Miles Hall were given out to their aunt, Mrs. Fillingham, who represented herself as quite able to support them. Only two children, Martha Julia and John Russell, have been received into the Asylum and the mother was found too destitute to support them. No purchases have been made during the month. *J. Evans*

The business of the Board closed for the month. The sec'y semi-annual report then read and adopted: In review of the circumstances of the past six months as connected with our Institution and considering its present financial condition, we have abundant reasons for gratitude to the Supreme Disposer of Events Who never turned a deaf ear to the cry of the orphans and the fatherless. Commencing the year with a very inadequate amt in the treasury, and looking forward to the enormous prices to be paid for all the necessaries of life, the present Board might well be startled at the prospect before them, but if the wants of the Society were great, it pleased the Almighty thru His influence upon the hearts of the people, to provide for them more liberally in donations of many and provisions than at any previous period in time. The balance now on hand, tho' larger than usual, at this time is believed to be by no means sufficient to carry us thru the remainder of the year; yet, encouraged by the past, we need not despair of assistance whenever the necessity for it arises. The Institution has been visited with more than usual sickness during the past 6 months but thru the blessing of Providence, with medical skill and kind attention on the part of the Matron, we are happy to say that only two deaths have occurred in that time. There have been 17 children admitted, 16 have been placed out, some of these with relatives and friends; 75 now in the Asylum.

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All that are sufficiently advanced can be sent to the Public School and we have reason to believe they are improving. In speaking of schools we would remark that the spiritual wants of the children are cared for. The Sabbath School is regularly kept up, we trust, with benefit to them.

The secretary has read and passed to the Treasurer to present date: \$23,760.05.

*Mrs. C. Lockwood, Secretary.* (copied by J. M. Elder)

## ☐ JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Battle, Miller, Tuthill, Walker, Lyons, Morris, Beck, Watson, Elder. The First & Second Directresses being absent, Mrs. Tuthill was appointed to preside. Mrs. Elder appointed Sec'y pro tem.

Meeting opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer. Treasurer's report called for, read and adopted. Report of *Committee on Supplies* by Mrs. Tuthill read and adopted.

Being appointed Chairman of *Committee on Supplies*, I present the following report to the Board: No money received.

1 lb soft scrap (217 lbs at 50 cents) -\$108.50; Drayage - \$2.00; 17 sacks charcoal (\$1.25 per sack) - \$21.29; Sulphur & sassafras - \$10.00; Drayage, several times - \$9.00; Grinding 41-1/2 bus. Meat at 75 cents -\$31.10; Butcher's bill - \$394.00; Total - \$575.85

*P.A. Tuthill, Ch. Com. On Supplies*

Report, *Committee on Employees* (verbal) by Mrs. Battle. Amt of bills \$390.00.

Report, *Committee on Children* by Miss Evans read and received. "During the month, two children have been received. Theodore Mantables 6 yrs half-orphan, and Nancy Williams who was returned by Mrs. Webb with the excuse that she could no longer control her. Upon the application of Mr. Nickols thru Col. E.J. Murrill, Andrew J. Hatchell was given out to assist in herding cattle and cultivating the farm. Col. Murrill promises to keep an eye upon the boy and assured the ladies that he knows he will be kindly treated and satisfied with the position.

No bills incurred since the last month. No bills having been directed to apply to the Gov't for permission to draw certain scarce and valuable medicines from the Medical Purveyor of this Department, I would respectfully report that having petitioned the Surgeon Gen'l at Richmond to that affect, he wrote in reply that it would be impossible to grant our request as he found it very difficult to obtain an adequate supply for the army and could spare none to the Asylum. A.S. Evans, Chairman, *Committee on Children*

Report of *Committee on Repairs* called for – Mrs. Hamilton, Chairman – no report.

Mrs. Wheeler, visitor for the month of May absent. No report.

The following resolutions tendering the sincere sympathy and condolences of the board to our valued secretary (Mrs. Lockwood, in her great affliction and bereavement) were then offered from Mrs. Wheeler and passed, and ordered to be in the minutes: Since the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O Asylum, one of our members has been seriously afflicted, and we feel constrained to give vent to our feelings in the following resolution: Resolved that in sympathy with our friend and fellow manager, Mrs. Lockwood, in the affliction; Providence, which has deprived her of a beloved husband, and her children of an inestimable father, and would tender to her our hearts full of sympathy and sorrow in her sore bereavement, and we would also pray that the God she had so long worshipped would in this her hour of trial, minister to her the consolation He only can afford and show her in His good time that "He doeth all things well."

Resolved that we also deplore the loss we shall sustain in the valuable services as long rendered to our Board, by her removal and should her future steps be at any time directed hither, would gladly welcome her to her accustomed place once more.

Mrs. Tuthill then appointed committees for the following three months.

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Walker, Elder

*Committee on Children:* Mrs. Beck, Morris, Ketchum, Evans

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*Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Battle, Watson, Lyon, Shaffer

*Committee on Repairs:* Mrs. Hamilton, Wheeler, Miller

A letter was then read from the Georgia Manufacturing Co. to Mrs. Hamilton stating that goods would be sold to the Asylum at the moderate price of \$1.50 per yd – decided to purchase a bale, or as much as the Co. would dispose of on such favorable terms.

Mrs. Lyon paid \$35.00 old currency subscriptions from ladies of Presbyterian Church.

Then proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the removal of Mrs. Lockwood. Mrs. Wheeler was nominated and unanimously elected. On motion – adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Secretary pro tem.*

### ☐ JULY 5, 1864

The Board met at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Wheeler, Beck, Elder, Tuthill, Watson, Battle and Miss Evans. Meeting opened by First Directress. Mrs. Elder, Sec'y pro tem, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were received. Mrs. Wheeler, who had been unanimously chosen Sec'y to fill the place of Mrs. Lockwood who was removed from Mobile, declined serving on account of not being in the city in the summer. Mrs. Beck was appointed to fill the office.

Mrs. Miller being unavoidably detained – no Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Tuthill in her report on *Supplies*, stated that her expenditures amounted to \$669. Report received.

Mrs. Battle, Chairman on *Employees*, reported expenses amounting to \$140. No report on Repairs.

Mrs. Beck, Chairman of *Children's Committee* reported that no children had been received into the Asylum during the month of June, but one, a boy named Hatchet, had been given out. Expenses \$912. A bale of domestic had been purchased and several pairs of shoes, causing this expenditure. Mrs. Battle, visitor for the month, rendered a verbal report that there had been some sickness but at that time all were well.

No report from Special Committees.

Mrs. Tuthill moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to our First Directress for the energy she had displayed in purchasing domestic at a low price.

An application was made by Mrs. Marshall for Sarah Davsen. Upon investigation it was ascertained that her situation would not be beneficial and a vote was taken to retain her. Mrs. Tuttle's application to take out a child rejected, as it was ascertained she was not a proper person to raise a child.

Mrs. Lord was appointed Manager from Baptist Church in place of Mrs. Shaffer.

A vote was taken to allow Mr. Benjamin two pounds of coffee a month. Sec'y instructed to write to Major F. Stewart, Sumter County, to send him 150 sacks to bring down a donation of wheat, corn and peas. Not having a sufficient number of sacks, Mr. Benjamin was directed to borrow or hire a certain number and the Board assume the responsibility of replacing them should they be lost.

An application to put in four children – both parents living but father paralyzed – referred to Children's Committee.

A donation of \$100 received from Independent Rifles. Total expenses of the month amount to \$1,748. The Sec'y has Treas receipt for \$11,850.75.

Miss Evans appointed visitor for the month.

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The Gentlemen appointed to collect for the Asylum have handed in \$13,249.91. No other business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Secretary, P O A Society*

## ☐ AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864

The regular meeting was held at the Asylum Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Miller, Beck, Morris, Tuthill, Walker, Watson, Elder and Lord. Sec'y minutes read and received. Treas report received.

Mrs. Tuthill on *Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$2,250.07. A range for the kitchen having been purchased during the month greatly augmented the expenses.

Mrs. Battle, Chairman on *Employees* being absent, no report. Bills of that Committee amounted to \$140. Chairman of *Children's Committee* being absent, sent in her report that four children had been admitted during the month of July and two given out. One on application of relatives and the other as a nurse. An application was made by a refugee from New Orleans for a girl to take care of five children. As there was no girl large enough to assume the duties of such a situation the application was referred to Children's Committee. Expenses of the month of this committee amount to \$138.

Mrs. Hamilton reported that *Repairs* amounted to \$80.75.

Mr. Benjamin having been sent to the country to see after a donation from Sumter Co. sent in a bill of \$119.50 handling expenses.

Miss Evans, visitor for the month, reported that the house was in its usual order, the children well and happy. Mrs. Tuthill brought the intelligence that Mr. Weslian, if solicited by the Board, would bring from the country a large amount of bacon, free of charge. Mrs. Tuthill instructed to make the request and return the thanks of the Managers for this kind offer. Moved, seconded and carried that no child be given out of the Asylum without the consent of the Board. Mrs. Hamilton presented the case of Mrs. Horn's two boys, one nine and the other eleven. The father being in the Army and the mother not being able to entirely support them but would pay every cent owed to the Asylum that she could spare from her own support. The children received. Mrs. Murphy's application to take out Andrew Henson referred to the Children's committee.

Mrs. Ford appointed visitor for the month.

Total expenses for the month \$2,728.32. Sec'y has Treas receipt for the month of Aug \$128.66. On motion, meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Secretary.*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 6, 1864

The monthly meeting met at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Beck, Battle, Walker, Ford, Tuthill and Morris. Our first Directress being absent the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Wheeler. Minutes of the last meeting read and received. Also, Treasurer's report.

The Chairman on *Children's Committee* being absent no report except that two children have been received during the month. Bills of this committee \$491.25.

*Supplies* to the amount of \$4,199.57. *Employee's* bills amounted to \$425. No report on *Repairs* as the chairman was absent.

Mrs. Ford not being able to visit for the month, authorized Mrs. Watson to visit in her place. Mrs. Watson not being present consequently no report.

Mrs. Murphy's application at the last meeting to take out Andrew Hanson rejected by Children's Committee. Mr. George Turner's application to take out a boy named Newman to make him his heir, having brought satisfactory reference,

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approved by the Board. Mrs. Lukes applied to take out a small boy. Mrs. Beck appointed to investigate and decide the matter.

A large supply of bacon having come in since our last meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of disposing of a portion of it, as our funds were getting low also having three cows on hand and one being dry, should we retain and feed the third cow or should we dispose of it. It was agreed that a committee of three ladies, viz. Mrs. Ford, Wheeler, and Tuthill examine the amount of bacon and consult with Gentlemen, who take an interest in the Asylum in regard to the best course to pursue.

Mr. Benjamin sent in a large amount of uncertified bills. Mrs. Tuthill and Beck appointed to ascertain their correctness. Should they prove to be correct, they can be endorsed by the Secretary. Resolved they should be paid.

Mrs. Miller offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Walker, also carried. Mr. Benjamin will not be allowed to purchase anything for the Asylum without the direction of one of the Chairmen of the standing committees. Mrs. Ford instructed to communicate this resolution to Mr. Benjamin.

A resolution to allow our Treas to dispose of our state bills, which we have on hand, as occasion requires, offered and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Ford appointed visitor for the month.

Expenses of the month \$5,115.62. No money received from the Treas during the month.

Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec. P O A Society.*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 22, 1864

A called meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Wheeler Sept. 22. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Battle, Ford and Morris. Resolved that the Treasurer of the P O A Society is freely authorized to receive from Mr. John Douglas, Executor of the last will and testament of Mr. Joseph R. Sloane, deceased, the sum of \$20,000 in Confederate States' Treasury notes, under the terms and conditions expressed in the following form of receipt and that she is hereby authorized to sign the accompanying form of receipt. *E. E. Miller, Sec Pro Tem.*

Received from John Douglas, Executor of the last will of Joseph R. Sloane, deceased, twenty thousand dollars in Confederate States' Treasury notes, being the amount of a legacy from Joseph R. Sloane, deceased, to the P O Asylum Society, of the city of Mobile. This amount is received by said Society in the express understanding, undertaking and promising on the part of the said Society for the payment of any debts or liabilities of any kind. Then the same is to be refunded to the said Douglas, Executor, on to whom may then be the proper representative of the estate, within thirty days after notice to the proper officer of the said Orphan's Asylum Society of its being so needed. Signed by the Treasurer, witnessed by the President.

## ☐ OCTOBER 4, 1864

The regular monthly meeting held at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Beck, Battle, Morris and Tuthill. Minutes of the last meeting read and received. Treasurer's report received.

Chairman of *Children's Committee* reported that no children had been received and no expenses incurred during the month. Mrs. Tuthill reported that *supplies* amounted to \$273. *Employee's* bills amounted to \$175, repairs \$3.

Visitor for the month absent – no report.

Minutes of the called meeting read and rec'd. The question arose: how shall we invest the \$20,000 from the estate of J R Sloane to the best advantage? Mrs. Tuthill offered the following resolution. Resolved that three Gentlemen be appointed to decide the matter and Mrs. Beck named Mr. Daniel Wheeler, Mr. G.S. Tuthill, and Mr. T R. Miller. Seconded and carried.

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Mrs. Ford's report was read as follows: "The Committee appointed at the last meeting beg leave to report that according to the best estimate that could be made, there was on hand on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept the following amount of supplies: Bacon, 1000 lbs, flour, 800 lbs, rice, 1500 lbs, wheat, 46 bushels, meal, 28 bushels, corn, 323 bushels beans, 1 sack, soap, ½ of a barrel.

Upon ascertaining from the Matron which amount of provisions was necessary for the Institute per diem, it was found allowing fresh meat semi-weekly, that the bacon, meal, rice and corn would last until the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1865, leaving on hand at that date about 100 bushels of corn and a few bushels of wheat. The following resolutions were drawn up by this committee:

"Resolved that the Matron be required to keep a list of the daily disbursement of provisions and submit the same monthly to the Board Managers. 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved that the Matron be instructed to give the children fresh meat twice a week, the quantity being twelve pounds a day. 3<sup>rd</sup>: That the monthly allowance of flour be limited to two barrels. 4<sup>th</sup>: That Mrs. Tuthill (*Chairman on Supplies*) take charge of all surplus supplies (including the cow now dry) and after the best advice attainable, sell or retain them at her option. All of which is respectfully submitted."

The Matron's report of supplies is as follows: From Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, bacon, 249 lbs; meal, 27 bushels, 3-1/2 bushel grits, 105 qts of rice, 33 qts molasses, 422 lbs of flour. Resolved that Mrs. Ford's report be received. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Elder having two servants hired at the Asylum at \$30 a month, made the request that their hire should be raised. Referred to Children's Committee.

Books being needed for the children, who attended the public school, Mrs. Miller was appointed to attend to the matter. Expenses for the month \$451.

Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y P O A Society*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1864

Board met at the Asylum. Our First Directress being absent, our meeting was presided over by Mrs. Wheeler, Second Directress. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Beck, Tuthill, Battle, Ford, Morris and Elder. Secretary's minutes read and received; also Treas report.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman on *Supplies*, reported that her expenses amounted to \$690.

Mrs. Morris reported that seven children had been received into the Asylum during the month. Expenses of this Com amounted to \$108.

Mrs. Battle reported that the expenses of *Employees* amounted to \$225.

Mrs. Wheeler reported there had been no repairs.

Visitor for the month reported that several children had been sick, the house in its usual good order.

The Matron's report was as follows: Bacon used during the month – 448 lbs, flour, 437 lbs, meal 44-1/2 bushels, 4-1/2 bush of grits, 105 qts of rice, 39 qts molasses. Reports from Special Committees being called for: Mrs. Beck having been appointed to negotiate for wood, reported that she had addressed a note to the Common Council, also one to the Hon R. H. Hough requesting him to use his influence with the Board to induce them to allow the Orphan's Asylum the privilege of getting wood from them at the same price at which they obtained it. The Mayor promptly replied that the request of the Board of Managers should be complied with. A resolution was offered, seconded and carried that the Treasurer should be empowered to pay these bills without the usual application to the Sec for her signature. Mrs. Miller brought in the report from the Gentlemen's Committee viz. Mrs. Wheeler, Tuthill and Miller, who had been appointed to ascertain the best mode of investing the \$20,000 from the estate of the late J.R. Sloane. It was invested in the following manner: \$7,000 Conf States 7070 Bonds; \$7,000 Interest-bearing notes; \$4,000 Gov Treasury notes. Interest not to be paid until after the war; \$2,000 S.C. and Ala Bank notes

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Managers approved and returned a vote of thanks to the Committee. A vote of thanks also to Mr. L.P. Miller for a quantity of flax thread.

It was ascertained by an examination of the Box containing our valuable papers, that the deed for the Asylum property was missing. Sec'y moved that our Treasurer be appointed to investigate the matter without delay. Carried.

It was ascertained that a mother who had a child in the Asylum was fully able to support her child; also, that a boy named Hatchet had been enticed away from the Asylum. Both cases referred to Children's Committee and to be reported on at the next meeting.

Mr. Benjamin offered 40 lbs of sugar to the Asylum at \$4.50 a pound. It was resolved that we purchase the sugar and Mrs. Tuthill instruct the Matron what quantity to use a month.

Mrs. Elder appointed visitor for the month.

Total expenses for month \$1,023. Secretary has Treasurer's receipt for \$680 for month of Oct. Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y P O A Society*

### ☐ DECEMBER 6, 1864

The annual meeting was held in the basement of the Gov Street Church. Present: Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Beck, Morris, Watson, Battelle, Walker, Tuthill, Ketchum, Ford and Elder. Sec'y minutes read and received; also Treas. Report.

The *Committee on Supplies* reported their expenses to be \$1,829.54. Mrs. Morris, Chairman of *Children's Committee* reported that one child had been received into the Asylum during the month. Expenses \$39.25. *Employee's* expenses \$485. Repairs \$61.50.

Mrs. Elder read her report as visitor for the month as follows: "As visitor for the month, I would respectfully report an improved state of health in the Institution. The six cases of Typhoid Fever have entirely recovered, though the Matron was sick the first two weeks of the month with a low fever contracted from nursing them. Much commendation is due her for the untiring, assiduous care of the sick children and the perfect cleanliness of the beds and rooms by which the disease was kept from spreading. In visiting the Institution, the visitor could but be pleased at the good management of every department and the fact which is apparent to all, that neatness and order prevailed." *Julia M. Elder, Visitor for the month.*

The usual report from Matron omitted on account of sickness.

Mrs. Miller having been appointed to look after the deed of the Asylum property reported that all the books of record had been packed away, consequently could not be gotten out. The case of Emily Blanden, the girl returned to the Asylum, referred to Children's Committee.

Mrs. Elder having read a letter from our First Directress (Mrs. Hamilton), Mrs. Miller moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to her from her untiring exertions in behalf of the Asylum; also that Mrs. Elder be appointed to attend to the getting the coal to which reference was made in Mrs. Hamilton's letter. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Benjamin sent in a request that his salary could be raised \$500. Referred to the New Board. Secretary's Annual Report read and received.

The question then arose that in consequence of the high prices for advertising shall be re-publish the long list of donations received during the year. Vote carried in the affirmative. Mrs. Ford offered the following resolution: Resolved that in consequence of the high rates of advertising, our Annual Report be published in but one paper and that paper be the one that has the most extensive circulation. Carried.

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Treasurer read her Annual Report which was received. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers and managers for the year '65. The following ladies were elected:

First Directress: Mrs. S.P. Miller; Second Directress: Mrs. D. Hamilton; Secretary: Mrs. R.M. Beck; Treasurer: Mrs. D. Ketchum

### Managers

Episcopal Church: Mrs. G.A. Tuthill, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Henry Barnwell

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. D. Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Morris, Mrs. F.H. Olive

Methodist Church: Mrs. James Battle, Mrs. James Elder and Miss A. Evans

Baptist Church: Mrs. D. Ford, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Perryman.

The old Board retired and the new proceeded to business.

The time for changing committees having arrived, they were chosen in the following manner:

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Wheeler, Battle & Ruggles

*Children's Committee:* Mrs. Ford, Morris, Elder and Barnwell

*Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Walker, Oliver, Perryman and Miss Evans

*Committee on Repairs:* Mrs. Miller, Hamilton, Beck and Ketchum

Mrs. Elder reported that several of the orphan boys who attended the public school were making great progress in their studies and proposed that some reward should be offered those who distinguished themselves in future. The Board acceded to the request but nothing definite was agreed upon.

The following resolution was offered, seconded and carried. Resolved that our Secretary address a letter to the Legislature now convened at Montgomery and request them to strike out from our Act of Incorporation the clause contained in Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: "No officer shall be eligible to re-election."

Mr. Benjamin's salary raised \$500.

More bacon and lard called for in the list of wants. The Committee on Supplies requested to look into the matter; also attend to the wheat.

Emily Blanden having been returned to the Asylum, under very unpleasant circumstances, the ladies of the Board not thinking it proper to retain her any length of time, each engaged to exert herself to get her a home and the Board appropriate a certain amount of money to furnish her with clothing. If a home should be found for her, it should be reported to Chairman of Children's Committee and she to act in the matter as her judgment dictates.

Mrs. Battle appointed visitor for the month.

Total expenses for the month amounted to \$2,422.29. Sec'y has Treas receipt for \$8,870.85; of this \$2,315.35 remained in the Treasury at the Annual meeting. Subtracting this \$2,325.35 from the total amount leaves \$6,555.50 receipts since our Annual Meeting. The following ladies were appointed to collect Ladies' Subscriptions for 1865: From Episcopal Church, Mrs. Walker and Tuthill. Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Wheeler and Oliver. From Methodist Church, Mrs. Elder and Miss Evans. Baptist Church, Mrs. Miller and Perryman.

Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y P O A Society*

# PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY MINUTES

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## ☐ JANUARY 3, 1865

The Board met at the Asylum on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting opened as usual by prayer. Present Mrs. Miller, Hamilton, Beck, Ketchum, Morris, Walker, Ford, Barnwell, Tuthill, Wheeler, Oliver, Perryman, Ruggles and Miss Evans.

Mrs. Miller read a letter from Gen. Lawler in reply to the letter address by the Sec to the Legislature requesting them to strike out of our Act of Incorporation the clause contained in Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup> that "no officer should be eligible to re-election." In this letter Gen. Lawler states that the request came too late to be acted upon during the present session of the Legislature. As one of our rules is to this effect "No officer shall resign her office until another is elected in her place" the Board agreed that as our present Sec. filled the same office a portion of last year in place of Mrs. Lockwood for the Episcopal Church, she is now legally our Secretary.

Sec. minutes read and received; also Treasurer's report.

*Supplies* for the past month amount to \$1381.50.

*Employee's* expenses to \$250.

Chairman on *Children's Committee* reported that two boys had been given out, but afterward returned. Expenses amount to \$443.50.

No repairs. \$8. The above reports all received. Visitor absent, no report. No report from Matron.

Mrs. Tuthill, as chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the provision matter. Reported as follows: "The called meeting of four ladies was held at the Asylum. After investigating the matter, it was found that our wheat and corn fell far short of the estimate which was calculated upon. The estimate being made of 86 bushels of wheat in Sept. and of corn 300 bushels, allowing an ample quantity 1100 bushels of corn to the middle of the present month. Nov. 5 sent to Bender's Mill 1530 lbs of wheat which is 25-1/2 bushels; of flour, 3 barrels and 48 lbs.; 318 lbs of bran. Dec. 15, 12 bushels of corn. Received from mill 22 bushels of corn. Mrs. Tuthill, C. Committee.

Mrs. Ford reported on the care of Emily Blanden that she had been hired out at \$30 a month to Mrs. Hafe Goodman and the Board agreeing to furnish her clothing.

Finding that our supplies do not hold out as we anticipated, the following resolution was offered: Resolved that a suitable place be found by our Committee on Supplies to store provisions belonging to the Asylum. Mr. Benjamin sent in a request to be allowed to hire a gardener and the surplus vegetables be sold to assist in paying his wages. As a resolution had been passed some months since that Mr. Benjamin should not sell anything from the Asylum, the following resolution was carried: Resolved that Mr. Benjamin be allowed to hire a gardener only for a short time to prepare the ground and plant the seed.

The question how many months during the year shall a seamstress be employed referred to Employees Committee.

Mrs. Ketchum requested that the Gentlemen who made our Christmas collections would advise that our fund be laid out as soon as possible in buying provisions for the Asylum. The Committee on Supplies requested to attend to this matter without delay.

Mrs. Ford, Ch. *Children's Committee*, requested to be permitted to expend \$2,500 clothing for the children. Her requested granted. Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Feame receive a vote of thanks for this gratuitous services; also a request that he continue to attend our orphans.

Miss Evans appointed visitor for the month.

Total expenses amount to \$2,083. Sec has Treasurer's receipt for the month - \$23,431.70. Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec., P O A Society*

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## ☐ FEBRUARY 7, 1865

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum Feb 7. Present, Mrs. Miller, Ketchum, Beck, Battle, Elder, Evans, Tuthill, Wheeler, Morris, Ford, Oliver ad Perryman. Sec. minutes read and received. Treas report received.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman on *Supplies,,* reported that the committee on Supplies had expended \$4,464.41. Many provisions being purchased for future use caused this large expenditure.

Miss Evans in the absence of the chairman on *Employees*, reported their expenses to amount to \$200.

Mrs. Ford reported as Chairman on *Children's Committee* on outlay of \$2,623.75. This bill was greatly increased by the purchase of many heavy goods for the clothing of the children. No repairs during the month. The above reports all received.

Miss Evans, visitor for the month, rendered a verbal report of all things in excellent order.

Mrs. Tuthill reported on investigation of provisions as follows: Upon an examination of Mrs. Miller's bills, as Treas of last year, they show that the Asylum paid for 62 bushels of corn, 103-1/4 bushels of meal, 1 barrel of flour, and 50 bushels of wheat from July to Dec. Donations acknowledged by Mr. Benjamin: 168 bushels of corn, 28 bushels of meal, 6 sacks of flour, 26 bushels of wheat from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>; making a total of 330 bushels of corn, 131-1/4 of meal, 8 sacks or 4 barrels of flour, 76 bushels of wheat, 3 sacks of flour, 26 bushels of corn and 26 bushels of wheat never received. Although acknowledged by the sec'y from a memorandum by Mr. Benjamin.

It seems from Mr. Benjamin's report that the 7 sacks of flour were consumed in July and Aug leaving on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept only one sack. 31-1/4 bushels of wheat of the 76 were ground, yielding 1073 pounds or 5 barrels, 93/195 of a barrel of which 800 lbs were on hand the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept. The remaining 44-3/4 bushels when taken to mill only measured 30 bushels and yielded 25-1/2 bushels net flour. We received during the year 1864 40 bushels of corn, 103-1/4 bushels of meal and 9 sacks of flour from July to December.

The report received but a portion laid over for future investigation. Mrs. Tuthill then reported on the provisions consumed during the month. Resolved that we take the estimate of the committee as a criterion by which to furnish meat for the children and it was decided to allow each child 1/3 of a pound of fresh meat or 1/4 of a pound of bacon per diem. The Committee also reported that they had stored provisions for the Asylum at Mr. L. Pope's, also at Bowens and Fletchers. List of articles copied on the next page.\*\*

Moved, seconded and carried that the places where provisions are stored also the amount at each place be listed on the minutes for the benefit of the future Supply Committee.

The Chairman on *Employees* Committee reported that Mrs. Benjamin required the services of a seamstress for the next four months.

The vote of the Board taken and their request complied with, our First Directress then read the names of the children at present inmates of the Asylum. Also, an inventory of clothing and furniture belonging to the Institution. The School reports from the public school examined. It was found that a number of the boys rank high in scholarship and good deportment. An application made by Mrs. Horton for Betty Wiley; also from Mrs. Palms for Charlotte Pervy. The application by Mrs. Palms rejected and Mrs. Ford requested to investigate the application of Mrs. Horton and empowered to act as her judgment dictated.

The Board agreed that Mrs. Benjamin should be furnished with ten pounds of sugar a month and that Mrs. B should use either the stove or the range but not both and that Mrs. Tuthill should use her own judgment with regard to purchasing pans etc., for stove.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee of three, Mrs. Miller, Battle and Beck be appointed to decide the case of Emily Blanden and report at the next meeting.

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Total expenses of the last month amount to \$7,288.16. Miss Evans appointed visitor for the month. Sec'y has Treas receipt for the month for \$1,647. Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y*

\*\*Bal. of E. Austill and Co., Mark P.O.A 9 sacks of flour. Mark P.O.A/I/5

316 lbs of bacon. Bal. of L. Brewer & Co. 16 pieces \$4 per lb.

A.L. Pope 74 sacks of corn, 159-1/7 bushels \$6 per bushels, put in the Asylum sacks.

Bal. of Boykin and McRae, 17 pieces bacon side 351 lbs at \$4, 8 shoulders 151 lbs at \$4, 40 lbs of sugar at \$10

Bal. of Bowen & Fletcher, 50 sacks of corn, 5530 lbs at \$6 per bushel.

### ☐ MARCH 7, 1865

The regular monthly meeting held at the Asylum March 7<sup>th</sup>. Present Mrs. Miller, Ketchum, Beck, Tuthill, Walker, Ford, Wheeler, Olive, Morris, Evans, Perryman, Elder and Ruggles. Sec'y minutes received. Treasurer's report received.

Chairman on *Supplies* reported her expenses of the month to be \$5,242.60.

Mrs. Walker on *Employees* reported her expenses to amount to \$575.

Mrs. Ford on *Children's Committee* an expenditure of \$1,993.50. Miss Evans as visitor for the month reported several cases of roseola, the house in good order. The above reports all received.

The matron's report showed that a much smaller quantity of groceries used the past month than heretofore. It is as follows: "corn meal 53-1/2 bushels, meta 599 lbs, flour 533 lbs, rice 15 qts, molasses 8 qts."

Special Committee being called for Mrs. Wheeler reported that the committee appointed to dispose of the case of E. Blanden, not thinking it advisable to retain her in the Asylum and knowing no one who would be willing to receive her as an inmate of their family, decided to make application to admit her into the Alms house. Not being able to obtain the requisite permit, she is still at the Asylum. Resolved by the Board that the same committee be still retained with the addition of Mrs. Elder. Mrs. Ford reported that being appointed to decide with regard to giving out Betty Wiley to Mrs. E.C. Horton, she decided to allow Mrs. H to take her to assist in general housework and sewing.

Resolved that Mrs. Tuthill be allowed to purchase 12 hams or anything which she thinks requisite for the comfort and welfare of the Institution. Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the managers of the Asylum tender to Mr. & Mrs. George Tuthill their sincere thanks for their untiring exertions in purchasing the supplies for the comfort of the inmates of this Institution for several months past.

Mrs. Elder read a letter from Mrs. Hamilton, who was unavoidable detained from the meeting, with regard to ten tons of coal for which she was negotiating. Mrs. Hamilton and Elder still continued on the committee to attend to its delivery upon its arrival.

An application to put in three children, where father had deserted them and gone to the enemy, was read by Mrs. Elder and the children admitted.

Mrs. Landridge, a very worthy woman who has a child in the Asylum, sent in an application to get the consent of the Board for her child to visit her for a day. The request was granted.

Miss Evans offered the following resolution: Resolved that Mr. Benjamin be informed that his services being paid for by the Asylum, his absence from the asylum must not take place without the consent of the Board.

Mrs. Morris appointed visitor for the month. Total expenses for month amount to \$7,811.10. Sec'y has Treas receipt for during the month. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec P O A Society*

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The standing committees for the next three months as follows:

*Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Elder, Ford and Oliver

*Children:* Mrs. Wheeler, Barnwell, Perryman, Miss Evans

*Employees:* Mrs. Ruggles, Battle, Walker, Morris

*Repairs:* Mrs. Hamilton, Miller, Beck and Ketchum

## ☐ MARCH 17, 1865

A called meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. T.P. Miller's to decide upon receiving the resignation of Mr. Benjamin. Present: Mrs. Miller, Hamilton, Ketchum, Beck, Oliver, Tuthill, Wheeler, Evans, Elder, Morris, Perryman, Ford and Walker.

Upon taking the vote of the Board upon the question shall we receive Mr. Benjamin's resignation, it was decided in the affirmative and the Secretary requested to make known the decision to Mr. Benjamin and to advertise for a competent Superintendent and Matron.

Col. Butt made an application to place two children in the Asylum, their father having been a soldier in the 24<sup>th</sup> Ala Regiment and the mother and children driven from their home. The mother, Mrs. Gratten, being willing to act in the capacity of a servant in the Asylum. It was decided to receive children and to take the mother on trial for a month.

Moved, seconded and carried that Edward Cahal receive a new suit of clothes for his good deportment and high standing in scholarship at the Public School.

Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec. P O A Society*

## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1865

Managers of the Asylum met April 4<sup>th</sup>. Present, Mrs. Miller, Hamilton, Beck, Ketchum, Wheeler, Battle, Elder, Tuthill, Morris, Ruggles and Ford. Sec'y's minutes read, also Treas report.

*Supplies* amounted to \$6107.96; expenses of *Children's Committee* \$247.00; *Employee's* expenses \$527.00. *Repairs* amounted to \$199.00. Matron's report: 56 bush of grits, 302 lbs of bacon, 446 lbs beef, 214 lbs flour, 10 qts rice and 5 gals of molasses. The above reports all received.

An application to put a child into the Asylum; mother dead and father in the Army. Referred to Children's Committee. Also, an application by Mrs. Wheeler to place a child in the Institution who had previously been an inmate in the same. Referred to Children's Committee.

Two applications for the situation of Matron. Mrs. Wheeler moved that a committee of four ladies be appointed to visit to converse with and to examine the claims of each applicant. The following ladies were named: Mrs. Beck, Ketchum, Ruggles and Evans.

Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec, P O A Society*

Total expenses for the month: \$7,081.06. Sec has Treas Receipt

## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1865

Protestant Orphan Asylum met to hold their semi-annual meeting in Gov't St Church. Members of the Board present: Mrs. Miller, Ketchum, Hamilton, Tuthill, Barnwell, Ruggles, Ford, Battle, Walker, Elder. The secretary being absent, Mrs. Elder was appointed Sec pro tem and proceeded to read the minutes of the last meeting, which was approved. Treasurer's report read and rec'd.

Expenses of the past month as reported by Treasurer \$2,286.25.

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*Report of Chairman of Com on Supplies* read and rec'd. Mrs. Tuthill having paid a portion of the month's bills in Confederate money before the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, there remained \$55.75 of indebtedness in the present currency.

*Report of Committee on Employees & Repairs* included in report of Supply Committee.

Chairman of *Committee on Children* being absent there was no report. Moved and decided that all the unpaid bills be referred to the different committees.

*Report of the Special Committee* appointed to confer with applicants for the situations of Superintendent and Matron then called for. The chairman of committee being absent, Mrs. Walker reported having seen and conversed with Mr. & Mrs. Burbanks and as being favorably impressed by them. The application of Mr. & Mrs. Burbanks was then presented. Moved by Mrs. Barnwall that it be received and considered. Committee appointed to confer with the applicants who were waiting in the adjoining room: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ruggles and Mrs. Tuthill.

Moved by Mrs. Barnwall that a committee be appointed, one from each church, to see the persons applying for the situation to make enquiries of the person's to whom they refer, and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Ford then moved that Mrs. Battle be allowed to offer and reconsider action of the vote, accepting Mr. Benjamin's resignation. The presiding officer decided that according to Parliamentary usage, a member absent at the time a vote was taken could not move a reconsideration when much discussion ensued. Mrs. Hamilton then offered a resolution which was seconded, that the Board should appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Society upon this the occasion of their semi-annual meeting. The presiding officer ruled that this was not a meeting of the Society and none but members of the Board could vote.

Mrs. Tuthill then enquired of the Board for directions in regard to the sundry repairs. Moved and decided that all repairs be deferred for the present. Several applications for girls then presented. Decided that none should be given out until competent servants be obtained for the Asylum. List of ladies who are to be first supplied: Mrs. Philbrook, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. Starke, Mrs. Townsend.

Mrs. Witherspoon nominated and unanimously elected Secretary. Moved that a Committee be appointed to call on Mr. Ingersoll and request him to solicit rations for the orphans from the Federal Authorities.

Motion to adjourn prevailed. *Julia M. Elder, Secretary pro tem*

### ☐ JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1865

The regular monthly meeting held at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hamilton, Ruggles, Ketchum, Tuthill, Barnwall, Walker, Morris, Oliver, Elder and Miss Evans. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Treasurer's report read and received.

Mrs. Miller then reported having **rec'd rations from the Federal Authorities** as follows: 1,700 lbs bacon, 2,000 lbs flour, 15 lbs tea, 54 lbs soap, 100 lbs sugar, 521 lbs salt, 1 lb of beans.

*Report of Committee on Children* read and received.

*Report of Committee on Employees* read and adopted. Amt paid during the month \$102.25.

Mr. Benjamin's quarterly bill then presented to the consideration of the Board. Decided to pay him for last quarter in proportion to the annual salary which shall be appropriated to Superintendent and Matron.

*Report of Special Committee* on Superintendent and Matron made by Mrs. Barnwall, Chairman. Committee reported having visited the applicants and understood them to decline the situation. Mrs. Ketchum proposed that we elect and try them. Mrs. Miller stating that they would accept. Presiding officer put to vote, decided in the affirmative.

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Mrs. Tuthill reported the quantity of provisions used during the month: 700 lbs bacon, 100 lbs flour, 8 bushels peas, 30 bushels meal, 10 bushels rice, 7 gals molasses.

Amount of month expenses, \$57.75. Amt on hand \$16.95.

Decided that Mr. Burbank should sell his cow to the Asylum with the privilege of purchasing her again when he should leave the Institution.

Mrs. Oliver appointed Visitor. Adjourned. *Julia M. Elder, Secretary pro tem*

(Meeting first Tuesday in July, 1865 – faded - unable to read.)

## ☐ AUGUST 12, 1865

Monthly meeting met at the Asylum Aug. 12. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Ketchum, Walker, Barnwall, Oliver, Ruggles, Elder, Morris,, Evans and Beck. Sec'y minutes approved; also Treas report.

The *Chairman of Children's Committee* reported the admission of three children, Charles, Edward and Caroline Jones, aged ten and five years and ten months. Expenses \$1.05. *Chairman on Supplies* absent. Bills shown, an expenditure \$83.46. Employees' expenses amount to \$920.00. No repairs. Total expenses of the month \$121.51.

Visitor absent, no report.

An application was read from Mr. Newman to take out his children from the Asylum. He had retired from the war and was able to support them. His request granted. Mrs. Marshall applied to remove her step-daughter. Resolved that the father make application for her in person. Mrs. Cameron having two children in the Asylum applied to take out the children. The Board advised if she took one she must take both, but left to discretion of the Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Benjamin sent in a written application for Charles Bayliss; unanimously agreed to let him take the child.

Certified bills passed for examination. Treasurer requested to pay them.

Repairing of the pipes referred to Committee on Repairs.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Superintendent be requested to place the register containing the names of the children on the table at each month meeting. Carried. A vote that Mr. Burbank be allowed to hire additional servants.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1865

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum, Sept. Present: Mrs. Hamilton, Ketchum, Morris, Oliver, Ruggles, Elder and Beck. Secretary's report read and received. Also, Treas report received.

*Chairman of Children's Committee* reported the admission of four children during the month. No report on repairs. Bills on Supplies amount to \$82.85. Expenses of *Children's Committee* \$15. Employees bills amount to (*unreadable*).

Rations received from the government as follows: Corn 1354 lbs, pork 880 lbs, hominy 51 lbs, tea 12-1/2 lbs, sugar 104 lbs, soap 36 lbs, candles 7-1/4 lbs, beans, 80 lbs, salt beef 150 lbs, vinegar, 2 gallons.

Resolved that John McGan be returned to Mr. Bullard. A committee of two, viz. Mrs. Ketchum and Ruggles, appointed to wait on Mr. Burbanks and inform him of some unpleasant reports which had come to the ears of the managers. An application for Charlotte Rodgers held over 'till next month. Mrs. Banfer adopted Ella Hinson and Mrs. McMillan was allowed to retain Mary Morley.

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The Standing Committees being changed as follows:

*Supplies:* Mrs. Elder, Tuthill, Oliver

*Children:* Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Barnwell and Perryman

*Employees:* Ruggles, Battle, Walker and Hamilton

*Repairs:* Mrs. Morris, Miller, Beck and Ketchum.

Mrs. Morris appointed visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned: *L. Augusta Beck*, Secretary, P O A Society

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 27, 1865

At a called meeting of the Managers of the P O A Society, held at the residence of our First Directress, the following named ladies were present: Mrs. Hamilton, Battle, Morris, Walker, Evans and Beck.

The object of the meeting being to lay before the Board a letter from The Freedman's Bureau which was as follows:

"To the Director of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum, Dauphin Street above Broad, Mobile, Alabama. Before drawing rations again for your Asylum, you will send to this office a statement containing full and complete answers to the following questions, viz: 1<sup>st</sup>, when and by whom was your institution established? 2<sup>nd</sup>: Do you derive any settled income from annuities from the bequests of individuals or corporations or from Legislative enactments? 3<sup>rd</sup>: How was your Institution supported before and during the rebellion? 4<sup>th</sup>: Did you ever receive any aid from Confederate Commission during the war? If so, to what extent? 5<sup>th</sup>: Are the orphans of negroes provided and cared for by your Institution?" I am very respectfully your obedient servant, Geo. D. Robinson, Col, 97<sup>th</sup> U.S. (*unreadable*) Assistant Supt., B.R.F.&A.L.

Mrs. Morris offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Walker and carried: Resolved that we take no notice of this letter and draw no more rations from the Freedman's Bureau.

Resolved also that we tender acknowledgements to Dr. Brodie for his attention to our sick orphans and request him to continue his services to the Institution.

Permission was also granted to Miss Evans as *Chairman of Children's Committee* to ascertain upon what terms she could purchase hats for all the boys of the Asylum and report at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. *L. August Beck*, Sec'y

## ☐ OCTOBER 4, 1865

Met at the Asylum Mrs. Hamilton, Morris, Battle, Ketchum, Evans and Beck. Sec'y minutes received. Treas report read and received.

*Chairman on Supplies* absent. No report.

*Children's* report as follows: Admitted during the month four children, some entire orphans. Four children, two boys and two girls, given out to their parents, and two girls given out on trial for one month. During Sept we have lost two small orphans, Louisa Thompson and Caroline James, both of whom were hopelessly ill when placed in the Asylum, and with reference to whom I beg leave to state that Mr. & Mrs. Burbanks have displayed the most kind and tender solicitude and interest and have proven themselves to be affectionate guardians of those in their charge.

*Chairman on Employees* absent. No report.

Visitor reported house out of order but considered improved since last month. Provisions sold amount of \$179.37. Miss Evans report that hats for the boys could be purchased for \$1.05 to \$1.12-1/2 apiece. She was instructed to purchase a suitable number.

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Consumed rations as follows: bacon 400 lbs, pork 171 lbs, salt beef 230 lbs, rice 20 lbs, tea 11-1/4 lbs, sugar 107 lbs, candles 5-3/4 lbs, sugar 5-3/4 gallons, salt 18 lbs, soap 7 lbs, bread 463 lbs, bean 20 lbs, hominy 70 lbs, flour 458 lbs.

List of provisions used by Matron during the month (*unable to read*).

The case of Emily Morley laid over until the return of our First Directress. Mrs. Riley was allowed to take Matilda Ruse for a month, promising to do a good part by her. Moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Ketchum be empowered to see Col. Forsyth with regard to going to Conecuh to raise funds for the supplies of the Asylum. Resolved that two ladies be appointed to visit the Asylum every week and remain a greater part of the day. Resolved that the dinner hour be changed to half past 3, lunch at 12 and something to eat at sunset. A bill of fare was then agreed upon for the week. Sunday-Pork & beans, and Indian pudding; Monday - Boiled meat and greens, potatoes or rice; Tuesday – fried bacon and onions, hominy or potatoes; Wednesday – soup with variety of meat, rice or potatoes; Thursday-Stewed beef or mutton, rice & potatoes; Friday-roast beef, pork or mutton, potatoes or rice; Saturday-cod fish, Irish potatoes or rice. For breakfast – rolls and fried meat – sometimes molasses. Breakfast hour – half past 7.

Mrs. Wheeler appointed visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y, P O A Society.*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 7, 1865

Met at the Asylum, Mrs. Miller, Morris, Wheeler, Ketchum, Ruggles and Miss Evans. Reports of Secy' and Treas received.

*Chairman on Supplies* being absent, the Board examined the bills and were forced to make out the monthly statement without a regular report. Amount of bills for supplies \$49.35.

Report of *Children's Committee* received and also of *Committee on Supplies*. *Repairs* bills amount to \$14.90.

*Chairman on Employees* reported bills amounting to \$83.50.

Mrs. Wheeler as visitor for the month reported that under existing circumstances and the difficulty of obtaining good servants, she found the house in as good order as could be expected.

The minutes were here left unfurnished. *Augusta J. Evans, Sec'y pro tem*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 7, 1865

*Children's Committee* reported one child given out on trial to Mrs. Farrer and one little boy, Eddie James, given to his aunt, Mrs. Allen. Miss Lanier engaged for one month at \$30 to teach the children and on examination she gives entire satisfaction. *A J Evans, Ch Children's Committee*

### ☐ DECEMBER 5, 1865

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum society was held in the basement of the Government Street Presbyterian Church Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Meeting opened by prayer. Present: Mrs. Miller, Ketchum, Beck, Wheeler, Oliver, Battle, Ruggles, Tuthill and Miss Evans. Minutes of the last meeting read and received; also Treas report.

*Chairman, Children's Committee* read her report as follows: "Admitted during the month one boy, Virgil Ambrose Shephard, whose mother was too impoverished to provide for him. Given out in the past month the two McCary children, where mother declares herself able to take care of them. Also Leopold (*no last name given*) to his sister.

No repairs, no report. Supplies, no report. Expenses of the month \$737.08.

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Mrs. Wheeler, visitor for month, made the same report as last month.

Special report from Miss Evans with regard to Emma and Mary Morely received and passed over to the new Board.

Mrs. Wheeler offered the following resolutions: "Whereas the Society has heard with extreme pain and regret of the decease of one of its members and feeling it to be a duty as well as a privilege to offer a testimony of our sincere sorrow to her family and friends.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the sad afflictive providence in the death of Mrs. James Elder, this Society has lost a worthy and useful member of its Board and the Protestant Orphan's Asylum one of its warmest and most zealous patrons and sympathizers. Resolved that this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Society and copy of such to the bereaved family."

The Superintendent's report read and received.

Secretary's annual report read and received. Moved, seconded and carried that the letter received from Freedman's Bureau and the action of the Board of Managers with reference to it be incorporated in the report of the Secretary.

Treasurer's annual report was then read and received.

The business of the month and year now being over, the Society elected the following officers for the coming year:  
*First Directress:* Mrs. Geo. Tuthill, Episcopal Church; *Second Directress:* Mrs. L.P. Miller, Baptist Church; *Secretary:* Miss Frank Crawford, Methodist Church; *Treasurer:* Mrs. Oliver, Presbyterian Church

## Managers:

Episcopal Church: Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. D. Ketchum, Mrs. Hitchcock

Baptist Church: Mrs. Ruggles, Battelle, Mrs. Ashburn

Methodist Church: Mrs. James Battle, Mrs. Duke W. Goodman, Miss Augusta Evans

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Wheeler, Beck and Morris

Ladies' subscriptions taken up for '66 to the amount of \$89.

Standing Committees as follows:

*Supplies:* Mrs. Ketchum, Battle, Wheeler & Ashburn

*Children:* Mrs. Morris, Goodman, Walker and Battelle

*Employees:* Mrs. Ruggles, Beck, Hitchcock & Evans

*Repairs:* Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Crawford & Oliver

Resolved that the list of wants be supplied according to the discretion of the Chairman of Children's Committee.

Mrs. Battelle visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *L. Augusta Beck, Sec'y P O A Society*

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1866

Met at the Asylum. Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Goodman, Miss Evans. Report of Sec'y and Treas read and received.

*Report of Employees* read and received; expenditures \$98.

Mrs. Morris, Chairman of *Children's Committee* reported bills to the amount of \$181.39. Admitted during the month seven children.

Mrs. Ketchum being absent, Mrs. Miller on *Supplies* reported bills to the amount of \$330.21. Report received. Mrs. Tuthill on *Repairs*, that no repairs had been made during the month.

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Mrs. Beck reported a donation of \$50 from Mrs. (Dr.) Reese who volunteers to collect for the Asylum, provided such a course meets the approbation of the ladies. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Beck be empowered to convey to Mrs. Reese the thanks of the Board, and grateful acceptance of her kind offer.

Moved and seconded that Nancy Pervy (Perry) be given to Mrs. Hudson.

The First Directress reported a donation of \$100 from the Striker's Club, which it was obligatory of the Board to acknowledge.

The case of Mary Morley referred to Children's Committee.

Miss Evans offered a resolution which was carried, that Mrs. Battle and Mrs. Goodman be empowered to find a suitable Sec'y from the Methodist Church, as Miss Crawford declines serving. Mrs. Vass suggested as a suitable person.

*Committee of Collections* appointed, Mrs. Goodman and Battle, Methodist Church; Mrs. Walker and Hitchcock, Episcopal; Mrs. Beck and Oliver, Presbyterian; Mrs. Ruggles and Miller, Baptist.

Mrs. Battelle appointed Visitor for the month. *A.J. Evans, Sec pro tem*

### ☐ FEBRUARY 6, 1866

The managers of The Protestant Orphans Asylum held their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Tuthill. Present: Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Fosdick. Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report read and rec'd.

On *Supplies* Mrs. Ketchum, the Chairman, being absent, bills were examined in the amount of \$268.81. Mrs. Burbank shows a consumption during the month of 422 barrels flour, 73 bls meal, 278 bls hominy, 166 bls salt-pork, 116 fresh pork, 177 bls bacon, 80 bls rice, 96 bls beans, 193-1/2 fresh beef, 3 bls potatoes and 90 mackerel.

Mrs. Ruggles of *Employees* reported \$52 expended. Rec'd.

Received report of Mrs. Morris, Chairman of *Children's Committee* expended \$57. Entered during the month 11 children, all fatherless. Four of Mrs. Kennedy, Two-2 of Mrs. Ward, three-3 of Mrs. Singletary, and two-2 of Mrs. McDaniels. The last two remaining but a few days were returned to their mother on her application. Fanny Ingershaw was given to Mrs. Koolab on trial for one month, but in two weeks was returned. Gave Mrs. Carrington an order for Wm Moore, he to remain on trial for one month but before the expiration of the time he returned to the Asylum. Mrs. Arguhart took Martha Bragg, also on trial for a month. Infant Eugenia adopted by Mrs. Moore. Through Mr. Burbank, Mr. Stanley made application for the adoption of Tyler who was taken by him from the Asylum about three years since. Moved and carried that his request be granted. Col. Murrel, through Miss Evans, applied for a girl 10 or 12 years of age. Referred to Children's Committee. Applications were also made through Mrs. Beck, by Mrs. Ripley and Mr. Snow; referred to Children's Committee with instructions to first supply the two applicants through Mrs. Beck. Mrs. McMillan was reported as unwilling to exchange Mary Morley; consequently Mrs. W.B. Hamilton was given another girl.

Mrs. Tuthill of *Repairs* reported \$2 expenses. A communication from Mr. Spence concerning repairs and introduction of furnace in the Asylum. Read, moved and carried that Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Miller be empowered to make agreement with him for such repairs and improvements as in their judgment are needed.

Miss Larimer, the teacher of the Orphans, having been absent for several weeks, Mrs. Oliver was appointed to learn her intentions regarding a continuance of her duties. Should she decline, the Sec'y was requested to communicate with Miss Robbins who is represented by Mr. Burbank as competent and willing to fill that office in the Institution.

Moved and carried that the memorial of our late friend and co-worker, Mrs. Elder, be entered on the books of the Society.

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Visitor for the month being absent, no report. Mrs. Wheeler appointed for the present month. Meeting adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 6, 1866

The monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Asylum. Present Mrs. Tuthill, Goodman, Battle, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Miss Evans, Mrs. Beck, Oliver, Fuggles, Walker, Wheeler, Battelle, Fosdick. Secretary's minutes and Treas report read and rec'd.

Mrs. Ketchum, as Chairman of *Supplies*, reported an expense of \$699.41, the amount being made this large by a purchase of sufficient pork for the entire summer. Report rec'd.

Mrs. Ruggles on *Employees* reported \$40 expenses. Rec'd.

*Children's Committee* through Mrs. Morris, admitted during the month seven-7 children; four-4 of Mrs. Fowler and three-3 of Mrs. Mason. Gave Mrs. Gladley permission to take John and Nancy Mitchell on trial for one month. Also gave Mrs. Walker permission to retain Lonisa Rosya on trial for same length of time. Orders were given Mr. Snow for Ellen Crosley and Mr. Stodmire for Ellen Rolands. Expenses of this committee were \$79.25. Report rec'd.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman of *Repairs*, reported \$42.20 expenses. Rec'd.

Mrs. Wheeler as visitor found the children in good health but the house not so cleanly or orderly as would desire. Attributed entirely to lack of sufficient help.

Report of Superintendent was as follows: used during the month 200 bls bacon, 586 bls flour, 200 bls pork, 684 bls corn mea, 280 bls hominy, 46 bls dried fruit, 115 mackerel and 1-1/2 bls potatoes.

Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Miller the *Special Committee of Repairs* declined the terms offered by Mr. Spence and made a more reasonable agreement with Mr. Mifflin to do all necessary repairs at our expense of \$205 in building the fences. The neighbors assume half the expense.

At the request of Mrs. Miller, the Board agreed to make an exchange with Mr. Snow for Ellen Crosley, giving him Mary Cohen, the girl Mr. Prout wishes to return to the Asylum, but whom it is considered unadvisable to receive on account on her long absence from the Institution. Rev. McIntosh of Marion desiring to take said Ellen Crosley in his family. Moved and carried that the child from Columbus, the Mother in the employ of Mrs. Evans, be allowed to remain in the Asylum until she is able to support him, provided she conforms to the rules of the Asylum and leaves him entirely to its care. Moved by Miss Evans and carried that one or more servants, as the case may require, be employed to improve the condition of the house.

Moved and carried that important donations be immediately acknowledged by the Sec'y, she to use her own judgment regarding their importance.

Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Miller were appointed a committee to wait on the Mayor and suggest the provisions of some temporary Asylum for the transient poor of the city, the charter to this Institution prohibiting it from assisting other than the needy of the city and vicinity of Mobile.

Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Fosdick were appointed to make agreement with Miss Robbins as teacher of the Asylum.

The standing Committee for the next three months were changed as follows: *Supplies*: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Goodman; *Children*: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Battle; *Employees*: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Battelle, Miss Evans; *Repairs*: Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Ashburn, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Oliver.

Mrs. Battelle Visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

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## ☐ MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1866

At the meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup> were present Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Wheeler, Oliver and Fosdick. Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report read and approved. Mrs. Lyon, a representative for Mrs. Morris of *Supplies* reported \$531.92.94 expenses. Rec'd.

Mrs. Walker, Chairman of *Employees* being absent, bills were examined to amount of \$117.00, one hundred & seventeen and one half dollars. Rec'd report of Mrs. Wheeler of *Children's Committee*. Admitted during the month 4 children, Thomas Sylvester, Adelia Paulina, and Sarah Jones Barnes, ages 7, 6 and 3 years; their father is dead and mother unable to provide for them being in feeble health. Also entered by her Mother who wishes to go out to day work, Rachel Cartright, age 3 years. Her father died in the army. Olivia I. Ingram was given out to Mrs. Johnson, also her sister Sally Ingram to Mr. Stone, both on trial for one month, and both with a view to adoption should they suit. Application was made by Mrs. Foster to transfer to a friend, or return to the Asylum, Lydia Davison, whom she received from Mrs. Morris about a year since. The Board decided to request Mrs. Foster to return her until suitable opportunity to send her to Mrs. Flournoy who applied the month previous for a girl of this description. Mr. Carter returned to the Asylum Mollie Sauter, Mrs. Vernelle taking her on trial. In the matter of Ellen Crosley, Mrs. Miller waived her right in favor of Mr. Snow; he to have the child bound. Expenses of this committee were \$141.70.

Mrs. Tuthill on *Repairs* reported the work of the mechanic as well and reasonably done. Expenses \$321. Report rec'd. Consumption of provisions given as follows: Flour 480 lbs, meat 720 lbs, hominy 300 lbs, bacon 300 lbs, beef 344-1/2, salt beef 19 lbs, pork 160 lbs, beans 78 lbs, friend applies 40 bls, rice 95 bls.

Mrs. Miller as one of this committee to wait on the Mayor in reference to the poor reported him unwilling to see the ladies. Consequently, the committee was discharged.

No report from Visitor for the month. Mrs. Oliver requested to visit. Monthly business being finished, Secretary semi-annual report was read and rec'd.

Meeting adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

The Board met at the Asylum June 5<sup>th</sup>. Present Mrs. Tuthill, Wheeler, Walker, Oliver, Ketchum, Miss Evans and Fosdick. Minutes of previous meeting and Treas report rec'd.

The *Supply* bills amounted to \$102.62, the Board being forced to report in the absence of Mrs. Morris,, Chairman.

Committee on *Employees* through Mrs. Walker, Chairman, expended \$530. Approved.

Mr. Wheeler, Chairman *Children's Committee*, reported the deaths of Sallie Griffin, aged 11, and Lorenzo Orden, aged 4 years. The former buried by Rev. Mr. Williams, and latter by Dr. Dorman. The disease of both was dropsey caused by eating dirt. During the month we admitted 3 children, Sally Ann, Hosea M and Emma Jane Allender, aged 11, 7 and 2 years, entire orphans, their nearest relative being Sarah Hamilton, their mother's sister, living in Clarke Co. They were born in Mobile and are placed in Asylum in accordance with the dying request of their mother. Eight children were given out: William Miller, to his mother; Mary Johnson, to her brother from Texas; Alphoneene Emmanuel, to her father; Charles Gillot, to his mother; and Carrie, Marcus and Kenny Macon, to their mother. Also on trial for one month, Mary Bean to Mr. Gist of Fish River and William Moore to Mrs. Hall of Blakely. The expenses of this committee were \$61.72. Rec'd.

The Board decided to allow the adoption of the following children, they having been on trial for one month or more: Sally Ingram, by Mrs. Stone; Fanny Ingram, by Mrs. Johnson, and Mary Ruland by Mrs. Payne. Mrs. Boone wished to have Matilda Reeves and Mrs. Hall, William Moore, indentured. Both granted. Miss McRae of Pascagoula made application for Lucy Freeman, on trial. Mrs. Washington Smith of Selma for a girl as companion for her daughter, and Mrs. Geo D. Gaines for a boy of 14 and girl of 12 years. All granted. Mrs. Wheeler reported the safe arrival at Brooksville of Lydia Davidson for Mrs. Flournoy. The Board adopted a form of indenture as drawn by a lawyer at the request of Mrs. Wheeler. She was also advised to have a form of adoption drawn by the same, or some other competent lawyer.

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The resignation of the teacher, Miss Robbins, accepted. The Board voting Mrs. Burbank an additional income provided she give the children two or three hours instruction each day.

On *Repairs*, Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman, reported \$7 expended for sundries, which was approved.

The Superintendent reported the following consumption: Flour 372 lbs, corn meal 600 lbs, hominy 300 lbs, bacon 240 lbs, pork 164 lbs, fresh beef 472 lbs, salt beef 112 lbs, beans 20 lbs, rice 70 lbs, fried apples 12 lbs, mackerel 80, cod fish 24. Rations rec'd from the state: 200 lbs pork, 1 lbs corn meal, 70 lbs beans, 70 lbs sugar, 1 bl flour, 15 lbs soap, 2 gals vinegar, 16 candles, and 3 bags pepper.

Mrs. Oliver, the visitor, reported the Asylum in good order and children well and cheerful. She consented to visit for next month.

The following ladies were appointed as standing committees for next three months:

*Supplies*: Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Goodman

*Employees*: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Battelle, Miss Evans

*Children*: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Battle

*Repairs*: Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Ashburn, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Oliver

Meeting adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1866

The monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Asylum; Mrs. Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Present: Mrs. Miller, Beck, Walker, Ketchum, Oliver and Fosdick. Secretary's minutes read and adopted, also Treasurer's report.

Expenses of the *Supply Committee*, as reported by Mrs. Ketchum, chairman, \$167.77. Of *Committee of Employees*, through Mrs. Walker, \$87. Both approved.

Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman of *Children's Committee*, though absent, rendered her report through Mrs. Tuthill. Admitted during the month, 6 children: James Abner Patrickson, 8 years of age, by his mother who is poor and unable to provide for him; Laura, Anaminta and Mollie Fell, ages 12, 9 and 7 years by their mother. Also Maria Kamerer, 7 years of age by her mother. This is her second outing in the Asylum; and an infant – name and age unknown – by Capt. Charpentier, Chief of Police and Mr. Labocher, at whose residence it was left. Being impossible to sustain it at the Asylum, it was placed with a healthy nurse who receives \$25 per month for its care. Children given out were Rosalie Gollot to her mother, Lucy Freeman and Mary Griffin to Miss McRae; also Wm Jones to Mrs. Robert Kirk, these last three to be indentured if agreeable to all parties after the usual month's trial. Emma Alberdie, an orphan, 2 years of age, to Mrs. Close with a view to adoption. Mary Bean was returned by Mr. Gist, she not being in sound health. This Committee, after conferring with the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, transferred Mary Lang from Mrs. Dr. Hamilton to Miss Fanny Horn who promises to treat her with kindness and justice. As Miss Horn was leaving the city to be gone indefinitely, they were compelled to act in the case without the usual form of consulting the Board. The expenses of this committee were \$30.09 which was approved.

No report from *Committee on Repairs*.

Superintendent rendered the following consumptions for the month: flour 408 lbs, meal 700 lbs, hominy 300 lbs, pork 172 lbs, bacon 260 lbs, fresh beef 318 lbs, salt beef 104 lbs and rice 48 lbs. Rations rec'd from the state: flour 5 bls, pork 1 bl, bacon, 350 lbs, sugar 50 lbs, rice 22 lbs, candles 30 lbs, fresh beef 150 lbs, tea 5 lbs, salt 9 lbs, soap 9 lbs and 2 gals of vinegar.

Visitor reported the house clean and orderly.

It being contrary to their charter to receive such a child as the foundling above mentioned, the Board directed the Secretary to notify Capt. Charpentier to that effect. Proposed by Mrs. Miller and approved that the sec'y correspond with Miss Horn

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and learn her intentions regarding Mary Lang. Through Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Duff Green made application for a girl about 12 years of age; granted if a suitable child can be found. Four applications were read and the office of Teacher of the Asylum; decided that no teacher be employed till October. The Sec'y to inform the applicant of this decision.

Mrs. Oliver requested to visit for the month. Meeting adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

### ☐ JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1866

(FIRE) A called meeting of the Board was held at the Asylum at the request of the Mayor to investigate the charges against Mr. Burbank of cruelty to one of the orphans. Present: Mrs. Tuthill, Wheeler, Oliver and Fosdick and Messrs Charpentier and Easthouse of the police force, by order of the Mayor. Mr. Burbank stated as follows: On the afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup> he discovered a fire in one of the upper rooms of the building, which he, with some assistance, succeeded in extinguishing. On questioning the children as to its origin, some suspicious circumstances, all of which he mentioned, pointed to Laura Fell as the one most implicated. When charged with the deed, she acknowledged her guilt. Mr. Burbank at once reported the case to Mrs. Tuthill who directed him to return the child without delay to her mother. This he intended doing, but was met by a policeman who directed him to take the child to the guardhouse and there learn what disposition to make of her, unless he wished to appear guilty himself. When then she voluntarily acknowledged her guilt before several of the police, here he was told to leave her till the case could be investigated by the civil authorities. He was surprised when a counter-charge was made by her of cruelty to force his confession and severe bruises shown to apparently sustain the charge.

Capt. Charpentier made inquiry among the inmates of cruelty and learned that the child's character was by no means good even among her own family. Mary Foster, one of the larger girls, stated that two days before the fire she asked her if she would not like to see the Asylum burned, and she intended some day setting fire to it. The bruises could not be accounted for but it was proven by the seamstress that they were on her arms on the 4<sup>th</sup> when she was fitting her a dress, which was three days previous to the time she said she rec'd them. When asked by the seamstress how they came there, she said she had fallen across the bath tub. Capt. Charpentier examined the case fully and said he was convinced that the charges were false, and the child has a wicked, dangerous character, especially in an institution of this kind; that she should have been severely punished; that the children were happy and contented, and if any false statements had been publicly made about the case, he would see that they were timely and fully corrected.

In case his explanation was not sufficiently full to the public, the Sec'y was directed to publish a card, by order of the Board, endorsing Mr. Burbank's conduct.

Adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

### ☐ JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1866

A called meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Asylum Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Present, Mrs. Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Miller, Walker, Beck, Ketchum and Oliver.

Mrs. Tuthill stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of transacting the business of the next regular meeting as several members of the Board intended leaving the city before that time.

Mrs. Oliver, Sec'y pro tem, read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. Treas. Report read and approved.

Mrs. Ketchum, *Chairman of Supplies*, reported the sum of \$94.75 expended during the month and Mrs. Walker, *Chairman of Employees* reported an expense of \$62, both reports rec'd.

*Children's Committee* through Mrs. Wheeler, reported the admission of 6 children. Mary & William Foster, aged 11 and 8, entered by the grandfather, I Roberts, and taken out by their grandmother before the expiration of the month. Also entered by an older sister, Elisha Filgaman, William Thomas, David Daniel and Margy Ann Salma Williams, ages 13, 11, 10 and 4 years. They were born in Covington Co, Ala. and are without means of support, their father having been killed during the war and their mother having died quite recently in this city. Mrs. Walker, who had taken Louisa Ranger with the intention of having

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her indentured, returned her to the Asylum, the influence of some of the child's relatives making it no longer pleasant to keep her.

At a called meeting of the Board, Laura, Amanda and Clara Fell were dismissed from the Asylum. Children given out – George Washington McGillion to his mother, Richard, John and Robert Cartright to their mother who intended leaving the city, and James Patrickson to his mother. The above report read and adopted.

Received report of *Committee on Repairs* through Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman. Expenses \$31.35 for building an out-house.

Consumption of supplies reported by Superintendent as follows: flour 340 lbs, meal 682 lbs, hominy 310 lbs, rice 53 lbs, bacon 200 lbs, pork 354 lbs.

Rations from the state were: flour 5 bls, pork 3 lbs, sugar 55 lbs, fresh beef 100 lbs, candles 10 lbs, hominy 18 lbs, soap 8 boxes, pepper 2 papers and vinegar 2 gals.

Mr. Stanley, via Miss Robbins, made application for the office of teacher of the Asylum. Sec'y directed to reply that for the present no action would be taken. Mrs. Tuthill read a letter from Mrs. Foster and Gardner of this city on behalf of Mrs. Fenley of Miss. asking to be informed if she could obtain two children from this institution, and upon what terms. Sec'y requested to reply stating conditions.

In consequence of recent troubles in the Asylum occasioned by children who have mothers residing in the city and supposed to be able to support them, moved by Mrs. Beck that no children, in future, be rec'd without the consent of the Board. Amended by Mrs. Walker to add "having a parent able to support them." Adopted.

Business being finished, meeting adjourned. *A. Oliver, Sec'y pro tem*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1866

No meeting, only three ladies present. *A. Oliver, Sec'y pro tem*

### ☐ OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1866

At the monthly meeting held at the Asylum, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, were present Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Miller, Beck, Ketchum, Olive, Fosdick. Minutes for July and Treas report for that month rec'd. As there was not a quorum at the meeting in Sept the Board then approved the transactions of the several committees during August.

Expended by *Committee on Supplies* \$188.55; by *Committee on Employees* \$60, and by *Com on Repairs* \$5.

*Children's Committee* reported the death of Sarah Barnes, aged about 3-1/2 years. Also the placing out of Charlotte Rodgers with Mrs. Ollis, on trial for one month.

Superintendent gave the following receipt and consumption of provisions. Rec'd from the state 3 bls flour, 1 bl pork, 250 bls fresh beef, 50 bls beans, 15 lbs soap, 14 lbs salt, 3 lbs candles, 2-1/2 lbs tea and 2 gals of vinegar. The consumption was of flour 614 lbs; of meal 638 lbs, hominy 320 lbs, rice 128 lbs, fresh beef 345 lbs, pork 421 lbs, mackerel 160, potatoes, 2 bls and onions 1 bl.

Reports of the following committees for Sept were approved. On *Supplies* through Mrs. Tuthill rendered bills to amount \$303.08; *Committee on Employees* reported \$67 expended; on *Repairs* \$21.50; on *Children* \$132.30.

*Children's Committee* through Mrs. Tuthill admitted 4 children; Charles Edward Tennis, 5 years of age, by his mother; Thomas Williams, aged 8 years, by his mother, and Thomas Dulaney and John A Hicks, aged 11 and 8 years, by their mother. Children given out were Carrie Ward to her mother, John Truman o Mr. J.E. Fleming and Nancy Nillan to Mrs. R.K . Kelly. The last on trial till first Tuesday in Nov.

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Permission was given Mr. Poe to return to the Asylum Belle McGullion. His wife having recently died, he has no one to take charge of her. Also, to Mr. Emanuel to re-enter his daughter Euphrazine, aged 5 years and to Mrs. Jones to enter her child James E. Rodgers, 4 years of age. Mrs. Ollis made application to have indentured Charlotte Rodgers; granted by the Board. Application was made by Mr. C.P. Gage to have Emily Tyler boarded in the Asylum. Sec'y directed to inform him that she could only be received on same condition as the other inmates.

Superintendent report gives the consumption of Supplies for the month as follows: Flour 318 lbs, meal 660 lbs, hominy 300 lbs, pork 360 lbs, fresh beef 401 lbs and rice 68 lbs.

Several applications for the office of Teacher were presented. Sec'y requested to decline all save Mrs. Taylor's and Mrs. Burbank's and inquire on what terms they could be employed.

Mrs. Oliver, the visitor, reported several visits; found the children well and house orderly. She was requested to visit the following month. Adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1866

At the meeting of the Board were present Mrs. Tuthill, Wheeler, Ketchum, Oliver and Fosdick. Secretary's minutes and Treas report read and adopted.

*Committee on Supplies* through Mrs. Tuthill reported \$273.94 expended. Approved.

No member of *Com on Employees* being present, Board examined bills to amount of \$52.50.

Rec'd report of Mrs. Tuthill, *Chairman of Repairs*; \$122.20 expended. Mrs. Wheeler, *Chairman of Children's Committee* reported the death of Charlie Orden from dropsy. He was buried by Rev. Mr. Spaulding.

The following children were entered during the month: Euphrazine Emanuel, 5 years of age by her father; James E. Rodgers, aged 4 years, by his mother; Melissa Posey from Whistler, 13 years of age, by her mother; Annie Jane and Georgiana Parsons, aged 5 and 2 years, by their mother. Alice, Julia and Josephine Fisher, aged 13, 7 and 5 years, by their mother; Belle McGullion by Mr. Poe, ad Eliza, Sarah Jane and John Grotto, ages 12, 9 and 6 years by their mother, Mrs. Hughes.

Children given out were Charlie Wimberly to his mother; James Rodgers to his mother; John Edward Grotto to his mother, and Joshua Jackson Ingram to Mrs. R.M. Smith. The last on trial for one month with a view to indenture if agreeable to all parties. Expenses of the Committee were \$75.25. Approved.

Mrs. R.F. Kelly, having had Nancy Lillan and Mrs. Armour, Mary Griffin, the usual month's trial, made application to have them bound. The children consenting, the Board granted the applications. Mrs. Morton Toulmin having become dissatisfied with Sarah Danson, she was transferred by Mrs. Wheeler, to Mrs. Wm Mings on trial for one month. Approved by the Board. Mrs. Horn having made application to transfer Mary Lary, an order for her was given Mrs. T.H. Russell, to be indentured if mutually pleasing after the month's trial. The Board having understood that the mother of Belle McGullion was willing and able to support her child, the Chairman of Children's Com was requested to advise her of Belle's return to the Asylum. Emily Tyler, the orphan under the control of Capt. Gage, being returned to the Asylum, the Sec'y was directed to inquire if he returned the child, fully understanding and accepting the terms offered by the Board. Mr. Moore presented a form for adoption, which was received, and suggested an alteration of the constitution, as in its present form, it conflicts with the law of this State. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Fosdick appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Legislature in reference to the re-election of officers, which last was previously acted on and report at next meeting.

The Sec'y reporting Mrs. Taylor as a suitable person to teach the orphans, was directed to employ her for the office.

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Fosdick were requested to confer with some business gentlemen as to the last investment of surplus funds and act in conformity with their judgment before the annual meeting.

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The Matron representing the need of mattresses, outdoor wraps for the children and new trimmings for the hats. The Chairman of Children's Committee was directed to supply these wants.

Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Oliver appointed a committee to make arrangements for a bath room. Also to have the casing around the pumps extended.

Superintendent reported the consumption of provisions during the month as follows: of four, 544 lbs, meal 689 lbs, hominy 310 lbs, pork 178 lbs, bacon 72 lbs, salt beef 24 lbs, fresh beef 545 lbs, rice 88 lbs, potatoes 3 lbs, onions 1 lb, cod fish 1 lbs and mackerel 40.

Mrs. Oliver as visitor reported the house in usual good order and children well. Adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1866

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the Government Street Presbyterian Church. Members of the Board present were Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Wheeler, Beck, Battle, Ketchum, Oliver, Battelle, Miss Evans and Mrs. Fosdick. Minutes of previous meeting and Treas report read and approved. Rec'd report of Mrs. Ketchum, *Chairman of Supplies*, \$507.21 expended. *Committee on Employees* through Mrs. Beck rendered bills to amount of \$485.15 which were approved.

Mrs. Wheeler, *Chairman of Children's Committee*, reported the admission of 2 children; William Turry and John Jefferson Forbes, entered temporarily by their mother.

The following children were given out on trial for one month: Adella Barnes to Mr. & Mrs. Nodedge, Mary Williams to Mrs. Wm Lee and Lallie Allender to Mrs. Fuller.

Expenses of this Committee were \$211.48. Approved.

Read report of *Committee on Repairs* \$288.50 expended.

Superintendent reported the following consumption of provisions: meal 720 lbs, flour 480 lbs, grits 300 lbs, bacon 210 lbs, pork 130 lbs, fresh beef 391 lbs, salt beef 32 lbs, cod fish 2-1/4 boxes, potatoes 2 lbs, beans 36 lbs and fried apples and peaches each 20 lbs.

The Teacher reported the recitations and deportment of the children as very good.

Mrs. William Lee made application to adopt Mary Williamson and Mr. & Mrs. Nodedge to adopt Adella Barnes, both of which was granted after consulting the children's wishes. After the usual month's trial, and in accordance with the wishes of the children, the following applications were granted. Mrs. Fuller for Lallie Alberdie; Mrs. Rucker, whose husband is an uncle of the child, for Joseph Alberdie; Mrs. Smith for Joshua Jackson Ingram; Mrs. Russell for Mary Lary, and Mrs. McRae for Lucy Foreman; all to be apprenticed. The following applications to be hereafter considered of Mrs. Dr. B.W. Whitfield of Demopolis, of Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. Larry Gaines, each for a girl about 12 or 14 years of age. Of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis of Pascagoula for a boy and girl, and of Mrs. McRae of same place, for a boy. Mrs. Tuthill was requested to inform Mrs. Burbank that her interference in regard to the placing out of children would not be allowed. Mrs. Wheeler reported having written to the mother of Belle McGullion but had rec'd no answer up to time of meeting.

Mrs. Oliver and Fosdick were advised by several gentlemen, friends of the Orphans Asylum, to place the surplus funds at interest with Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Miller and Fosdick, the Committee to petition the Legislature for an amendment to the Charter of the Constitution, reported that as the petition for the re-election of officers, in rotation from the different churches, had been previously acted

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on by this Board, and learning that the Legislature would only be in session 30 days, they, with the sanction of the 1<sup>st</sup> trustees, had added to the petition the request that this Board be allowed to place out children for adoption or apprenticeship without application to the Judge of Probate of this county. Mrs. Tuthill read a communication from Mr. George Oberland stating that any change with regard to the re-election of officers would invalidate the deed of the Asylum property. Mrs. Miller and Fosdick requested to explain to him that the Society only wished the privilege of re-electing a faithful officer every fourth year.

As all the business of the Board was completed, the Secretary's and treasurer's annual reports were read and approved.

Moved by Miss Evans, seconded and carried, that as only one member of the Society was present they adjourn to meet on the same place Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary to repeat her notices in the different churches and also in the Sunday papers.

Adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick, Secretary*

## ☐ DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1866

An adjourned meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held in the Government Street Presbyterian Church. Members of this Board present were Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Wheeler, Beck, Ketchum, Oliver, Ruggles, Battelle, Miss Evans, Mrs. Fosdick.

The following unfurnished licenses were completed: Mary Cohen who was taken from this Asylum by Mrs. Proust, was transferred to Mrs. Henry Gaines on trial for one month. Mrs. Johnson who took Fanny Ingram to adopt wishes instead to have her indentured. Moved by Mrs. Wheeler, seconded and carried that she adopt the child or return her to the Asylum.

Mrs. Tuthill, who had seen Mrs. Burbank, explained her apparent interference in regard to the placing out of children.

Sec'y & Treas annual reports were then read and approved.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Beck, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Episcopal Church: Mrs. Tuthill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Baptist Church: Mrs. Moore, Secretary; Methodist Church: Mrs. Fosdick, Treasurer

Managers:

Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Wheeler, Oliver and Holt

Episcopal Church: Mrs. Ketchum, Barnwell and Hitchcock

Baptist Church: Mrs. Miller, Ruggles and Battelle

Methodist Church: Mrs. Battle, Miss Evans and Mrs. Bidgood.

The new Board decided to request the gentlemen who usually make the Christmas collections to select their assistants.

Visitor to direct Mr. Burbank to provide a Christmas dinner for the children.

Following ladies appointed to collect Ladies Subscriptions from the different churches: Mrs. Paul Wheeler and Mrs. F.H. Oliver from Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Hitchcock and Miss Augusta Beck from Episcopal Church, Miss Scattergood and Mrs. Sue Battelle from Baptist Church, Mrs. James Battle and Mrs. L.W. Fosdick from Methodist Church.

Standing committees for next three months are: *Supplies*: Mrs. Ketchum, Miller, Battle, Holt; *Employees*: Miss Evans, Mrs. Battelle, Hitchcock and Wheeler; *Children*: Mrs. Oliver, Barnwell, Bidgood, Ruggles; *Repairs*: Mrs. Beck, Tuthill, Moore, Fosdick

Mrs. Battelle appointed Visitor. Adjourned. *Anna M. Fosdick*

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## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1867

Present at the regular meeting of the Board at the Asylum: Mrs. Holt, Oliver, Battelle, Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Fosdick and Moore. In the absence of presiding officers, Mrs. Miller was called to the chair and opened the meeting with the usual exercises. Minutes of the last meeting read by Mrs. Fosdick, Sec pro tem, and approved. Treas. Report read and approved.

*Committee on Supplies* reported \$268.93 expended – approved.

*Committee on Employees* reported an expense of \$45.00 – approved.

*Children's Committee* made the following report: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1866 granted as permit to Mrs. J. Johnson to take a girl from the Asylum on trial to be indentured. Gave Mrs. Kennedy permission to take away her daughter Rosa Woods, and her youngest son, she being able to provide for them, and intending to leave the city. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1866 gave Mary Bean to Mr. N.R. Leigh to be indentured, if both parties are suited. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1866 permit to Mrs. Snyder to take her sister Millie Suter and her brother, she being in a situation to provide for them. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1866 informed Mr. Stanley that he could have Thomas DeLaney on trial to be indentured. *A. Oliver, Chairman Children's Committee*

*Committee on Repairs*: No report.

A special committee, Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman, was continued by request.

The visitor for the month reported general good order in the household, but recommended that special attention be directed to the management of the school.

On motion, Mrs. Fosdick and Miss Evans were appointed to inquire minutely into the present condition of the school and efficiency of the teacher, and were also instructed to prepare a list of studies to be pursued by the pupils and suggest the time at which the school shall open and close its daily sessions.

An acc't of articles rec'd and consumed presented by the Superintendent and read.

Information being desired regarding some of the items, Mrs. Fosdick was requested to make the necessary inquiries of Mrs. Ketchum.

Donations reported as rec'd: Christmas toys, by an unknown friend, a Melodeon, by friends, three cords of wood by B. Chamberlain & Co., New Year's chimes by Messrs Calet Price and I. I. Jones, for which the sec'y was ordered to make public acknowledgement.

Mrs. Wheeler stated that the child Alice Horton had been returned to the Asylum. An application was presented by Mrs. Oliver from one Mrs. Hadley for Lena Ranze, to be indentured. Referred to Children's Committee.

The resignation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Augusta Beck, was read and accepted. On motion, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Directress and Mrs. Beck one of the Board of Managers.

A communication from the American Christian Commission, Offices No. 26 Bible House, New York, and No. 9 South 5<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, Mo., desiring information as to the size and work of this Institution,, was read and the Sec'y instructed, in answer, to forward the annual reports of this Society.

Mrs. Holt appointed visitor. Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 1867

The Board met at the Asylum, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Present Mesdames Bidgood, Fosdick, Oliver, Tuthill, Miller, Ketchum, Holt and Moore. Minutes read and approved. Treas. Report read and approved.

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Reports of Standing Committees:

*Committee on Supplies:* \$302.98 expended. Approved.

*Committee on Employees:* All the members being absent, the bills amounting to \$111.50 were certified by Mrs. Wheeler and passed from the sec'y to the Treas for payment.

*Report of Children's Committee:* Given out during the month of January: John Callaway, aged ten years, to Mr. Locket of B. Ala., to be indentured. Frances Fowler, aged four years, to Mrs. Clark of Mobile, to be adopted. Lena Ranze, twelve years old, to be indentured. Bell McGullion and Mary Choms to Mrs. Eggleston of Raymond, Miss, to be indentured. Thomas Williams to Mr. Larnoski of Fowl River to be indentured. James Carrington to Mr. Shirling of Mobile, on trial, to be indentured.

Admitted: Zilpha Wardsworth to remain until her mother can provide for her. Two orphans, at and Rosa McCarthy, aged 5-1/2 and 4 years, presented for admittance by Mrs. Saford.

Expenses for clothing, books and stationary, \$97.62. *Angeline Oliver, Chairman Children's Com.*

Mrs. Oliver stated that the places provided for James Carrington might not prove in all respects desirable. Voted that he be allowed to remain till the next meeting, when further action could be taken in his case.

A letter from Mr. A.R. Leigh, who took Mary Bean in December on trial to be indentured, was read.

*Committee on Repairs* reported \$346.00 expended; approved.

Mrs. Holt reported three visits during the month on which occasions she had found the bedrooms in some disorder; thought the servants rather inefficient though perhaps excusable as one of them was sick.

Mrs. Fosdick made verbal report that upon inquiry, made by herself and Miss Evans, they found that there had been some irregularity in the hour of opening and closing the school, not attributable to neglect on the part of the teacher, as the Matron had required the aid of a part of the pupils at improper hours. The teacher was instructed to commence the exercises of the school at 9 o'clock AM, continue till 1, give a recess of half an hour, resume, and continue till 3 o'clock PM, the hour for dismissal. The Matron was also informed that the pupils must in no wise be detained from the regular attendance of the school.

Having found the ordinary studies necessary for a common English education taught in the school, the committee did not think it expedient to prepare a list of studied.

Report rec'd and committee discharged. The old committee on indentures and adoptions, of which Mrs. Wheeler was chairman, begged for further extension of time. Granted. Mrs. Fosdick and Miller were appointed.

An application from Mrs. Taylor for an increase of salary was read. Owing to the scarcity of funds in the Treasury, her request could no be granted.

Mrs. Gaines made application for the child Alice Horton to be indentured. Referred to Children's Committee. Mrs. Pugh, a destitute widow, presented a son and two daughters to remain in the Asylum till such time as she shall be able to provide for them herself. They were received.

Mrs. Battle appointed visitor. Board adjourned.

After adjournment the Board were called together to consider the expediency of investing the \$1400.00 left to the Institution by Mr. James Battle. Mrs. Wheeler was appointed to ascertain how it could be beset and most safely invested.

Adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Sec'y*

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## ☐ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1867

Present at the meeting of the Board Mesdames Wheeler, Fosdick, Miller, Holt, Bidgood, Oliver, Ruggles and Moore. Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Minutes read and approved. Treas. Report read and approved.

Reports of Standing Committees:

*Committee on Supplies:* expended \$219.30 – approved.

*Committee on Employees:* expended \$102.00 – approved.

*Report on Children's Committee:* Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – given out on trial to be indentured, Alice Horton and Mrs. Henry Gaines. Lizzie Dudley was taken out by her mother, Mrs. Ward. Maggie Gray by her father. Admitted: three children of Mrs. Pugh, Willie, 13, Eugenia, 10,, and Lelia, 8 years of age. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Bandy Cooper, 7 years of age, son of Mrs. Anderson. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Frances Stephens, 7 years of age, daughters of Mrs. Rollins. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Franklin Duncan, placed in the Asylum by his brother, W. Duncan. The boy is 11 years of age.

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Permission was given to Mrs. McCarthy to take her two children Rosa and Kate, as they had been placed in the Asylum without her knowledge. Expenses \$16.50. *A. Oliver, Chairman Children's Committee*

A letter from Mrs. Hadley stating her inability to bring Lena Ranze to Mobile to be indentured was read. Another was read from John C. Huckabee, Pastor of the M.E. churches in Gainesville, Ala., and Scooben, Miss, in which he states that in a private conversation with Lena Ranze, she expressed herself pleased to live with Mrs. Hadley and as wishing to remain with her till grown.

*Committee on Repairs:* \$4.25 expended. Approved.

Mrs. Battle, though absent, reported through another she had made frequent visits, upon which occasions she had found the household arrangements in tolerable order and toward the close of the month was pleased to observe very great improvement.

The teacher reported the deportment of all her pupils as perfect. Two of them, W. Barritt and Alice Fisher, were also perfect in all their studies.

Voted that Sabbath School books be purchased and one presented to such pupil whose scholarship and deportment shall be reported perfect. Mrs. Wheeler instructed to procure the books and present them to those already entitled to them.

Mrs. Taylor renewed her application for an increase of salary as teacher. For the reasons stated on her previous application, the advance could not be granted.

The Sec'y paid to Treasurer \$318.55, amt of Ladies Subscriptions collected from Gov't St Church, by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Oliver, \$20.00 from Capt. Wheeland of British Ship "Tudor", and \$7.75, a donation from a "Mechanical Board of Survey."

A bill of \$60.75 from the Advertiser and Register for advertising was passed to the Treas. For payment, they having generously deducted one half, leaving the am't to be paid \$30.50.

Mrs. Wheeler appointed to make inquiry concerning a proper investment of the \$1400 left the Asylum by Mrs. Margaret McBride, reported the Life Insurance Stock as very highly recommended by competent judges. Voted that the committee be continued to make still further inquiries to secure the best possible investment and that when invested the amt shall be made that of the original bequest of \$1500.00.

The chairman of the old committee on indentures and adoptions, Mrs. Wheeler, presented a report of progress made: Partial copy of the report – the following parties have executed papers of apprenticeship, viz:

G.F Boone and wife for Elizabeth Matilda Reeves, 11 yrs old

Joel H. Snow and wife for Frances Ellen Crosley, 10 yrs old

Jno B. McMillan and wife for Mary Morley – 11 yrs old

Marcellus and wife for Nancy Peavy – 12 years old

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R. H. Kelly and wife for Nancy Williams – 12 years old  
J.E. Armor and wife for Mary Griffin – 14 years old  
Miss Catharine L. McCrea for Lucy Freeman – 9 years old  
Joseph Russell & wife for Mary Lary – 15 years old  
Capt. Geo Fuller and wife for Sallie A. Alberdie, 11 years old

## *Adoptions:*

Wm. F. James and wife have executed papers for Eliza Thigpen  
Wm. G. Lee and wife executed papers for Mary Williams but for some pretended reason have since returned her to the Asylum.

Voted that all the papers concerning this business be transferred to the Children's Committee and the committee on indentures and adoptions be discharged. The new committee on indentures and adoptions was continued.

Mrs. Clark presented herself to consummate the adoption of Frances Fowler. As the forms were not quite prepared the adoption was deferred. The time of trial to be indentured of three children, James Carrington, Thomas Williams and Alice Horton, had also expired, and as there was mutual satisfaction with each and the part to whom given out, it was resolved that they be indentured as soon as the papers are ready.

Mrs. Ruggles stated that Mrs. Orden, who had been permitted to remove her child, Emma Orden, was making statements derogatory to the good character of the Asylum and that Mrs. Burbank was also implicated. Mrs. Wheeler was instructed to ascertain the truth of the report and explain any misapprehension on the part of Mrs. Orden.

Mrs. Bidgood was appointed visitor.

Ladies appointed to the Standing Committees:

Supplies: Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Battle, Holt

Employees: Miss Evans, Beck, Hitchcock, Oliver

Children: Mrs. Battelle, Bidgood, Ketchum, Barnes

Repairs: Mrs. Wheeler, Moore, Fosdick, Barnwell

The Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Secretary*

## ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1867

Present at the meeting of the Board, Mesdames, Holt, Fosdick, Battle, Miller, Bidgood, Oliver, Ketchum, Wheeler, Tuttle, Moore. Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Minutes read and approved. Treas report read and approved.

*Committee on Supplies* expended \$162.18 during the last month. Approved. Voted Mr. Lyon be patronized as grocer for an indefinite period.

*Committee on Employees* expended \$102 during the month. Approved. *Children's Committee* reports \$78.95 expended during the month. Approved. *Committee on Repairs* reports no expenses.

Visitor for the month reported things in good order. No children perfect in their studies.

The new committee on indentures and adoptions reported papers altered and prepared for use. The report received and turned over to the Children's Committee. Committee discharged.

Resolved that the First Directress, Secretary and Chairman of the Children's Committee be empowered to sign indenture and adoption papers for the Board. Carried.

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The Committee on investing legacy reported through Mrs. Wheeler that they were advised to deposit the money with Mr. Miller, he allowing them six per cent interest and permission to withdraw the funds when needed. Received. Committee discharged after making the investment.

Mrs. Wheeler visited Mrs. Burbanks and was satisfied that reports were false. Mrs. Wheeler instructed to request Mrs. Sellers to stop talking.

Received from Mrs. Ruggles \$9.00. Ladies Subscriptions, from Harberrian Society, \$26.00; from Mrs. Gardy, \$5.00; from A. Griend, \$1.00; from Mr. Ballentyne in drugs, \$50.00.

The Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Secretary* per E.E. Miller

### ☐ MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1867

On Tuesday, assembled at Presbyterian Church at the Semi-annual meeting. Present at the meeting of the Board Mesdames Tuthill, Beck, Fosdick, Oliver, Holt, Ketchum, Wheeler and Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Reports of Treasurer and Secretary read and received.

*Committee on Supplies* reported expenditures for the month \$295.55. Approved. *Committee on Employees* reported expenditures of \$115. Approved. *Committee on Children* reported expenditures for the month of \$50.95. Approved. *Committee on Repairs* reported only a few dollars expended. Report received.

Mrs. Ketchum as Visitor for the month reported everything satisfactory at the Asylum and the children looking unusually well and robust.

The Board empowered Mrs. Wheeler to have a certain amount of whitewashing done. The report of the teacher proved that only one of the children received a perfect report, viz. Elisha Williams.

Mrs. Moore being forced to leave the city promised to supply a secretary from the Baptist Church who would officiate in her absence.

Mrs. Ruggles appointed visitor for the month. The Board adjourned. *Augusta Evans, Secretary pro tem.*

### ☐ JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1867

The Board met at the Asylum, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Present Mesdames Battle, Battelle, Oliver, Bidgood, Wheeler, Misses Evans, Treat and Morse.

Report of Treasurer received; during the past month \$17.00, through Mrs. Fosdick. Approved.

Report of *Committee on Supplies*, expended during the past month \$276.27. Report received and approved. Report of *Committee on Employees* \$509, received and approved. Report of *Children's Committee* by Mrs. Oliver, Chairman, Mr. Henry Gaines who had taken out Alice Blanton wished to return her to the Asylum as he had no one to take charge of her since the decease of his wife. She was received and transferred to Mrs. Wragg for trial until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in July. Report received and approved.

*Committee on Repairs* reports having expended \$6.50. The ladies report \$65 spent in whitewashing. Report approved.

Report of Special Committee on indentures and adoptions. Report received and committee continued until the business is concluded.

Children reported in Asylum fifty-five. Case of John Hicks on trial with Mrs. Snow. It was proposed to continue him with her until 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in July. Expended \$33.20. A list of articles needed submitted.

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Teacher reported deportment good and none of the children perfect in their studies. Mrs. Battelle appointed visitor for the month.

Committees changed:

*Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Miller, Battle, Holt

*Employees:* Miss Evans, Miss Treat, Mrs. Hitchcock, Oliver

*Children:* Mrs. Battelle, Bidgood, Ketchum, Barnes

*Repairs:* Mrs. Wheeler, Morse, Fosdick, Barnwell

Moved and seconded that the bills be passed over to the Treasurer for liquidation. The Board adjourned. *Louisa L. Morse, Acting Secretary*

## ☐ JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1867

The Board met at the Asylum, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Present: Mesdames Wheeler, Fosdick, Morde, Battelle and Barnes. Report of Secretary read and received. Report of Treas rec'd - \$40 from Mr. McGinnis of N.Y. approved.

Report of *Committee on Supplies* read, expended during the past month \$379.62. Report approved. *Committee on Employees* reported an expenditure of \$99.50 of which amount was paid to Mrs. Taylor \$50.

Mrs. Taylor's letter was read stating desire to be employed another season. The regular term having closed and there being two applicants to fill the office of teacher during the summer it was thought advisable to continue the school, confining the children only four hours. Miss Sue Battelle as one of the applicants was appointed at a salary of thirty dollars per month to be increased at pleasure of the Board.

*Children's Committee* reported an expenditure of \$1.50. There were several applicants for admission but not being quite satisfied as to the necessities of those applying, the ladies requested Mrs. Battelle to investigate and report on them. Report approved.

*Committee on Repairs* reported an expenditure of \$2.00. Report approved.

Moved and seconded that the bills be passed to the Treasurer for liquidation. The Board adjourned. *Louisa L. Morse, Secretary pro tem*

## ☐ AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>, 1867

The Board met at the Asylum, Mrs. Tuthill presiding. Present, Mesdames Tuthill, Battelle, Oliver, Barnes, Miller, Mrs. Evans.

The secretary's report received. Mrs. Fosdick, the Treasurer, was absent.

*The Committee on Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$325.16. The propriety of giving the children more fresh meat and occasionally a meal of fresh fish was discussed, and Mr. Burbank was empowered to procure the fish from the boats.

*Committee on Employees* reported an expenditure of \$98.00. Report approved.

*Children's Committee* report an expenditure of \$11.90 of which amount \$2.50 was paid for prize books to be given to those children who excelled in their studies and deportment. Miss Battelle reported four of the pupils perfect in deportment and two perfect in all their studies. Several were nearly perfect and all were giving evidence of improvement. Approved.

No report of *Committee on Repairs*.

Visitor reported things in good order and the children healthy. One of the children had been adopted by Mr. Farnell (James Scott Jones).

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Secretary was requested to acknowledge receipt of 50 sacks of corn from Mr. J.P. Richardson. Bills were approved and requested to be handed to Mrs. Fosdick to be settled.

The Board adjourned. *Louisa L. Morse, Secretary pro tem*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1867

Mrs. Oliver, Miss Evans and Morse present, not being ladies enough to form a quorum. Adjourned, after requesting Mr. Burbank to take the bills to Mrs. Tuthill for approval. They were approved by Mrs. Tuthill and Secretary.

For Employees - \$75; for Supplies, \$286.27; for Children, \$25.78. Total \$386.45

Mr. Burbank presented bill of Mountain & Smith, receipted; also a balance due the Asylum of \$17.48: corn, 50 sacks containing 90 bushels for which they allowed \$90.03. Mr. Ballentyne having informed the ladies that his subscription of \$50 being taken up by drugs purchased; Mrs. Tuthill gave a written order to Mr. Burbank to present to Mr. Ballentyne for medicine if needed.

Mrs. Battelle sent in report as Chairman of Children' Committee. Children admitted – 3, given to parents – 8, adopted – 1, on trial for indentureship – 1.

*Louisa L. Morse, Secretary*

## ☐ OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1867

No meeting of the board as there were not members enough to form a quorum. Mr. Burbank called upon the Secretary with the bills to obtain her signature. Expenditures amounted to \$282.25.

*Louisa L. Morse, Secretary*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1867

No meeting of the Board as there were not ladies enough to form a quorum present. Mesdames Tuthill and Fosdick. Mrs. Fosdick called upon the Secretary to receive her signature to the bills which amounted to \$582.77 for the month of Oct.

*Louisa L. Morse, Secretary*

## ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1867

The Board of Managers met at the Gov't Street Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock. The ladies present were Mrs. Wheeler, Oliver, Fosdick, Barnes, Battelle, Miller and Misses Evans and Morse. After the usual exercises, Mrs. Wheeler presiding, the Secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer's report read and received.

The *Committee on Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$351.53 for November. Report received.

*Committee on Employees* \$505.50 expended. Report received.

*Committee on Children* reported an expenditure of \$289.96. The preparations for the winter clothing required a greater onslay than usual. They were supplied through donations of Mr. Chauncy Barnes with 2 pieces of cashmere for the boys' jacket. Also received Mr. L. Horniker the cutting out of the boys' jackets. Report received

*Committee on Repairs* reported the amount expended \$13.95. Report received.

*Children's Committee* reported case of girl indentured to Mr. Boone which was acted upon by the ladies as an information meeting in Oct. The girl was transferred to the care of her relatives. Mary Lary, one of the orphans complained of Mr. Russell to whom she was indentured, but upon re-examination the ladies did not think she had sufficient cause for dissatisfaction and requested Mr. Russell to find a suitable home for her. Mrs. Miller and Wheeler were requested by the Board to attend to

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her case. Mrs. Gets applied for two of the older boys in the Asylum. She was requested to call upon the new Board that would be elected. A letter from Miss Sue Battelle was read requesting a continuance in office as teacher for 1868 and desired that her salary might be raised which was done by a vote of the Board to \$40 per month.

Mrs. Fosdick reported an indebtedness of \$968.95. A motion was made and seconded that she should call upon Mr. Miller for money placed in his hands on interest to liquidate the bills. It was proposed that she should borrow the same, on interest to be returned as soon as collections could be made.

As there were no members of the Society present, the Secretary was requested to repeat the notice in all the churches and also in the three newspapers, to request the members of the Society to meet on the following Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Burbank reported a donation of a fine cooking stove from Mr. E. Williams. The Secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Brodie for his attention to the children during the past year and to Mr. Burbank and the Matron Mrs. B another, commending their course during the prevalence of the fever and for the proper performance of their duties generally.

Adjourned. *Louisa L. Morse, Secretary*

### ☐ DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1867

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society met at the Presbyterian Church. Present Mrs. Miller, Wheeler, Tuthill, Battelle, Oliver, Beck, Fosdick, Holt, Hamilton, Ketchum and Miss Evans.

The annual report of the secretary was read and received. Also that of the Treasurer. Mrs. Miller offered a resolution which was carried, that the Annual Reports be published in the city papers for three days before Christmas.

The election of officers for the New Year resulted in the choice of Miss A. Evans for First Directress from the Methodist Church; Second Directress Mrs. D. Wheeler; Mrs. T. P. Miller, Treasurer, and Mrs. G.A. Ketchum, Secretary.

Managers from the Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Holt

From the Methodist Church: Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Helen.

From the Baptist Church: Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Barnes, and Mrs. Battelle

From the Episcopal Church: Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Hammond, and Mrs. Eggleston

The new board decided to request those gentlemen who usually make the Christmas Collections to select such assistants as they thought proper. The following ladies were appointed to take the usual subscriptions from the ladies of their respective churches: Mrs. Fosdick and Ms. Porter, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Hammond.

The standing committees for the next three months were: *Supplies*: Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Barnes. *Children*: Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Eggleston. *Employees*: Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Hammond. *Repairs*: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ketchum and Miss A. Evans.

Mrs. Fosdick appointed visitor for the month.

Mrs. Battelle as Chairman of the Children's Committee was instructed not to allow any of the children to go out or sleep from the Asylum unless in cases of extreme necessity.

A motion was made and seconded that the ministers of the different churches be invited to visit the Asylum. Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Battelle were to give instructions concerning a Christmas dinner for the children. Mrs. Tuthill was also to give Mr. Burbank instructions concerning the cow. Mrs. Battelle was continued as teacher and a week's holiday was given to the school. Mr. Burbank was authorized to have the grate repaired.

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The meeting adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in January. Received during the month 32 dollars ladies subscriptions, 50 dollars from the T.D.S. Society and 50 dollars from the Strikers Club.

Meeting adjourned. *L. B. Ketchum, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The managers of the Asylum held their regular meeting. Present Miss Evans, Mrs. Miller, Wheeler, Porter, Barnes, Oliver, Battelle, Fosdick, Holt, Morris and Mrs. Ketchum. The minutes of the last meeting read and received.

Mrs. Miller sent in her resignation as Treasurer, but it was not received. Chairman on *Supplies* being absent, no report. Mrs. Barnes certified to the bills, which amounted to #391.27. Mrs. Porter reported 100 dollars expended on *Employees*. Mrs. Wheeler reported \$21.22 for *Repairs*.

Mrs. Battelle's report as Chairman on *Children's Committee* was received. She stated the girls were much in need of hats and dresses. It was left to her discretion to select a suitable material for the dresses. She reported \$25 expended.

It was moved and seconded that all bills be given to Secretary for examination and forwarded to Treasurer for payment. Owing to indisposition, Mrs. Fosdick was unable to visit the Asylum, but Miss Evans who had been frequently at the Asylum reported things in much better order than she expected to find them, taking into consideration the incompetency of the servants. It was moved and carried that the donations received during the month should be immediately acknowledged by the Secretary in the different papers.

Mrs. Fosdick appointed visitor for the month. Adjourned. *L.B. Ketchum, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The monthly meeting of the board was held at the Asylum. Mrs. Wheeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress presiding. Present, Mrs. Miller, Battelle, Morris and Ketchum. Minutes of the meeting read and received.

The chairman on *Supplies* being absent Mrs. Wheeler certified to the bills amounting to \$382.22. Mrs. Holt being absent, no report on *Employees*. Bills were rendered to the amount of 102 dollars. Certified by Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler reported *Repairs* to the amount of \$9.25.

Report of Mrs. Battelle on *Children's Committee* read and approved. Expended \$51.38. She was authorized to superintend the making of the girls' dresses. Mrs. Tuthill, as Chairman on *Supplies* was requested to enquire minutely into the quantity of provisions consumed and see if some retrenchment in expenses could not be made in the present straightened condition of the Treasury.

The report from the teacher was very satisfactory. Mrs. Morris was appointed visitor for the month. Adjourned. *L.B. Ketchum, Secretary*

## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1868

The monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Asylum. Present Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Hellen, Oliver, Porter, Holt, Barnes, Morris, Battelle and Ketchum. Secretary's report read and received. Also the Treasurer's.

The Chairman on *Supplies* being absent, Mrs. Barnes certified to the bills which amounted to \$294.18. Mrs. Holt certified to bills on *Employees* amounting to 77 dollars. Mrs. Battelle on *Children's Committee* gave a satisfactory report. Her expenditures amounted to 33 dollars. Mrs. Wheeler on *Repairs* still more satisfactory as she had no bills to report. Mrs. Morris as visitor for the month reported everything in order except the bedding in the nursery, but owing to the scarcity of money it was determined not to buy new at present.

Mrs. Porter was appointed Visitor for the month.

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Standing Committee on *Supplies* for the next three months is Mrs. Fosdick, Tuthill, Oliver and Buck; *Children*, Mrs. Battelle, Holt, Hammond and Porter; on *Employees* Mrs. Morris, Eggleston, Hellen and Barnes; on *Repairs* Mrs. Miller, Wheeler, Ketchum and Miss Evans.

The monthly report of the teacher shows great and satisfactory improvement.

Adjourned. *L.B. Ketchum, Secretary.*

## ☐ APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The board of Managers met at the Asylum. Present, Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Porter, Battelle, Barnes, Hammond and Ketchum. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Also Treasurer's report. Mrs. Barnes certified to the *Supply* bills which amounted to \$252.51. The report on *Repairs* showed an expenditure of \$23.10. Mrs. Battelle on *Children's Committee* reported expenses amounting to \$16.45. Mrs. Porter certified to bills amounting to \$81.50 on *Employees*. Mrs. Barnes gave in 15 dollars, her collection from the Broad St Baptist Church and Mrs. Porter \$53.75 from the Franklin St Methodist Church.

The report of the visitor for the month was not very satisfactory and it was moved and carried that a neater and more cleanly condition of things should be inaugurated, particularly in the nursery. Mrs. Miller sent in her resignation as Treasurer, but as it was impossible to give up the services of so valuable a member of the board, we made arrangements to very much lighten the duties of her office and prevailed upon her to continue with us.

The Teacher reported the recitation and deportment of the children as very good. Mrs. Barnes appointed visitor for the month.

Adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in May at the Gov't St Church. *L.B. Ketchum, Secretary*

## ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The semi-annual meeting of the Asylum met in the basement of the Gov't St Church. Present, Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Holt, Hellen, Battelle, Morris, Barnes, Tuthill, Hammond and Ketchum.

Secretary's report received; also the Treasurer's. The Chairman on *Supplies* being absent, Mrs. Barnes certified to bills amounting to \$354.39. Mrs. Battelle on *Children's Committee* reported \$29.22 expended.

The case of Willie Barrett was left to the investigation of Mrs. Holt and Hammond to report at the next meeting. Mrs. Morris reported an expenditure of \$89.30 for *Employees*. No report on *Repairs*. Mrs. Barnes as visitor did not find things as neat as could be wished, which she attributed in part to the dilapidated condition of the beds. But the Board took the matter into consideration and concluded that the want of repairs was no excuse for that lack of neatness and order, which had been reported from month to month by the different visitors. Mrs. Burbank, they thought, deserved censure for not attending more in person to the duties assigned her, and it was moved and seconded that the Secretary write to Mrs. Burbank on the subject, expressing their disapprobation of her management. Mrs. Flournoy of Brookville, Miss, wrote to know what she should do with Lydia Davidson, a girl she had taken from the Asylum and had indentured, but who had become so unmanageable that she did not wish her to remain any longer in her family. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. F and state that it was against the rules to take back or resume the responsibility of any child that had been indentured. Mrs. Morris appointed visitor for the month. *L. B. Ketchum, Secretary*

## ☐ JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1868

The monthly meeting was held; present, Miss Evans, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wheeler, Porter, Oliver, Battelle, Morris and Ketchum. Secretary's report read and received; also the Treasurer's.

Mrs. Battelle, Chairman on *Children's Committee* gave a most satisfactory report and rendered bills to the amount of \$63.50. Mrs. Wheeler on *Repairs* reported an expenditure of \$50. Mrs. Tuthill reported bills on *Supplies* amounting to \$273.69. Mrs.

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Oliver certified the bills on *Employees* amounting to 499 dollars. We received during the month \$57.20 collected by Mrs. Wheeler and 50 dollars donated by the Planters & Merchants Mutual Insurance Company.

Mrs. Morris as visitor reported a much better condition of things throughout the Asylum. Mrs. Porter was appointed visitor for the month. *L.B. Ketchum, Secretary*

### ☐ JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Present Miss Evans, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Battelle, Barnes, Oliver, Hammond, Hellen and Ketchum. Secretary's report read and received and Treasurer's also.

Mrs. Oliver, Chairman on *Children's Committee* reported an expenditure of \$57.59. She stated one of the children had been returned to the Asylum by Mr. Russell. He had been accused of harsh treatment toward the child by some of his neighbors and feeling very much aggrieved at the charges had brought the child back. The Board concluded it was due Mr. R to investigate the case and give him a chance to refute the charges against him. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Hammond to attend to the business.

Mrs. Tuthill on *Supplies* certified to bills amounting to \$218.34. Mrs. Barnes on *Employees* gave bills to the amount of \$60.40. Mrs. Porter was appointed visitor for the month. *L.B. Ketchum, Secretary*

### ☐ AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The Board met at the Asylum; present Mrs. Wheeler, Barnes, Oliver, Hellen and Ketchum. Secretary's report read and received. Treasurer not present.

Mrs. Oliver on *Children's Committee* expended \$43.70. Mrs. Hellen on *Employees* gave in bills amounting to 76 dollars. Mrs. Barnes as visitor reported an improved condition of things throughout the building. Mrs. Hellen was appointed visitor for the month. *L.G. Ketchum, Secretary*

### ☐ SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1868

The Board met at the Asylum Tuesday to transact the usual monthly business. Present Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Hellen, Holt, Tuthill, Oliver, Barnes, Battelle, Hammond and Ketchum. Secretary's report read and received; also the Treasurer's.

Mrs. Tuthill on *Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$338.88. Mrs. Holt on *Employees* 91 dollars. Mrs. Oliver on *Children's Committee* gave out three during the month and took on four. Expenses, \$50.53. Mrs. Wheeler reported an expenditure on *Repairs* of \$7.90.

Mrs. Hellen as visitor found no cause of complaint and was particularly pleased with the school and the progress the children were making in their studies. At her suggestion it was moved and seconded that the children should be taught to sew and it was left to her to procure the assistance of some young ladies who would be willing to give instruction in that necessary and useful employment.

Our yearly collections having run out Mrs. Miller was empowered to draw the money deposited by Mrs. Oliver when Treasurer. It was moved and carried that Miss Battelle should have two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Holt was appointed visitor for the month. *L. B. Ketchum*

### ☐ OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1868

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Asylum; present Mrs. Wheeler, Barnes, Hammond, Oliver, Hellen, Holt, Battelle and Ketchum. Secretary's report received. Treasurer absent. Mrs. Holt report on expenditure of 89 dollars on *Employees*. As visitor she found the house looking clean and neat and the children looked cheerful and happy. Mrs. Battelle on *Supplies*

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certified the bills amounting to \$335.92. Mrs. Hellen reports great success in her sewing school. She was continued chairman on that committee. *L.B. Ketchum, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

The last monthly meeting was held Tuesday; present Mrs. Miller, Oliver, Barnes, Hellen and Ketchum. Owing to the absence of most of the Board, little business was transacted. The secretary report was read and received. Also the Treasurer's. Mrs. Barnes certified the bills on *Supplies*, and Mrs. Oliver's report on *Children's Committee* was received. The meeting adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in December. *L.B. Ketchum, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1868

The annual meeting was held in the Gov't St Church; present Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Tuthill, Fosdick, Hellen, Barnes, Oliver, Battelle and Ketchum.

Mrs. Barnes certified the bills on *Supplies* amounting to \$194.4. Mrs. Oliver, Chairman on *Children's Committee* expended \$39.65. No children given out or taken in during the month.

Mrs. Hellen certified the bills on *Employees* amounting to 74 dollars. No repairs. Mrs. Battelle as visitor found everything in good order except the grates.

## ☐ DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1868

Pursuant to adjournment, the annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum Society was held this day in the Lecture room of the Gov't Street Church. Mrs. L. M. Wilson in the chair, the secretary and treasurer presented their annual reports, on motion the reports were approved, after which the Society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Mrs. T.P. Miller from the Baptist Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress  
Mrs. L.M. Wilson from the Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress  
Mrs. F.H. Oliver from the Presbyterian Church, Secretary  
Mrs. G.A. Ketchum from the Episcopal Church, Treasurer.

### *Board of Managers*

Mrs. A.P. Bush, Mrs. C. Barnes, Mrs. Battelle from Baptist Church  
Mrs. Holt, Mrs. D. Wheeler, Mrs. W.J. Ledyard from the Presbyterian Church  
Mrs. Susan Hellen, Mrs. Leslie Brooks, Mrs. L.U. Fosdick from the Methodist Church  
Mrs. G.A. Tuthill, Mrs. W.P. Hammond, Mrs. B. Labuzan from the Episcopal Church

### *Standing Committees*

Supplies: Mrs. Tuthill, Barnes, Holt and Fosdick  
Children: Mrs. Hammond, Wheeler, Bush and Hellen  
Employees: Mrs. Battelle, Labuzan, Ledyard and Brooks  
Repairs: Mrs. Miller, Wilson, Ketchum and Oliver

### *Committee on Collections*

Mrs. Fosdick and Hellen from the Methodist Church  
Mrs. Barnes and Battelle from the Baptist Church  
Mrs. Tuthill and Labuzan from the Episcopal Church  
Mrs. Wheeler and Ledyard from the Presbyterian Church

Visitor for the month, Mrs. Holt.

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On motion the Secretary was requested to address a note to Mr. Wheeler requesting him to appoint a committee to take up the Christmas collections.

Rec and paid over to Treas \$29 – Ladies subscriptions; also \$100 from the Scientific and Art Association.

No further business on motion, the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the Board was held this day, present Mrs. Miler, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

*Children's Committee* reported one child received in the Asylum and one given out. Amount expended during the month seventy-six dollars, sixteen cents, \$76.16. Committee on *Supplies* report expenditures to the amount of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars, sixty nine cents, \$327.69. Committee on *Employees* certified to bills amounting to eighty-nine dollars. Committee on *Repairs* report twenty-two dollars fifty cents paid out.

Visitor reported the Asylum in order and the children well. Mrs. Battelle reported Lydia Davidson still at the hospital. Mrs. Battelle was requested to address a note to Mrs. Flournoy informing her of Lydia's situation and requesting her to make some provision. Mr. Thomason of Tennessee made application for two boys, one for a friend to be indentured; on motion of Mrs. Wilson the application was granted. On motion of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum was appointed a committee to have fifty copies of the constitution printed.

Mrs. Walker having signified her wish to adopt Bena Williams. It was on motion voted that her request be granted and that the committee prepare the papers.

Mrs. Wheeler was appointed a committee in the case of Nancy Willan.

Receipts during the month:

From Mrs. Miller, late Treas, \$415.26

Donations from Strikers Club, \$50.00

Mr. D. Wheeler's Christmas collections, \$1824.05

Scientific & Art Association, \$25.00

Total: \$2,318.31

Also, from the Scientific & Art Association, two tons of coal.

Mrs. Ledyard appointed visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the Board was held Tuesday; present, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Ledyard, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Committee on *Supplies* reported disbursements amounting to \$266.19. Committee on *Employees* \$89.

*Children's Committee* reported as follows: Thomas Barnes placed with Mr. Locket on trial. Rec'd in the Asylum three boys, namely Frank Salter, Thomas & Joseph Atkins. The application of Mrs. Butler for Tempa Hosenback was declined; an application from Mr. Benjamin Hughes through Mr. Weaver referred to Mrs. Bush with power to act. An application from Dr. G.H. Wilson for a boy, reference Malone & Foote, committee instructed to make inquiries and act accordingly. Mrs. Posez applied for permission to take her daughter which was granted. Expenses for the month \$31.23.

Committee on *Repairs* report an expenditure of \$19.81

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Visitor report favorable.

Bills for printing amount \$78.25. Also from Treat & Son \$20.50 and a bill for book, amount \$5.00. Approved and ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mrs. Wheeler it was voted that the sewing room be converted into an infirmary and family worship be conducted in the school room and the visitor inform the Matron of this action.

Rec'd from Ladies of the Presbyterian Churches \$325.70

From Scientific & Art Association \$25.00

Christmas collections through Mr. Wheeler \$1049.60

Also a donation from Mrs. Lozed of twenty hats, a bolt of calico from Mr. McPhilips, one bl meal, one of grits from Mr. Willey.

Mrs. Bush appointed visitor; on motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day; present, Mrs. Miller, Ketchum, Wilson, Battelle, Hammond, Wheeler, Holt, Tuthill, Oliver. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, also the Treasurer's report.

Chairman of *Supply Committee* being absent, an informal report was made, expenditures amounting to \$301.32; report accepted and bills ordered to be paid. *Committee on Employees* reported bills amounting to 74 dollars accepted.

*Children's Committee* – one child admitted and an expenditure of \$36.30; report accepted. *Committee on Repairs* report bills amounting to \$11.50; accepted. Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had secured a home for Nancy Miller in the family of Mrs. Lathrop. Mr. Locket of Woods Bluff was present and stated to the meeting that he was pleased with Thomas Barnes and desired to keep him, which was granted. The committee requested to prepare the papers.

Rec'd from the ladies of the Baptist Church through Mrs. Bush \$20.00; \$19.50 from ladies of Presbyterian Church; also \$10.00 in specie from Mr. C.A. Marston, collected by Mrs. Wheeler and \$2.50 from Mr. Fountain Gaines of Green Co, Ala. The Chair appointed the following committees:

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Barnes

*Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ledyard, Mrs. Hammond

*Children's Committee:* Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Labuzan

*Committee on Repairs:* Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Oliver

Visitor for the month, Mrs. Battelle, with the request that she have the wishes of the board carried out with reference to the infirmary.

On motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the board was held this day. Present Mrs. Miller, Tuthill, Hammond, Bush, Barnes, Holt, Morris and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas report read and rec'd.

*Supply Committee* reported amount disbursed for March \$287.33. *Committee on Employees* reported amount paid out for the month \$80.

*Children's Committee* reported three children given out on trial to be indentured and seven to their mothers. Admitted ten children.

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*Committee on Repairs* reported an expense of one dollar. Mrs. Barnes was appointed a committee to purchase material for the girls' dresses. Miss Battelle, teacher, applied for an increase of salary. On motion in view of the low state of our finances; her request be not granted. Sec'y reported \$12.00 from ladies of the Presbyterian Church; \$25 from Tuscaloosa Scientific and Art Association; \$5.50, sale of cow.

Mrs. Morris appointed visitor. On motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held this day. Present, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Barnes and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. Treasurer report was read and adopted.

*Supply Committee* reported disbursements for the month amounting to \$183.06.

*Children's Committee* reported expenditures amounting to \$19.32. The following named children have been given out on trial: Ellen Garner, 8 years old to Mrs. Page at Evergreen, Ala; Temperance Ann Holsenback, six years old, Dec 1868, to Mrs. E.B. Mason, Columbus, Miss; John Evans to Capt Drake, Demopolis; Alfred Johnson to Mr. Drake of Demopolis to be indentured.

Received into the Asylum, Caroline Waldrun, 11 years old, August 1869, Waldrun child, 9 years Dec 1869, sisters of Mrs. H.S. Fitzgerald of Whistler (entire orphans).

*Committee on Employees* reported amt pd out \$85.25.

Visitor reported favorably on the condition of the Asylum. Mrs. Burbank having refused to comply with instructions from the board with reference to the infirmary, on motion of Mrs. Wilson it was resolved that a committee be appointed to inform Mrs. Burbank that the wishes of the board must be complied with in every particular, and if Mrs. Burbank persists in disregarding the wishes of the board, they feel it incumbent upon them to remove her from the position as Matron of the Asylum. Committee, Mrs. Fosdick and Ketchum.

On motion of Mrs. Wilson it was resolved that Miss Battelle the present teacher be furnished with a room and board and privilege of the parlour at the Asylum and that Mrs. Burbank be informed of the action of the board.

Charles Reese, the infant child, was applied for by a lady at Whistler; request not granted. The committee appointed to wait on Mrs. Burbank, reported that Mrs. Burbank made explanation of her conduct and promised to comply with the wishes of the board. Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ketchum, Fosdick and Barnes were appointed a committee to make the arrangements for a strawberry entertainment for the benefit of the Asylum, and the Sec'y be requested to make an appeal to the public through the press.

On motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1869

The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held this day. Mrs. Miller in the chair; present, Mrs. Miller, Wilson, Ketchum, Holt, Tuthill, Hellen, Barnes, Morris, Battelle, Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas report received.

*Supply Committee* reported bills amounting to \$203.69. *Committee on Employees* reported amount paid \$485 which includes Mr. Burbank's salary.

*Children's Committee* reported one child admitted, namely Caroline Drew by her mother; and given out, Eliza Mitchel to Mr. J.E. Terrell; Virgil Shepperd to Mr. J.B. Holoman, Wilcox County, Clifton post office; also Frederick Shepperd to A.H. Grayson at Bashi Clark Co; and Nora Brenan, returned to her mother; also Harriet and Alice Easely to their mother. Mrs. Morris was appointed a committee to see Mr. Burbank with reference to repairing the fence.

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A letter from Mr. Drinkard respecting Noah Cohen, who had absconded, was read on motion. The Children's Committee were instructed to inform Mr. Drinkard that measures would be taken to recover the boy and return him to his home. Mrs. Mitchell having signified her unwillingness for her child to be given out, the committee were instructed to inform Mr. Terrell of Mrs. Mitchell's wishes in the matter and request him to return the child to the Asylum.

Mrs. Hellen reported the receipt of seven dollars from ladies of Methodist Church; Mrs. Barnes \$4 from Baptist ladies.

The following named ladies were appointed on the several committees:

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Hellen

*Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Ledyard

*Children's Committee:* Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. Battelle, Mrs. Labuzan

*Committee on Repairs:* Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Oliver

Mrs. Hellen appointed visitor for June. Adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum Society was held this day. Present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Tuthill and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. Treasurer read and approved.

*Supply Committee* reports expenditures for June \$142.62, approved.

*Children's Committee* reported having received temporarily in the Asylum Mr. Exstein's two children; also that Mrs. Parsons had made application to the committee for permission to remove her two children, Anna and Georganna from the Asylum. Her request was granted. Permission was also given to Mrs. Shepperd to remove her daughter Clara from the Asylum. Mr. Exstein applied for his two children, request granted. The committee also reported that Ella McCrary has been apprenticed to Mr. Dale living near Okolona, Miss, and Julia Fisher by consent of her mother has been apprenticed to Mrs. Earl Gaines, living near Bladen Springs. The committee also reported that Susan Crane, a girl about eight years old representing herself as an orphan, made application to be received into the Asylum; was received. The application of Dora Camera to place her sister in the Asylum was referred to the board. Committee report received.

*Committee on Employees* reported amount paid employees for June \$74.00. *Committee on Repairs* reported expenditures amounting to \$12.50.

Mrs. Oliver was appointed a committee to inquire into the case of Susan Crane, also to inform Dora Camera that the Board proposes to receive her sister into the Asylum on condition that the Managers be allowed to provide a home for her. The committee were instructed to prepare indentures for the following children, to wit: Ellen Garner to Mrs. Page residing at Evergreen, AL; Temperance Ann Holsenback to Mrs. E.D. Mason of Columbus, Miss; John Evans Jones to Capt. Drake of Demopolis and Alfred Johnson to Mr. Drake, also residing at or near Demopolis; Virgil Shepperd to Mr. J. B. Holloman, Clifton, Ala.; Frederick Shepperd to Mr. A.H. Grayson, Bashi, Ala.; Ella McCrary to Mrs. B.E. Dale near Okolona, miss; Julia Fisher to Mrs. Earl Gaines, near Bladen.

Mrs. Holt, visitor, reported the house in good order, except two or three of the nursery beds and would call the attention of the ladies to the necessity of providing some covering to protect the mattresses; referred to the Children's Committee. On motion, the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1869

A regular monthly meeting of the managers of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum Society was held this day. Present, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, and Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Treasurer report read and adopted.

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*Committee on Supplies* reported disbursements for July amounting to \$191.64.

*Children's Committee* report disbursements for July \$25. Admissions as follows; George Hawkins, aged 10 years, William in his eighth and Amy in her 5<sup>th</sup> year, children of Thomas L. Hawkins of Whistler, July 29; Eliza McCue in her 12<sup>th</sup> year and Nannie McCue in her 9<sup>th</sup> year, daughters of Mrs. Eliza McCue, July 30; Thomas Stanley, 10 years, placed in the Asylum by his grandmother, Mrs. Lowden who is willing he should be placed in a good home, July 17<sup>th</sup>; Sarah Ann Neville, aged 12, Henry H. Neville, seven years, mother resides on Dauphin St. Taken out by their mother, Malachi and N Sumrall. Lena, Lelie, V Wm Johnson given to their mother; also James, Nanez, Jane V. Charles Jarvis to their mother.

*Committee on Employees* reports amount paid employees for July \$85. *Committee on Repairs* reports amount expended \$12.00. Mrs. Holt visitor for July reports favorably and suggests oil cloth coverings for mattresses in the nursery; referred to Children's Committee.

The secretary was directed to notify John Crane by public advertisement that his niece Susan Crane is at the Asylum. The following resolution offered to Mrs. Wilson and adopted at a meeting of the Managers and accidentally omitted from the minutes is as follows: Resolved that those parents whose children are under the care of the Society, or suitable age to be given out as apprentices, are hereby required to give their consent to allow the Board of Managers to provide homes for such children either in the city or out of the city. Parents refusing to comply with these terms will be required to remove such children from the Asylum.

Mrs. Hellen appointed visitor for August. On motion, meeting adjourned. *Angeline Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day. Present, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas report read and approved.

*Supply Committee* reported expenditures for August amounting to \$213.42.

*Committee on Employees* amount paid out \$90.00.

*Children's Committee* reported bills paid for August \$9.35. Children admitted into the Asylum two, Edward Heall, ten years old; Lee Brown three years. Taken out by her mother, Nannie McCue. Mrs. Lesene having informed the Board through Mrs. Tuthill that Alice Horton had left her home and could not be found, Mrs. Tuthill and Wheeler were appointed a committee to attend to the matter. Nancy Peavy indentured to Mr. Hudson having left her place, and Mr. Hudson not desiring to have her return; Mrs. Barnes was appointed a committee to inform Mr. Hudson that he have the privilege of providing her another suitable home. Dr. Wilson's request that the time of Joseph Curtis apprenticeship be extended to his 21<sup>st</sup> year was referred to Children's Committee. Children's Committee was on motion authorized to purchase material for several mattresses for the nursery and also oil cloth for the nursery beds. On motion, the Sec'y was directed to inform Miss Battelle that the Managers would prefer to have her procure board outside the Asylum, and if she continue to board in the Asylum, a reduction would have to be made in her salary. Mrs. Hellen, visitor for August reported favorably on the condition of the house and particularly with regard to the school.

Mrs. Barnes requested to visit for the month. On motion, the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum Society was held this day. Present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Oliver. The first and second directresses being absent, Mrs. Wheeler was called to preside. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas report read and approved.

*Committee on Supplies* reported amount expended for Sept. \$200.34. *Committee on Employees* reported paid out the sum of \$38.85.

*Children's Committee* reported amount expended \$58.33. Children admitted to the Asylum, Emma Stark, 10 years old; Lukenie Stark, seven years old; placed Emma Stark with Mrs. Valant at Whistler on trial to be indentured. Eliza McCue was

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placed with Mrs. Herman, the Managers relinquishing all control over her, leaving it with Mrs. Herman and Ms. McCue to arrange.

The request of Miss Battelle that she remain in the Asylum during the month of October and upon the same terms be granted. Mrs. Holt was appointed a committee to purchase a carpet for the sitting room and oil cloth for the hall.

Mrs. Burbank's request that she be allowed to put a small stove in her dining room be granted; also that she remove the beds from the room set apart for the infirmary until such time as they are needed.

Mrs. Sibley's offer to furnish the Asylum a quantity of slab wood free of cost at the mill was referred to Mr. Burbank to report the expense of landing it on the wharf. Committee to attend to the case of Alice Horton continued. Mrs. Wheeler was requested to see Mrs. Stein in relation to Nancy Peevy; Mrs. Lloyd presented to the Asylum fourteen pairs of small shoes. Mrs. Hicks' application to place her children in the Asylum was not granted. Mrs. Valant having signified her wish to keep Emma Stark being satisfied with her and the child desiring to remain with Mrs. Valant, the committee was requested to prepare the papers. Mrs. Holt was appointed visitor for Oct and was requested to urge the cleaning of the house before the carpets should be put down.

Adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1869

The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan's Asylum Society was held this day. Present Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tuthill and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report read and adopted.

*Committee on Supplies* reported bills for the month amounting to \$348.20. *Committee on Employees* report amount of bills \$74.

*Committee on Children* bills amounting to \$18. Also report the death of Frank Salter. One boy, Thomas Williams taken out by Dr. Chidsey on trial for apprenticeship.

*Committee on Repairs* bills to the amount of \$15.50. Special committee for purchasing furniture reported that they had purchased a good carpet for the parlour and a cheap one for the sitting room, oil cloth for the hall and one dozen chairs for the small children, amount of bill \$132.10. Report approved.

Mrs. Barnes came to see Mr. Hudson in reference to Nancy Berry reported that she had not yet waited on Mr. Hudson. Committee continued. Mrs. Tuthill reported that she had found Alice Horton with her aunt and had notified Mr. Horton and his wife to appear with Alice before the board at this meeting; they not having appeared before the meeting the committee was continued and empowered to have the child restored to the Asylum. Mrs. Miller added to the committee. Mrs. Holt made a motion that some pipe for a stove now used in the yard be purchased and the stove placed in the children's bathing room, also some flannel for the children be furnished; carried.

Mrs. Holt appointed visitor for the month. On motion, meeting adjourned. *A. Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held; present, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report read and adopted.

*Supply Committee* reported bills for the month of Nov amounting to \$314.77. *Committee on Employees* reported amount paid \$495.00.

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*Children's Committee* reported amount paid out \$119.18. Visitor for Nov reported favourably. Mrs. Barnes' committee reported that Mr. Hudson had secured a home for Nancy Peevy, but she was not willing to remain with the family and that Mr. Hudson asked to be relieved from any further responsibility in the matter. On motion it was voted that Mr. Hudson is hereby released from any further obligation in reference to Nancy Peevy, and the Children's Committee be instructed to inquire into the present situation of Nancy Peevy – and if they deem it best, she be permitted to remain with the family with whom she is now living.

Mrs. Tuthill reported that Mr. Horton had promised to return Alice to the Asylum, but as he had not done so, the committee were continued. On motion of Mrs. Tuthill, it was voted that Mrs. Lawson's children be allowed to remain in the Asylum until early in January.

On motion it was voted that Mr. George A. Tuthill be requested to act as Chairman of the Committee on Christmas Collections.

A letter from Messrs Graves & Emmahorn, undertakers, proposing to bury free of charge (except city fees) children who may die in the Asylum. The sec'y was instructed to tender the acknowledgement of the Board to Messrs Graves & Emmahorn for their kind offer.

There being no further business, the board adjourned to attend the annual meeting of the Society. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held; a quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> instead. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1869

Pursuant to public notice, an adjourned annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held this day for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

First Directress, Mrs. G.A. Tuthill, Episcopal Church; Second Directress, Mrs. T.P. Miller, Baptist Church; Treasurer, Mrs. G.M. Parker, Presbyterian Church; Secretary, Mrs. S. Hellen, Methodist Church.

Board of Managers: Methodist Church - Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Mrs. George, Miss Virginia Dorman; Baptist Church - Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Barnes; Episcopal Church - Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. B. Johnson, Mrs. Hammond; Presbyterian Church - Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Holt.

### Standing Committees:

*Supplies:* Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. George

*Repairs:* Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hellen

*Children's Committee:* Mrs. Holt, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Ketchum

*Employees:* Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Wilson

### Collectors from the ladies of the churches:

*Presbyterian Gov't St:* Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Marshal

*Presbyterian Jackson St:* Mrs. Holingsworth, Mrs. McNab

*Episcopal Church:* Mrs. B Johnstone, Mrs. Tuthill at the Hill

*Methodist Church:* Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Hellen

*Baptist Church:* Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Barnes

Mrs. Morris appointed visitor for December. On motion \$25.00 voted for Christmas dinner for the children. On motion meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Secretary, P O Asylum Society*

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## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1870

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O Asylum Society. The meeting opened informally. Present, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ketchum. Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and adopted.

*Supply Committee* reported expenditures for the month of Dec to the amount of \$252.33. *Employees Committee* presented bills for the month \$66.65. Bills for printing \$83.25. Received from S.L. Hellen a donation by Mr. Van Antwerp \$5. Mrs. Tuthill reported on the case of Alice Horton who had been enticed away from Mrs. Sesene, to whom she was apprenticed and now living, or supposed to be living with, a Mr. Horton, who claims her as a relative. She wished to be relieved of any further responsibility. Mrs. Hammond appointed visitor for the ensuing month. On motion the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1870

Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers opened with reading and prayer by Mrs. George Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Members present, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ketchum. Treasurer reported on hand \$1000.23. Secretary handed in \$50 from the "Strikers Club", moved that the Treasurer's report be received. (NOTE: there was some mistake in the above account of late secretary, which was corrected in the Treasurer's report in March making the whole amount handed over to Mrs. Parker \$993.23.)

Report of *Supply Committee* \$248.72 expended for the past month, the report approved. Report on repairs called for, no bills presented.

Report of *Children's Committee* called for; Mrs. Wheeler read a note from Mrs. Miller in regard to the Ruter children who were taken to the Asylum during the past month. Mrs. M.A. Holt, chairman of Children's Committee, stated having given an order to Mr. W.H. Roberts for two children, little boys who had lately been sent to the Asylum, but Mr. R waited to hear from the parties who wished to adopt these brothers before presenting the order, which he held, to the Superintendent of the Asylum. Meantime, Mrs. Akin, from Baldwin County, applied for a boy and a girl; to whom also an order was given. But Mrs. Akin could not get the consent of the two children for whom she had applied, to go home with her; and the boys for whom Mr. Roberts held an order said they would go with her. Supposing it made no difference, she took the two Ruter children. The next day Mr. Roberts came to get the two brothers, as acting agent for Mrs. Kerksey of Crawfordville, and he was disappointed at not finding them. On motion of Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Holt was instructed to inform Mrs. Akin of the circumstance and request a return of the boys. Application presented for children's dresses; Mrs. Holt instructed to make a purchase of cloth suitable for spring dresses. Report accepted.

*Committee on Employees* report; bills for the past month \$73.20; report approved. List of wants presented by Mrs. Barnes of the Supply Committee, also approved. Report of progress of class under Miss Battelle's care in the Institute accepted.

In absence of Mrs. Hammond, visitor for past month; Mrs. Morris reported having made regular and irregular visits but found nothing so far as her observation went to complain of. Her report was accepted. Collection from the Presbyterian Church handed in by Mrs. Morris amounted to \$169.50. Mr. Burbank reported George Barnett as having returned to the Asylum. He also made a statement in regard to Willie Barnett not having a proper home. On motion of Mrs. Wheeler, the Children's Committee were instructed to investigate these cases.

A letter from a clergyman residing in the vicinity of Mr. Drinkard, testifying to his position as a Christian and a gentleman, was ready by Mrs. Wheeler, together with a letter from Mr. Drinkard asking for the return of Euphrania Woods and for letters of adoption to be sent. The board voted that the papers of adoption be signed. Mrs. Barnes appointed visitor for the ensuing month. Mr. Tuthill of the Collecting Committee requested to deposit the money where he thinks proper.

No further business, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y, P O Asylum Society*

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## ☐ MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1870

Meeting of the Board of Managers opened with reading and prayer by Mrs. T.P. Miller, second Directress. Members present, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Tuthill. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The Treasurer reported the whole amount received from Mrs. Ketchum, late Treasurer, \$993.23. On hand \$767. Treasurer's report approved. Mrs. Tuthill reported that Messrs Wheeler & Tuthill, Chairmen of the Christmas Collecting Committee, state they have collected all the proportion falling to them as members of said committee, the amount being \$576.67.

Julia Fisher came before the Board for examination, having been on trial with Miss Davis for several months, who came asking for paper of adoption for Julia. But the child stated she was unwilling to be either bound by indenture or taken by adoption, but was willing to remain with Miss Davis as long as they both should be satisfied with each other. The Board deferred any action in the matter until the mother of Julia Fisher could be consulted. Mrs. George Tuthill being appointed to wait on Mrs. Fisher and ascertain her views on the subject. Meantime, Miss David was allowed to take Julia home with her, as she intended to have her baptized that day and should become godmother.

*Committee on Supplies* reported bills for the past month to the amount of \$217.36; the report approved.

Mrs. M.A. Holt of the *Children's Committee* reported having received a letter from Mrs. Osborne stating as Mr. Osborne was absent from home, she would have the Board of Managers wait until his return before any action should be taken in the case of George Barnett. Mrs. Holt stated there were two or three children for whom she might have procured good homes, had not their mothers objected to having them put out. The little girl by the name of Emanuel whose father contributes of his limited means to the Institute, had been applied for by responsible persons. The Board advised to let her remain where she is, at least for the present, under the direction of Mr. Emanuel. Three children from Cottage Hill having been received during the month. Expenditures for the month \$54.44, the report approved. Mrs. Wheeler read a letter from Mr. Gregson who had taken Susan Jackson on trial during the past year; also a letter from Mr. Mosley recommending Mr. Gregson in wishing to take the child by indenture, stating they were mutually satisfied. Moved & seconded the indentures be signed. Question arose in regard to three children who had been placed in the Asylum by their uncle, Mr. Mobly. The managers thought best not to have the children put out without first consulting Mr. Mobly's feelings on the subject. Moved and seconded to adhere to a former resolution. Mrs. Weaver's application for two children to take up the country resulted in the choice of Albert White and Willie Hawkins, for whom she receives paper of adoption.

*Committee on Employees* reports bills for the past month to the amount of \$74.50; report accepted. A letter from Miss "Sue" Battelle tendering her resignation as Teacher was read, in which she thanked the Board of Managers for kind considerations of her during the past three years. Her resignation was received with many expressions of regret and the sec'y instructed to address a note to Miss Battelle to that effect.

On *Repairs*, Mr. Burbank reported the house needed cleaning and painting, which was referred to the Committee on Repairs. Mrs. Morris handed in \$29 collected from the Presbyterian Churches, whole amount collected by her, \$198.50. Mrs. Garner appointed as manager in place of Miss Virginia Dorman, resigned. Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Morris appointed to wait on Miss Louis and secure her services as teacher. Mrs. Barnes as visitor for the past month reported a lack of tidiness in the appearance of things about the Asylum. Suggested that this be remedied. Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Wilson, who were appointed visitors for the ensuing month were instructed to see that more attention be paid to an air of neatness and comfort being produced. The sec'y instructed to address a note to Mr. Wm. Treat calling his attention to the oil cloth in the upper hall which having been badly put down would be ruined if not speedily attended to.

The case of Alice Horton brought up again, who had been taken from Mrs. Fannie Lesene by a Mr. Horton of Spring Hill, he claiming to be a relative, Mrs. Lesene holding the indentures for the child. Mrs. Wheeler suggested that the sec'y address a note to Mr. Horton stating the Board of Managers of the Orphan Asylum Society relinquish all claim and interest in the said Alice Horton. As without litigation, incurring great expense, the Society or Mrs. Lesene could not get possession of the child again. Whereupon Mrs. Wheeler's suggestion was acted upon and the sec'y instructed to write to Mr. Horton, making the above statement. Also to ask Mrs. Lesene to return to the Board of Managers the indentures for Alice Horton.

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Mrs. Holt reported having given out Henrietta Mays to Mrs. Akin in place of the Ruter brothers. They having been returned to the Asylum, were handed over to Mr. Wm. H. Roberts to send up to Mrs. Kirksey at Crawfordville.

No further business the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

A regularly monthly meeting of the Board of Managers, Mrs. T.P. Miller, second Directress presiding. Meeting opened with reading and prayer. Members present, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Wm. P. Hammond, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Wheeler. Minutes of the meeting read and approved. Treasurer reported \$1500.75 on hand, accepted.

*Committee on Employees* rendered bills for the past month to the amount of \$89; report approved.

*Children's Committee* reported a letter from Mr. Molett asking indentures for Willie Landridge and Willie came before the Board for examination. He expressed himself as being delighted with his new home and was anxious to return immediately to Mr. Molett, whereupon the indentures were duly signed. Willie Hawkins had been taken on trial with Mr. Weaver, but ran away on the road to join his father who was living on the route. Mr. Weaver's request to have another boy given in place of Willie Hawkins was granted. A letter was read from Mr. Geo. W. Henson testifying that George Barnett who had been given to Mr. Miller was perfectly satisfied with his home and desired to remain with Mr. Miller to whom indentures were given. A letter was received from Mr. Calvin Spencer's neighbor, testifying that the little boy who was on trial with Mr. S was comfortable and happy and Mr. Spencer asked for indentures, which were made out and handed Mr. Spencer. Received into the Asylum during the month a female child who at the age of 14 months had been deserted by her mother, a Mrs. Mortimer, leaving the child in care of a negress. A little boy had been returned to the Asylum because he was a Roman Catholic. Mrs. Mitchell applied for a permit to take out her two children, Peter & Eliza. Mrs. Hiller who had children in the Asylum made application to remove two of them, but afterward brought back Freddie so she has still three remaining in the Asylum. The case of Julia Fisher deferred until next month. Mrs. Woods having received from Mrs. Moly, Julia's aunt, permission to adopt her. Mrs. Holt's report as Chairman of Children's was accepted.

Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Morris reported having secured the services of Miss Louis as teacher for the Asylum, at the same salary as paid Miss Battelle, \$40 per month. Miss Louis's application for school books approved. Mrs. Burbank's application to have her adopted son instructed by Miss Louis was not complied with, as it would occupy too much time to attend to him separately, he being too far advanced for the classes. Moved and adopted that Miss L give special attention to Alice Fisher's studies. The next monthly meeting being the semi-annual will be held at Government St Church, Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. S.M. Wilson's resignation accepted with many regrets. Mrs. Hammond of the visiting committee reported an improved condition in the appearance of the house and the healthful condition of its inmates. Being in order, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1870

Government Street Church, Mobile, Semi-annual meeting of P.O. Asylum Society; Mrs. Geo A. Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Members present, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs.

Parker, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hammond. Minutes of the last meeting approved. Treasurer's report \$2313.63 on hand. Report accepted. Bills for *Supplies* rendered to the amount \$223.16; approved. *Employees Committee* rendered bills for the past month to the amount \$81.40, approved. *Committee on Repairs* rendered bills to amount of \$35.33; accepted.

*Children's Committee* bills to amount of \$8.45. Admitted into the Asylum during the month, Eldora McCombe, brought by Mrs. Doct. Coster, Eddie McCrary admitted. Mrs. Mitchell made application to withdraw two of her children, Peter & Eliza. Josephine Fisher given to Miss Stores for Mrs. Barton. Julia Fisher also given to Mrs. Barton as she desired two children to be sent. Mrs. Tuthill stating a conversation which she had had with Mr. Fisher, in which Mrs. Fisher objected to Julia being given to miss Davis either by adoption or indentures. A letter from B.S. and A.B. Weaver was read in which papers of indenture were applied for binding Albert White. This application being promptly accepted, the indentures were sent. Received a letter from G.A. Snodgrass in relation to Noah Cohen and Phrama Woods, who were represented as being cruelly treated. Mrs. Holt, chairman of committee, instructed to reply to the letter. Letter from Mr. Judges received, recommending

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Dr. C.C. Curtis in his application for papers of adoption for Queenie Starke. This application being accepted the papers were made out and Mrs. Holt instructed to forward them. Mrs. W.S. Lenoir on application for an orphan, made reference to Mr. Walsh Smith and Co. A letter of enquiry received in regard to the father and sister of Mary Ruland, they not having been heard of in a long time. Received a letter from Mrs. Page at Greenville stating Ellen Garner who had been on trial with her since July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1869. Mrs. P stating Ellen as having become so ungovernable that she had determined to return her to the Asylum. Mrs. Holt instructed to reply to Mrs. Page, that as Ellen had been with her so long without any complaint being earlier made, the Board of Managers decided it was her duty to retain Ellen Garner and do the best she could with her. Report of Children's Committee approved.

List of wants for the ensuing month presented by Mr. Burbanks; accepted. Received a letter from Mr. George A. Tuthill, Chairman of Christmas Collections, stating having deposited with Mr. T.P. Miller & Co the amount \$2613.75, this being in full from four of his appointed Committee to others remain still to be heard from.

Semi-Annual Report: The number of children remaining in the Asylum Dec '69 were forty, since which time the Board of Managers have admitted fourteen applicants. Have given out during the same period, eighteen children, five of whom were indentured, four being adopted by respectable parties, three only being returned to the Asylum, six remaining on trial with responsible persons, leaving thirty-five still in the Asylum, the number decreasing and increasing constantly. Through the merciful providence of our Heavenly Father, to whom all praise is due for manifold blessings! The children have been remarkably healthful, no death having occurred among them for a long time. At the commencement of the year, the Treasurer reported on hand \$993.76.

Receipts to March 1<sup>st</sup>: From the Young Men's C. Association-\$25.00; From Mr. Van Antwerpt - \$5.00; From Strikers Club - \$50.00; Collection from Ladies of Gov't St Church-\$198.50

Expenditures: *Employees* Dec-\$495; Jan-\$66.65; Feb-\$73.25; March \$74.50; April \$74.

*Supplies*: Dec-\$314.77; Jan-\$252.33; Feb-\$248.72; Mar-\$217.36; April-\$213.29. Total \$2029.87

*Children's Committee*: Dec-\$119.18; March-\$54.44. Total \$173.62

*Repairs*: \$141.65

At the meeting of the Board of Managers, April 5<sup>th</sup>, fears were entertained that the funds on hand would not meet the expenses of the ensuing six months, and they certainly will not unless some effort is made to increase the funds.

Semi-Annual report approved. The Board conclude to relinquish the idea of holding a Strawberry Party.

The meeting adjourned. *S. L. Hellen, Sec'y*

### ☐ JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O Asylum held at Mrs. Garrow's opposite Government Street Church. A case of small pox having occurred at the Asylum it was thought unsafe to hold the meeting there, the managers being notified to meet at Gov't St Church assembled, but the church not being opened, Mrs. Garrow kindly invited the ladies to hold the meeting at her residence.

Mrs. Geo. A. Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Members present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. M.A. Holt, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Garner. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The Treasurer's report read; on hand \$2300.13; report accepted.

A letter received from Mr. Geo. A. Tuthill, Chairman of Christmas collection, reporting the whole amount collected \$2827.25. Mrs. Garner reported from the "ladies collection" of the Methodist Church \$45.00. On motion of Mrs. Daniel Wheeler's resolution "that the thanks of this Society are due and hereby tendered to Mr. Geo A. Tuthill, Chairman of the Christmas Collecting Committee, for his attention and promptness in collecting and depositing to the credit of the Society, with Mr. T.P. Miller and Co., Bankers, the handsome sum of twenty-eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars." The sec'y instructed to address a note to Mr. Tuthill.

Report on expenditures for the past month: for supplies - \$152.15; on employees - \$474; on repairs - \$99.50; for children - \$55.92. Whole amount \$775.07

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Report from Mrs. M.A. Holt, Chairwoman of Children's Committee: Died during the month – Homer B. Emanuel of small pox. The physician, Doct. Broadie, in charge of the sick at the Asylum, on the appearance of the disease, ordered Homer to be taken to the City Hospital as he feared the infection might spread among the orphans, there being no other safeguard preventing such communication if the child remained in the Asylum. The sisters of Charity, however, did not admit the child in the hospital, but Mr. Burbank conveyed him to the Arsenal which had been converted into a temporary Rest House where the child remained on the same bed which he occupied when the disease made its appearance. Mr. Burbank stated that Homer was made as comfortable and received every attention which the circumstances would admit. Children admitted into the Asylum during the month of May, James Wheeler, aged 12, Peter Wheeler, 5 years, Fannie Wheeler, aged 13; Elizabeth Wheeler, 9 years; Rose Anna Wheeler, 1-1/2 years, Alonzo Christholm, 6 years, numbering 6.

Application from Mr. Escumbe for indentures of Albert White; From Doc. C.C. Curtis application for papers of adoption of Queenie Starke; approved. Mrs. Woods' application for papers of adoption of Corrine Mobly accepted. Sent on trial Dora McCombe to Mrs. W.S. Lenoir. Andrew White given to Mr. Gack on trial. Application of T.G. Cunningham for an orphan. A letter from Mr. W.B. Trimble, testifying that he had seen Josie and Julia Fisher in their new home with Mrs. Barton, that they were well and happy and cheerful, desiring to remain with Mrs. Barton, who asks for indentures for both of the children, which application was fully approved by the Board of Managers. Mrs. Holt was instructed to see Mrs. Stodimire about returning Ellen Ruland who has been some time on trial with Mrs. Stodimire, after which instructions Mrs. Tuthill thought she would wait on Mrs. S and enquire what were her intentions in regard to this orphan. Mrs. Holt's report approved. Mrs. Parker's report as visitor for the past month was very satisfactory, stating everything about the building had the appearance of cleanliness and cheerfulness. Mrs. Parker appointed visitor for the ensuing month. On motion, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

### ☐ JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, Mrs. Geo A. Tuthill, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, presiding. Members present, Mrs. Mary A. Holt, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Hellen. Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and approved. Treasurer's report presented, read and approved. Balance on hand \$1582.16. for *Supplies* of the past month, \$266.61. Expended for the *Children* the past month, \$9.60. For *Employees* during the month of June \$33.50. Total \$309.71.

Report from Mrs. M.A. Holt, Chairwoman of Children's Committee, admitted during the month by request of Mrs. Hicks, who was not able to keep a home for her children while she was obliged to go out to service, Oscar Hicks, 4 years, Harry Hicks, 6 yrs. Admitted Thomas Raspberry, 10 years, Beauregarde Raspberry, 8 years, their mother, an invalid, and too poor to provide for her children. Gave a permit for Alice Fisher to visit her sisters up the country. Gave Mrs. Drew a permit to take her daughter Caroline out of the Asylum. Mrs. Holt had written to Mrs. Drinkard in regard to the report of cruel treatment received by the two orphans under her care, Phrama Woods and Noah Choen. Had been indentured to Mr. Drinkard about one year, whose residence is at Lower Peach Tree. Mrs. Holt's report was accepted.

Case of Mrs. Neville was discussed and a resolution offered and adopted. Resolved that the case of Susan Neville, a fatherless child who has been in the Asylum for some time, and whose mother, it is believed, is now able to take care of her only child. It is the request of the Board of Managers, if this impression be correct, that Mrs. Nevile remove her child from the Asylum. Mrs. Holt directed to attend to the resolution.

Report of Mrs. Parker as visitor for the past month was favorable. Report accepted. No further business, the meeting stood adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

### ☐ AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1870

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the PO Asylum Society opened with reading the scriptures and prayer. Members present: Mrs. M.A. Holt, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Jno Garner, Mrs. Hellen; Mrs. Geo A. Tuthill 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and adopted. Treasurer's Report called for and approved. Amount on hand \$1223.31; received from Mobile Mutual Insurance Co. \$50; from Mrs. Jno Rice \$5.00. Total \$1278.31.

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Report, *Committee on Supplies* – bills for past month amount \$152.89. *Employees Committee* presented bills for the month, amount \$34.00. *Committee on Repairs* presented a bill for the month, amount \$13.50; stationary for children to amount \$5.00. Total \$195.39. The above reports approved.

Report of *Children's Committee* by Mrs. M.A. Holt, Chairwoman. July 5<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Stodmire a permit to take from the Asylum Henrietta May, in place of Ellen Ruland whom she returned. Sent Ellen Ruland to Mrs. Lenoir at Prairie Station. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, gave Mrs. Johnston permit to put her two children into the Asylum, Willie, aged 6 yrs, Henry 1-1/2 years. On 11<sup>th</sup> gave permit to Mr. L.P. Hill to put his two little nephews into the Asylum. 12<sup>th</sup> wrote to Mr. G.K. Garrett and Mr. Wimbrush of Deer Park, M.O.R.R. 17<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Soundry a permit to take her niece out of the Asylum. 17<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Macon permit to place her two little sons into the Asylum; Marcus 11 yrs, Henry 8 yrs. 22<sup>nd</sup> gave Mrs. Clifford permit to take Mortimer White for adoption. 24<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Cawthorn permit to take her son and daughter out of the Asylum. The case of Mrs. Neville had been attended to. Mrs. Neville stated she would apply for a permit to take her daughter home,, as her son was now able to assist her in the care of her household. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Holt's report be accepted.

Mr. Burbank reported the trees on the west line of the Asylum grounds, during the late storm, were blown to pieces, doing some damage to the adjoining lot,, and the occupants had complained very much and requested the Managers to have the trees cut down, to which request the Board of Managers would not consent. He also stated two large oaks had been uprooted during the storm from which by having them cut up into lengths he had realized three cords of wood.

Mrs. Parker's report as visitor for the past month was accepted. Mrs. Jno' Garner and S.L. Hellen were appointed visitors for the ensuing month. No further business, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society opened informally after the appointment of Mrs. Daniel Wheeler to the chair. Members present, Mrs. D. Ketchum, Mrs. M.A. Holt, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen. The minutes of the last meeting read and approved. In the absence of Mrs. Parker, Treasurer, Mrs. Ketchum read the Treasurer's Report; on hand \$791.78. Treasurer's report accepted. Report of *Supply Committee* for the past month for expenditures, \$303.78. Chairwoman of *Employees Committee* reported bills for the month to the amount of \$25.00. Total \$328.78. *Committee on Repairs* for past month reported no bills.

Mrs. Wheeler resigned the Chair in favour of the first Directress, Mrs. Geo. A. Tuthill who had been unavoidably detained.

Report of Mrs. M.A. Holt of *Children's Committee* on 11<sup>th</sup> August gave Mrs. Johnston a permit to place two little sons in the Asylum, Willie 6 years and Henry 1-1/2 years. August 12<sup>th</sup> wrote to Rev. J.T. Cunningham, Mrs. S.J. Watkins, Mrs. R.K. Clarke and Mrs. Carrie Lenoir, all of whom with J.F. Jack, made application for indentures. Mr. Jack who had Albert White on trial, sent written testimony from B.S. Robinson, given by him under oath before the Mayor of West Point, stating he had seen Albert White, who seemed to be well-pleased and happy in his home with Mr. Jack and was desirous to remain with him. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August gave a permit to Mrs. Hicks to return her children to the Asylum, whom she had withdrawn for a short time. The same day gave a permit to Mrs. Wallace to place her four children in the Asylum; Laura aged 10, Coma 13 years, Horace 8, Edward 5 years. Gave Mrs. Clifford a permit to return infant Mortimer White, after a month's experience in the care of him, she found herself too delicate for the care of him, therefore declined adoption. Mrs. Holt's report approved. It was moved and seconded that indentures be signed for the above applicants.

Mrs. S.L. Hellen appointed visitor for the ensuing month. No further business, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

### ☐ OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

No meeting of the Board of Managers of P.O Asylum Society today; 1<sup>st</sup> Directress being detained at home by affliction in the family. Some members sick and other members of the Board having left the city. Several cases of yellow fever in the city; much apprehension on account thereof. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

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## ☐ DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1870

Government Street Church, Mobile, the annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society met on Tuesday morning, Mrs. G.A. Tuthill presiding. Sec'y detained at home on account of affliction in her family. Mrs. Dr. Ketchum appointed Secretary of the meeting. Mrs. M. Parker, Treasurer, read her Annual Report which was accepted. Mrs. Ketchum, acting Sec'y also read the Annual Report which was approved, and the two ordered to be printed one week in the daily papers. They then went into an election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Daniel Wheeler elected 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Tuthill 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Peter Hamilton of the Presbyterian Church Treasurer, Mrs. A.M. Godfrey from the Baptist Church, Secretary. The Managers for the year from the Methodist Church – Mrs. S.L. Hellen, Mrs. M.A. Cunningham, Mrs. Huges, Mrs. Hamilton. Presbyterian Church – Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. M. Parker, Mrs. M.A. Holt, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Treat, all of whom were made honorary members. From the Baptist Church – Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Godfrey. From the Episcopal Church – Mrs. G.A. Tuthill, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Ketchum.

*Supply Committee*, Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hellen.

*Children's Committee*: Mrs. Holt, Chairman, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Cunningham.

*Employees Committee*: Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Treat and Mrs. Huges.

*Committee on Repairs*: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Godfrey, and Mrs. Hamilton.

Several members gave in their annual subscriptions amounting to \$17. *S.B. Ketchum, Acting Secretary*

## ☐ JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1871

Meeting of the Board at the Asylum opened with the usual exercises by the President. Ladies present, Mesdames Wheeler, Tuthill, Parker and Moore. Excused Mesdames Bush and Hamilton. The Sec'y being absent, Mrs. Moore was appointed Sec'y pro tem.

The report of the Annual meeting was read and approved. *Committee on Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$287.43; approved. *Committee on Employees* reported \$29.00 expended; approved. Total amount of expenditures for the month, \$351.43. The Chairman of *Committee on Children* being absent, no report was presented.

An application was made by one Mrs. Bennett for admission to the Asylum of two motherless children, one an infant of two weeks. Mrs. Wheeler and Parker were appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the case and act with discretion.

Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Brodie, the so long kind and attentive physician to the Asylum had removed from Mobile and that the place thus left vacant required an immediate supply. After due consideration, on motion, Dr. Iglehurt was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Sec'y was instructed to return thanks to Messrs Marshall and Conly for a quarter of beef and to Mr. Fred S.H. Cox for 2 boxes macaroni and 1 box vermicelli; kindly presented by them to the inmates of the Asylum.

The Board was gratified to learn that the children had been provided with a Christmas tree by the teachers in the Sunday School. Miss Lewis, teacher of the day school, petitioned for an increase of salary. Action deferred.

Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Moore were appointed visitors for the month. Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Due to the extreme inclemency of the weather, the Board did not convene on the regular day of meeting. On the following day, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, a small number of ladies were present at the Asylum, Mrs. Wheeler presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. *Committee on Supplies* reported \$182.64 expended. Approved. *Committee on Employees* reported \$77.00 expended; approved. *Children's Committee* no report.

The committee appointed to inquire as to the propriety of receiving the infant child of Mr. Bennett reported unfavorably. The child three years of age was admitted. Committee discharged.

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Rec'd through Maj. St. Paul a donation of \$15.00 from the Tuscaloosa Art Association. The "Orphans Box" was opened and found to contain \$8.10, amt of contributions made by visitors to the Asylum, which with the donation was passed to Treasurer.

On motion, resolved to pay the teacher, Miss Lewis, an additional \$5.00 per month.

Visitors reported general health among the inmates, one child only having been sick during the month and a good degree of order and cleanliness maintained throughout the establishment.

Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Parker appointed visitors for the ensuing month. Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ MARCH, 1871

Full Board present, Mrs. Wheeler presiding.

Secretary's report read and approved. Treasurer's report for two months past, showing amt expended during Jan to have been \$286.43 and expenses for Feb \$328.14, was approved.

*Committee on Supplies* reported expenses \$177.01; approved. *Committee on Employees* reported expenses \$77. *Committee on Children* reported three children given out and one rec'd. Expenses \$16.87; approved. *Committee on Repairs* reported expenses \$60.40; approved.

Collections made by Mrs. Treat and Mrs. Parker \$205.00 and ladies subscriptions \$20.00 rec'd and handed to Treasurer.

Mrs. Treat and Mrs. Moore appointed to procure chairs and hooks for the bedrooms and zinc for the kitchen stove.

Visitor reported health of children and domestic arrangements satisfactory. Mrs. Hellen appointed visitor for ensuing month. Board adjourned. *E.I.W. Moore, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Secretary's report read and received. Also, Treasurer's. She reported an expenditure of \$320.00 for the month of March.

Mrs. Tuthill, Chairman of *Committee on Supplies* reported bills amounting to \$175.00; approved. *Chairman on Employees* reported bills amounting to \$94.00; approved.

*Children's Committee* reported four children taken out and two placed in the Asylum and two given out on trial – Mary Taylor, by Mrs. Williams, and Adel Wheeler. Mrs. Quinn took Bob White on trial for adoption. Mrs. Burs sent word that Noah Cohen had run away and was living with a Creole woman at Frascati. Mrs. Tuthill offered a resolution to have Mr. Burbank go for the boy and bring him back to the Asylum and Mrs. Hellen use her efforts to get him a home in the country.

Mrs. Hellen, as visitor for the month, reported everything clean and the children busy at their lessons, but reported a want of bed linens. Mrs. Ketchum delegated to get new spreads and pillow slips.

Board adjourned. *S.B. Ketchum, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1871

Semi-annual meeting of the Board at Gov. St Church. Present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Hellen and Miss Dorman.

Secretary's report rec'd. Treasurer's report rec'd. In hand May 1<sup>st</sup> \$1537.88. *Committee on Supplies* reported \$150.40 expended. Rec'd. *Committee on Employees* reported \$89.00 expended; rec'd.

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*Committee on Children* reported \$49.50 expenses. Gave Mrs. Hawkins her grandson, George; Mrs. Parrish her daughter Emma; Mrs. White her sister Kate, aged 11, and her brothers Mark and Cyrus, 4 and 7 years of age; Horatio Wallace his brother Edward and sister Laura, and Mrs. Drew her daughter, Ella. Report rec'd.

The case of the Cohen child referred to Mrs. Holt with instructions to give him to Mr. Minge to go with the other children of the same family. Granted Mrs. Harrell permission to put her two children in the Asylum.

Visitor reported everything in usual order.

The resignation of Mr. & Mrs. Burbank as Superintendent and Matron of the Asylum was accepted after the expiration of the required three months notice. Sec'y instructed to notify them of the fact and also to advertise for new Matron. Committee of officers to receive applications.

Miss Dorman appointed visitor. Board adjourned. *Mrs. T.P. Miller, Acting Sec'y*

### ☐ JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Protestant Orphan Asylum, Tuesday, 11 o'clock A.M. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer by first Directress, Mrs. Dan Wheeler. Members present, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. S.L. Hellen, Miss Dorman. Miss Dorman appointed to act as Sec'y in absence of Mrs. E.L.W. Moore.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report for the past month laid before the meeting and approved. Expenditures for the month past; *Committee on Supplies* reported bills to amount – \$76.54; *Committee on Employees* reported bills to amount - \$477.55; *Children's Committee* presented bills to amount of \$19.30. Total \$573.39.

On motion, resolved to close the school until 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Miss Lewis to be notified to that effect.

On motion, a number of applications for the office of Matron were examined. Several of the applicants being in adjoining room were brought before the Board for examination but no selection being made. On motion of Mrs. Geo Ketchum, a committee was appointed to visit several of the applicants in their own homes before a decision could be made. Committee of four was appointed to report at called meeting of the Board at the Asylum, 10 o'clock AM, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Mesdames Parker, Barnes, Ketchum and Miss Virginia Dorman were the committee appointed.

Mrs. Moore sent in her resignation as Sec'y, being so situated as not to be able to attend to the duties thereof, her resignation was accepted. On motion of Mrs. T.P. Miller, who read from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Constitution, that existing officers should continue to serve until the election of their successors. Therefore, she insisted, as Mrs. Hellen, who was elected to serve as Sec'y for 1870, should be requested to resume the duties. On motion of Miss Dorman, Mrs. S.L. Hellen was appointed as Sec'y.

Mrs. M.A. Holt's report of the *Children's Committee*, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, gave Mr. Worley permit to take his three children out of the Asylum, two girls and a boy. 15<sup>th</sup> May: Gave Mr. Roach a permit to take John Engoten on trial. Gave Mrs. Clemma permit to place her daughter, Kate Mardis, in the Asylum. 17<sup>th</sup>: Gave Mrs. Brown a permit to place her three children in the Asylum. May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Gave Mr. W.A. McCarley a permit to take Sarah Waldron on trial. Gave to Mrs. Sterling, May 25<sup>th</sup>, a permit to place her two children in the Asylum; Luke Bruin, 8, and M.H Sterling, 6 years. May 30<sup>th</sup>: gave Mr. G.B. Silver a permit to take Henry Keen on trial. Gave Mrs. Farrell permit to take Fanny Wheeler on trial. To Mr. McGrady permit to allow his boy to stay awhile in the Asylum. Mrs. Holt's report approved.

No further business, the meeting adjourned. *Miss V.W Dorman, Acting Sec'y*

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## ☐ JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Tuesday. The Committee on Matron met at the Asylum but made no decision in selecting a Matron, but adjourned to meet at the Wheeler's residence Thursday, 6 o'clock PM.

*Miss V.W. Dorman, Acting Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

6 o'clock, Mrs. Wheeler's residence. Adjourned meeting, Managers P.O.A. Society. Mrs. Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Present, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hellen, Miss Dorman.

After some discussion in regard to applicants, it was decided that Mrs. Ruggles would be the most acceptable person, if she would make application; whereupon Mrs. Barnes produced a note from Mrs. Ruggles declining a nomination for the place of Matron, stating her inability to perform faithfully such duties as pertained to the office. On motion, it was resolved that no female could attend to all the duties pertaining to the care of the Asylum and its inmates; and if the funds were low we might act on faith and secure the services of a Superintendent and Matron; and that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. & Mrs. Ruggles and tender them the situation. Mrs. Barnes and Miss Dorman were instructed to call on them this evening for that purpose. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Regular monthly meeting of managers of Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, Tuesday, 11 o'clock AM. 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, presiding. Members present Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Hudgens, Miss Virginia Dorman, Mrs. Hellen. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report accepted. On hand \$678.16. Report on *Supplies*, bills to amount \$80.68; report of bills for *Employees*, \$117.80. Total \$198.48. Received from Franklin St. M.E. Church, \$25.00 through Mrs. Hudgens of Collecting Committee. Donation from P & M Ins Co, \$50.

Notes from Miss Lewis asking to retain her position as teacher during the summer months. It was thought prudent, in view of the short amount of funds on hand, that the school be closed at the end of the present month, Miss Lewis to be notified to that effect. The contract between Mr. & Mrs. Ruggles and the Managers was duly signed. The Secretary requested to transcribe the contract. A list of wants was handed in by retiring Superintendent for the month, Mr. Burbank's list of wants for the Institute accepted, the list handed over to Mrs. Tuthill of Supply Committee.

Mrs. Hare who had taken on trial Charlie Rease came asking for papers of adoption. On motion resolved that Charlie Rease be retained in the Asylum. Mrs. M.A. Holt of Children's Committee reported having on 24<sup>th</sup> June given a permit to Mr. Hawkins to place Willie Hawkins in the Asylum. On 25<sup>th</sup> Sarah Waldron returned to the Asylum. Taken by Mr. Keen from the Asylum his nephews. Gave out on trial to Mr. H.N. Lawrence, Jesse Wagner, Mr. Lawrence from Crawfordsville, Lowndes Co., Miss. Mrs. Holt's report approved. S.L. Hellen appointed visitor for the ensuing month. On motion the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## CONTRACT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY, WITH MR. & MRS. RUGGLES:

It is understood and agreed to by the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and Mr. & Mrs. Ruggles, that the said Board shall pay to the latter eight hundred dollars for the year, payable quarterly, with their board and lodging included. In consideration of which, the said Mr. & Mrs. Ruggles shall give their full time and attention to the care of the children and the general interest of the institution. And further, that either or both parties shall be obliged to give three months' notice in any desired change in the above arrangement. Signed by: *S.S. Ruggles, Laura L. Ruggles, R.B. Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, S.L. Hellen, Sec'y, V.W. Dorman, Acting Treas. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1871*

## ☐ AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1871

Tuesday, 11 o'clock AM. Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. Members present Madames Holt, Parker, Hamilton, Barnes, Tuthill, Hellen, Miss Virginia Dorman.

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Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and approved. Treasurer's report on hand \$1394.68. A letter from Mr. Geo. A. Tuthill, Chairman of Christmas Collections was received in which a report of the whole amount of Christmas Collection was made, amount being 3334.67. Mr. Tuthill hoped to get a report from two committees, who thus far have not made their report to him. But he thought the chairman's report to the Board of Managers could not be kept open longer.

Collected by Messers Wheeler & Tuthill: \$1450.72; by Messers Parker & Douglas: \$231.50; by Messers Post & Hurtell: \$342; by Messers Jno Reid & Gary Butt: \$590.40; by Messers Wm. Otis & Wheeler: \$171.85; by Messers Bush & Thames: \$348.20; by Messers Higley & Sears: \$200. Total \$3334.67

Treasurer reported donation from Mr. L.P. Hill \$100. Report of Treasurer accepted.

*Supply Committee* rendered bills to amount \$99.39; *Employees Committee* bills to amount \$74; bills for advertising by Tribune \$16.75. Total \$170.59.

Mrs. Peter Hamilton requested to enquire to whom the Asylum is indebted for the contribution of Mobile Daily Register.

Report of Mrs. M.A. Holt of *Children's Committee*: during the past month a letter had been received from Mr. Steinback, asking permission to return to the care of the Board of Managers, Tempy Holzenback, or to be allowed to place her in the Lauderdale Asylum. Tempy Holzenback had been indentured to Mr. Mason of Columbus, Miss, who is now deceased. Mrs. Holt states that the child can find an immediate home with Mrs. Mather who is very anxious to take her if returned. On motion, Mrs. Holt was instructed to enquire of Mr. Steinback if he designs paying the expenses of the trip if the child is returned to the Board of Managers. Received a letter from Mr. H.P. Lawrence of Crawfordsville, containing a Certificate from Rev. Mr. Miller, Pastor of M.E. Church of that place, recommending Mr. Lawrence in his application for indenture papers of Jesse Wagner. The papers were duly signed. July 10<sup>th</sup> wrote to Mrs. Fitzgerald at Whistler stating the Board of Managers would expect her to find a home for her sister. Gave a permit to Mrs. Fisher to take her son, Allen, out of the Asylum. Mrs. Holt's report accepted.

Report of visitor approved. At the request of the ladies, Mrs. Ruggles, the Matron, was conferred with in regard to the everyday wear for children's clothes, who stated the boys were in want of clothes just now, whereupon Mrs. Peter Hamilton was instructed to make the purchase of a piece of cloth for that purpose.

Mrs. Treat appointed visitor for the ensuing month. No further business, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Tuesday, 11 o'clock A.M. Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, being absent from the city, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Geo A. Tuthill, in sorrow at the news of the death of her mother, consequently could not attend the meeting. The Managers present expressed great sympathy for Mrs. Tuthill. Present Madames Treat, Parker, Hamilton, Holt, Barnes, Hellen, Miss Virginia Dorman. Mrs. G.M. Parker called on to preside. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treasurer reported on hand \$181.39 which report was accepted. *Committee on Supplies* reported bills to amount \$148.02; *Employees bills* \$33.35; *Children's Committee* \$12.00 for one piece cloth for boys' clothing. Total \$193.37, all of which bills were approved.

Mrs. M.A. Holt of *Children's Committee* in rendering her report for the month past, stated having again written to Mr. Steinback, but as yet no reply in regard to Tempy Holzenback's return to the Asylum had been received; whereupon acting President instructed Mrs. Holt to write again. August 2<sup>nd</sup> gave a permit to Mrs. Johnston to take her children out of the Asylum for a few days. August 24<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Quinna permit to take on trial Mary Taylor. 21<sup>st</sup> gave Mrs. McElroy permit to place her son Otis, aged 5 years, in the Asylum. Mrs. Holt's report approved.

Report of Mrs. Treat as visitor for the past month was most favourable, reflecting much credit on Superintendent and Matron of the Institute. Mrs. Peter Hamilton reported contributions from Mr. Jno Douglas, two pieces of fall calico. From Mrs. Lloyd, nine trimmed hats for the girls. List of wants presented by Superintendent were accepted. No farther business, meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

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## ☐ OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Protestant Orphan Asylum, Wednesday. The inclemency of the weather prevented the regular monthly meeting of the Society on Tuesday, on which the day following, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Parker met and paid the bills for the month of Sept. Presented for Supplies, \$91; amount of bills for Employees, \$224, total amount \$315.00.

The list of wants for October were sent to Mrs. Tuthill as Chairwoman of Supply Committee, the bills to Miss Dorman to be settled by her as acting Treasurer.

Applications for situation of teacher in the Asylum were received from three ladies – Mrs. Brown, Miss Barkaloo and Miss Ollis. There not being a quorum, no action could be taken on this subject. Received from Mrs. Faid \$3.00 to assist in paying the expenses of her child who is in the Asylum. At 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned. *Mrs. G.M. Parker, Acting Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers held at 11 o'clock A. Reading and prayer by 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler. Members present, Madames Holt, Treat, Parker, Barnes, Miss Virginia Dorman and S.L. Hellen. Minutes of the last meeting of the Society called for read and approved. Treasurer reported on hand \$631.15. Treasurer's report approved.

Received from Mrs. Taise \$5 in support of her children in the Asylum. From Mr. Jas' Malone \$7 as contribution from Mauvilla Sunday School. From Franklin Street M.E. Church \$5.50. Balance on annual collection – brought over. Whole amount received \$17.50. Contribution from Mr. Danner on bill for wood, \$20.

Report of *Supply Committee*, bills to amount \$61.10

Report of *Employees Committee* – bills rendered \$34.00

Report of *Children's Committee*, bills for the month \$49.46.

The above reports approved.

Mrs. Holt's report on *Children* called for. Mrs. Holt presented a petition from Mrs. Dillon, a delicate woman, who has an inebriate husband, who asks permission to place her children (who are the children of a former husband) into the Asylum. After some discussion on the subject it was agreed to receive her children for the period of three months. Oct 5, 1871 gave permit to Mrs. S.M. Thomas, care of Mr. J.L. Practon of Planters Hill, Fish River, to put he daughter Alice Jane into the Asylum, aged ten years. 23<sup>rd</sup> gave permit to Mrs. Baily to place her daughter Cora, 5 years old, into the Asylum. Mrs. Baily lives with Mrs. R.D. Williams. 27<sup>th</sup> gave permit to Mrs. Dillon to place two children into the Asylum, Harriet aged ten and William, aged seven. These children bear the name of Fount. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Fisher permit to take Frank Robinson on trial, whom she desires to adopt, Frank proving a relative of hers. This case was acted upon by allowing the child to remain with Mrs. F for one month. Mrs. Marlow asked permission to place her niece in the Asylum until she was able to resume the care of her. The child is an entire orphan, and Mrs. Marlow is out of health from an attack of sickness. The request was granted.

Mr. S.P. Hill's request to have part of his donation to the Asylum returned was unanimously agreed to. The Treasurer instructed by the president to refund the amount required.

The Superintendent requests the managers to make application for a gas light to be placed in front of the Asylum. The secretary instructed to make application to the Board of Alderman, to have a gas light put in front of the Asylum.

An election of applicants for the position of teacher was held, which resulted in the election of Miss Barkaloo. The attention of the Board being called to the condition of servants' rooms, the matter was referred to Committee on Repairs. Mrs. Parker appointed visitor, the ensuing month.

Meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Secretary*

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## ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

Government Street Church. The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held Tuesday, 10 o'clock A.M. Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress presiding. The annual meeting being at hand, the fear of being hurried caused the usual formality of opening the meeting to be dispensed with. Members present Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Holt, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Prior. Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and adopted.

Treasurer reported on hand \$592.30. *Committee on Supplies* presented bills for the past month to amount \$112.53. *Committee on Employees* presented bills for the month to amount \$42.75. Presented by *Committee on Children* bills of the past month to amount \$20.72. *Committee on Repairs* reported amount of bills for the month \$47.00. Bill for medicine the two past years \$29.67. All the above bills were paid previous to the meeting, leaving the above balance on hand. Treasurer's report approved.

Mrs. Fisher presented herself before the meeting accompanied by Frank Robinson, the little boy whom she had taken on trial the previous month. She still desired to adopt him and the child having become attached to her, she was referred to Committee on Children. Mrs. Holt reported having received into the Asylum during the month, two children.

Mrs. Parker, visitor for the previous month, reported the Asylum in fine order, everything nice and clean. Mrs. Hellen, visitor for ensuing month. On motion the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Secretary*

## ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1871

The Annual Meeting, Tuesday 11 o'clock A.M., Government Street Church. The meeting called to order by Mrs. Wheeler. The Secretary's Report for the past year called for, read and approved. Treasurer's annual statement read, which was approved. On motion, both reports were ordered to be published in the Daily Register, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, preceding Christmas day. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. L.M. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler. Mrs. Geo A. Tuthill unanimously elected Secretary; Mrs. T.P. Miller Treasurer. Managers elected: *Episcopal Church*: Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Geo A. Ketchum, Mrs. Wm. P. Hammond. *Baptist Church*: Mrs. C. Bush, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. E.G.W. Moore. *Presbyterian Church*: Mrs. Miles Treat, Mrs. G.M. Parker, Mrs. Holt. *Methodist Church*: Mrs. Peter Hamilton, Miss Virginia Dorman, Mrs. S.L. Hellen.

Names of collectors from their respective churches: Mrs. Treat, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. C. Bush, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Thos. Hamilton, Mrs. Fosdick, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Ira W. Porter, Miss Emma Bryan.

Moved and seconded that the Treasurer's book be handed over to Mr. Wheeler, for examination according to custom. Resolved that a vote of thanks from the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society be presented to Mr. G.A. Tuthill for the many favors conferred upon the Society by him during the past year, accompanied with a request that he will not decline to act as Chairman of Christmas collecting Committees the ensuing year.

An appropriation of \$15 was made for the Orphans Christmas dinner, with instruction that the amount be handed to Mr. Ruggles, the Superintendent of the Asylum. Mr. Ruggles instructed to have every necessary repair made on the bathroom.

Mrs. Webb handed in \$200, Mrs. Prior \$3, Mrs. Tuthill \$3, Mrs. Treat \$2.

No further business, the meeting adjourned. *S.L. Hellen, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1872

The monthly meeting of P.O. Asylum met Tuesday, 11 o'clock AM. Meeting opened by Mrs. L.M. Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Miller, Holt, Hamilton, Hellen, Parker, Walker, Dorman and Tuthill. Secretary called on to read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Society. Minutes approved. Treasurer had no report to make.

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Report on *Supply Committee* \$163.19; Report on *Employees Committee* \$249.00; Report on *Repairs* \$45.90. Total \$458.09.

Mrs. Hellen reported having received \$20 from Rev Dr. Cox of Demopolis District for the benefit of said Asylum.

Mrs. Holt's report on *Children* stated Mr. Durden having called on her to ask permission to put his two children in the Asylum, he promising to pay something monthly towards their support, have gave \$5. It was decided by the managers to keep the children, the father Mr. Durden paying \$15 a month. Received \$3 from Mrs. Tade towards the support of her child. Donations received from Bromberg Brothers – toys for children; Danner & Co., 2 loads of coal; Mr. Fulton, oranges and apples; By arbitration \$2.

It was moved and seconded that a note of thanks be tendered to Mrs. Holt for her prompt and faithful discharge of duty as Chairman of Children's Committee

## ☐ FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was no regular meeting.

Bills for Supplies: \$149.40; bills for Employees: \$49.00; bills for Children: \$20.95; bills for Repairs: \$3.85. Total \$223.29 Mixed bills: \$45.30. Bills received and pad by Mrs. Miller, Treas.

## ☐ MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Meeting of the Board at the Asylum opened with the usual exercises by the President. Ladies present: Mrs. Wheeler, Ketchum, Holt, Hellen, Bush, Parker, Walker, Dorman and Tuthill. The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer reported on hand \$1272.38. Report on *Supplies*: \$144.26; Report on *Employees*: \$49.00; report on *Children*: \$9.84; Report on *Repairs*: none. Total \$203.10, all of which were approved.

Donation from Mrs. Hall, shrubbery and vegetables. \$2 from Mrs. Tade for the support of her child.

Mrs. Parker's report on Children stated Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>: filed adoption papers for Mrs. Ann E. Fisher who has taken Frank Robertson. Jan'y 9, gave Mr. Durden a permit to take his two children from the Asylum. Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Harris took her son Joseph from the Asylum. Feb'y 20<sup>th</sup>, gave Mrs. Booth permission to place her little daughter, two years old, in the Asylum. March 4<sup>th</sup>, gave Mrs. Kitchen permission to place her two sons, John and Charles, in the Asylum. Mrs. Parker's report was received.

Mrs. Hellen applied for a child by name of Alice Marlow. It was decided that she could take her on trial for a month.

Mrs. Wheeler stated having received a letter from Mrs. Stoudemira, who had some time since taken a girl from the Asylum by name of Henrietta Mays. She was much annoyed by the many letters she received in behalf of this girl. Since then however, the girl has left her and is now with her mother and this lady desired another child to be sent to her, but the Ladies ignored the request.

Mrs. Hellen's report as Visitor satisfactory. Board adjourned. Mrs. Ketchum appointed visitor. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1872

Monthly meeting of the P.O. Asylum. Ladies present, Mrs. Wilson, Miller, Moore, Holt, Morris, Parker and Tuthill.

Treasurer reported on hand \$1071.48; Bills on *Supplies* \$110.24; Bills on *Children* \$15.75; Bills on *Employees* \$249.00; bills on *Repairs* \$7.00, all of which were approved.

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Mrs. Parker's report on *Children* stated March 14<sup>th</sup>, that she gave Mrs. Johnson a permit to place her little son Harry in the Asylum, he being 16 months old. March 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Bruen placed two children in the Asylum. March 22<sup>nd</sup> gave Mrs. Taid permission to place four children belonging to her brother in the Asylum. Mrs. Parker's report was accepted.

It was then moved and seconded that Dr. Goode be thanked for his services and elected for the remainder of the year Physician of the Asylum. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed visitor but was absent. Mrs. Parker stated that there had been a considerable amount of sickness in the Asylum and on that account she had frequently been there and was much pleased with the neatness and order throughout, as well as the Matron's kindness and attention to the children.

List of Committees for the next three months: *Supplies*- Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Morris, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Hammond; *Children's*- Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Ketchum; *Employees*-Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hamilton; *Repairs*-Mrs. Wilson Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Tuthill.

Mrs. Moore was appointed visitor. Board adjourned. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board at Gov St Church. Present, Mrs. Wilson, Miller, Moore, Parker, Wheeler and Tuthill.

Secretary's report received; Treasurer reported in hand \$872.14; Bills on *Supplies*, \$166.38; Bills on *Children* \$20.36; Bills on *Employees* \$64.00; Bills on *Repairs* – none; all of which were approved.

Mrs. Taid \$2 for her child. Donation from Mrs. Holt, sack of cabbage and 1 doz eggs.

The President stated that the Mayor has authorized that the repairing of the sidewalk must be attended to at once. The resolution offered by Mrs. Miller was to see if the Municipal authorities would not assist us. If not, that Mr. Ruggles should be appointed to superintend the work and have it done as economically as possible. The matter was referred to the Mayor by Mr. Tuthill. The Mayor said that it could go no farther, that if such an appeal was made it could not be acceded to, as there would be too many of a similar nature and that he would not be too exacting and it could be done at a moderate expense.

Mrs. Wheeler had an application from Mrs. Nash for a child. It was proposed that the matter be referred to the Children's Committee, but again reconsidered and that Mrs. Wheeler inform Mrs. Nash that there was no child suitable.

Received from the Presbyterian Church through Mrs. Treat \$113. It was resolved that the Board deeply lament the loss of one of their purest and brightest members in the death of Mrs. Holt and that in sorrowing for her it is not without hope, and that her life and death may be a bright and shining example to us all. It was proposed by Mrs. Wheeler that the vacancy in the Board by the death of Mrs. Holt be filled by Mrs. Lyon.

Interest on Mr. Waring's note \$200. Insurance returned from security company \$14.45. Mrs. Moore's report as visitor very satisfactory. Mrs. Parker visitor for the month.

Board adjourned. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Monthly meeting of the P O Asylum. Ladies present Mrs. Wilson, Wheeler, Mille, Morris, Treat, Hellen, Lyon, Walker, Parker, Dorman and Tuthill. Secretary's report received.

Treasurer's report received. On hand \$1985.04. Report on *Supplies* rec'd \$111.95; report on *Children's* rec'd \$11.65; report on *Employees* rec'd \$60.50; report on *Repairs* rec'd \$4.50.

Mrs. Parker's report on *Children* stated that May the 10<sup>th</sup> she gave Mr. Courney a permit to take his four children from the Asylum. May 12<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Barth permission to take her little girl from the Asylum. May 29<sup>th</sup> gave Mrs. Kitchen a permit to

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place her little son, three years of age, in the Asylum. The case of Mrs. Benton having a child in the Asylum was brought before the Board as to whether the child should be retained there until the mother was able to provide for it. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Benton's child should remain in the asylum and she notified that it was deemed only right, that she should pay what she could towards its support. The case of Corine Mobly was brought before the Board and left to Mrs. Parker's discretion.

Received from St. Francis St Methodist Church, through Miss Dorman, \$60. Received from Prof. Tannenbaum \$20, proceeds of a concert. A letter was received from Mr. Waring requesting the Board to relinquish a certain portion of property that held his mortgage for \$5000 and he would guarantee a sure security. Miss Dorman offered a resolution that a Committee of Four Gentlemen be appointed to act in behalf of the Asylum with regard to Mr. Waring's note. Mrs. Wheeler, Tuthill, Miller, Wilson. The amendment of Miss Wheeler was that the gentlemen, after deciding to the best of their judgment, consult with the officers of the Board and they decide with them. A note was written to both Mr. Waring and the gentlemen. Received a barrel of flour from Mr. Blackman. Mr. Ruggles was requested to appear to make the necessary arrangements for repairing the sidewalk. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Ruggles be empowered to attend to the fixing of the sidewalk and have it well done, and that with as moderate an expense as would be justifiable.

Mrs. Parker as visitor gave a good report. Board adjourned. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

\*The child that Mrs. Hellen took was brought back for investigation and decided that it was best that she should be kept in the Asylum. A girl by name of Adele Wheeler was given to Mrs. Garnet. The matter was discussed in regard to wood and it was decided that the Supply Committee concur with Mr. Ruggles and attend to it at once. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

### ☐ JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1872

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the P O A, the members present were Mrs. Walker, Parker, Moore, Wilson and Misses Dorman and Nason. Report of secretary received.

Treasurer reported an expenditure of \$227.96; Committee on *Supplies*, 497.47; Committee on *Children*, \$5.50; Committee on *Employees*, \$252.00; Committee on *Repairs*, \$74.27.

Committees continued until a fall meeting.

Mr. Ruggles was very willingly granted leave of absence on account of feeble health. No report from committee appointed to confer with the board relative to Mr. Waring's proposition.

Mrs. Parker was requested to petition the City authorities to assist in constructing a new bridge.

Visitor reported everything in the Asylum as perfectly satisfactory. Mrs. Parker continued as visitor and Board adjourned. *Sec Pro Tem*

### ☐ AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Owing to the absence of the numbers, the monthly meeting of the Board was necessarily rather informal and the failure to obtain the Secretary's Book curtailed the business.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1477.26 on hand after paying the expenses of July which amounted to \$242.16. Visitor's report satisfactory and Miss Dorman appointed for the ensuing month. Meeting adjourned. *Sec Pro Tem*

### ☐ SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1872

At the monthly meeting of P O A Board of Managers held at the Asylum, only Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Miss Dorman and Miss Nason were present.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. Expenditures for the month of August were: Committee on *Supplies*-\$136.04; Committee on *Children*-\$3.75; Committee on *Employees*-\$49.75; Committee on *Repairs*-\$--. Total \$189.54.

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Mrs. Parker having left the city, Miss Dorman was appointed Chairman (woman?) of the Children's Committee and also continued as visitor. The Asylum inmates were reported well and happy and all matters connected with the Institution seemed satisfactory. The Treasurer was instructed to pay all bills certified by the Board in the absence of a regular Secretary and the meeting adjourned. *Sec Pro Tem*

### ☐ OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1872

In the monthly meeting of P O A Board of Managers held at the Asylum, the members present were Mrs. Wilson, Walker, Tuthill and Miss Dorman. Report of secretary received.

Treasurer reported: \$1287.72, Committee on *Supplies*: \$204.56, Committee on *Employees* \$249.00; all of which were approved.

Miss Dorman's report as visitor very satisfactory. Miss Dorman being appointed Chairman of the *Children's Committee* in the absence of Mrs. Parker, reported having admitted Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Delphine Mobley. The same date withdrawn Joe and Mary Brown, taken by their mother. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Julia Benner taken out by her father.

Donations from German Rifle Co. through Mr. Wesborn, 5 bushels of meal from Mr. George Haig, 1 doz song books for Sabbath School. Mr. G.W. Foster has contributed old clothes. Dr. Wheeler has gratuitously extracted teeth for several of the children during the month. Mrs. Walker appointed visitor for the month.

Meeting adjourned. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

### ☐ NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1872

Monthly meeting of the P O Asylum; ladies present Mrs. Wilson, Miller, Hamilton, Parker, Walker, Lyon, Ketchum, Tuthill and Miss Dorman.

Report of secretary was not made on account of business being so far advanced when she arrived that the President requested that it should be deferred until the next meeting.

Treasurer reported on hand \$875.37; Committee on *Supplies* \$126.92; Committee on *Children* \$71.90; Committee on *Employees* \$56.50; Committee on *Repairs* \$2.00.

Ms. Parker being Chairman of Children's Committee reported the 8<sup>th</sup> of October having admitted Julia E. Hicks, age 10 yrs; same date Joseph Booth, 6 yrs. 18<sup>th</sup> Dora A. Etheridge, aged 5 yrs, Millie and Mollie Etheridge, aged 3 yrs; 22<sup>nd</sup> James Wheeler, aged 12 yrs; discharged James Tait.

Miss Dorman having been visitor instead of Mrs. Walker reported the house and its inmates doing well and everything satisfactory. Mrs. Parker was appointed visitor for the month.

Board adjourned. *P.A. Tuthill, Sec'y*

### ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1872

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church on Government St. Mrs. L.M. Wilson in the chair.

Present Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Tuthill, Miller, Wheeler, Parker, Treat, Ketchum, Walker, Moore, Hamilton, Hellen, Lyon, Dunlap, Hutchison, Oliver and miss Dorman.

The several reports having been read and approved, the society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

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Mrs. R.A. Walker of the Baptist Church, First Directress  
Mrs. L.M. Wilson of the Methodist Church, Second Directress  
Mrs. F.H. Oliver of the Presbyterian Church, Secretary  
Mrs. Dr. Ketchum from the Episcopal Church, Treasurer

Managers:

*Episcopal Church:* Mrs. G.A. Tuthill, Mrs. Ceasar, Mrs. Hammond. *Presbyterian Church:* Mrs. Dan'l Wheeler, Mrs. G.M. Parker, Mrs. J.F. Lyon; *Baptist Church:* Mrs. T.M. Shepherd, Mrs. T.C. Boram, Mrs. T.P. Miller. *Methodist Church:* Mrs. P Hamilton, Mrs. L. Hellen, Miss Dorman.

*Committee on Supplies:* Mrs. Tuthill, Lyon, Boram, Hellen

*Children's Committee:* Mrs. Wheeler, Shepherd, Hamilton, Ceasar. *Committee on Employees:* Mrs. Miller, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Parker, and Hammond.

Visitor for Dec Mrs. Hellen. Collectors from the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Lyon and Morris; from Baptist Church, Mrs. Boram and Shepherd; from Episcopal Church, Mrs. Hammond; from Franklin St Methodist, Mrs. Bancroft and Maguire; from St. Francis St. Methodist, Miss Dorman and Hawkins.

On motion it was voted to appropriate \$15 for a Christmas dinner for the children.

Mrs. Wilson suggested that some plan be adopted by which the institution be made self-sustaining and the subject be discussed at a future meeting of the board. The sum of \$15 was rec'd for annual subscriptions; also \$13 from Robertson.

There being no further business on motion the meeting adjourned. *A. Oliver, Sec'y*

P.S. Admitted during the month of Nov, W. Peterson, aged 4 years; Robert Gilcrist, 4 years of age; Dora McComb, aged 13 years. Discharged, James Yait. Gave McComb to Mrs. Agee of Claiburn on trial.

## ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

A meeting of the board of managers was held at the Asylum; present Mrs. Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress in the chair, Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Mrs. Parker, Ketchum, Miller, Wheeler, Lyon, Ceasar, Boram, Hellen, Shepherd, Morris, Oliver and Miss Dorman.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The treasurer stated that she had not rec'd the books in time and therefore had no report; approved.

Supply Committee bills for payment amounting to \$184.05; Committee on Employees reported amount paid \$256.50; Bills presented for printing and insurance \$49.25. Total \$489.80; approved.

Children's Committee reported the admission of five children since the last meeting; to wit Thomas Savage Singleton, aged 4 years; Lewis Seawell Singleton, aged 3 years, put in by their mother Caroline Singleton; James Lewis Aggers, aged 14, put in by his mother; Henry Obrien, put in by his mother, Mrs. Mays; Susan Hawkins, aged 5 years, put in by her step-grandmother, Mrs. Hawkins. Withdrawn: Ellen Gaines, Alice Maeler. Died, Elena Alexander. Also reported a letter from Mrs. Agee of Claibourn asking that she be permitted to keep Dora McComb one month longer on trial, which was granted.

Visitor, Mrs. Hellen reported the house in order and the children well and the girls interested in learning to sew. The matter of making the institution self-sustaining was discussed, action deferred for the present.

Donations rec'd, Fifty dollars (\$50) from the T.D.S., from Mrs. E. Caldwell, \$25 (Mr. Rupell 2 L lumber), from Mrs. Getts, Hall and Poole, oranges, Mrs. Whiting, cake; from Mrs. Tardy, a handsome cake; Mrs. Yeend 60 loaves bread.

On motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

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The monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Wheeler, Hellen, Ketchum, Miller, Lyon, Boram, Shepherd, Ceasar, Parker and Oliver.

Minutes of the Jan meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report showing balance in the treasury of \$289.50 was read and approved. Mrs. Wheeler, chairman of Children's Committee reported no admissions during the month and none withdrawn. Mrs. Lyon, Committee on Supplies, reported bills amounting to \$207.77. Mrs. Miller, Committee on Employees, presented bills amounting to \$51.75.

Mrs. Hellen, visitor for Jan, reported the house in order; some slight sickness among the children; also reported the meat furnished for the children too fat for them to eat. Mrs. Wheeler reported having received a letter from Mrs. Agee requesting the indenture papers for Dora McComb to be sent her as she wished to keep the child. Also, an application from Mrs. Johnson to admit her four children in the Asylum. The board decided to admit two for one month and provide homes for the two eldest.

The subject of adopting some plan by which the institution might be made self-sustaining was discussed at some length without coming to any decision.

On motion of Mrs. Lyon it was voted not inexpedient to purchase sash for a hot house at this time.

Mrs. Hellen moved that Mrs. Ketchum & Wilson be appointed a committee to make arrangements for a hot house and secure plants. Mrs. Ceasar was requested to present the claims of the Asylum to the ladies of Trinity Church; she declined but promised to lay the matter before Mr. Mossey and ask his cooperation. Mrs. Hamilton & Hurtell were appointed to collect from the ladies of Jackson St. Church.

Mrs. Lyon reported having collected from ladies of Gov St Church \$137.00. Mrs. Boram from the Baptist Church \$39.50. Ladies subscriptions paid in at the meeting \$9.00 and \$10.00 donation from Mrs. Vanderbilt of New York. Mrs. Ceasar appointed visitor for Feb.

Adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day. Present Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Ketchum, Lyon, Moore, Parker, Hellen, Wheeler, Tuthill, Ceasar, Shepherd, Boram, Miss Dorman.

Proceedings of the last meeting read, on motion were approved. Treasurer reported amount of bills paid, two hundred eighty-six dollars, fifty-two cts (\$286.52), a balance in the treasury of \$1038.80.

Children's Committee reported the admission of the following children: Joseph Johnson, aged 4 years, another Johnson, 3 years, Maryetta Clark, 5 years, Henry Henback, aged 3 years, and Lewis Aggus removed by his mother.

Expenses for the month \$13.95. Supply Committee reported bills amounting to \$112.99, Committee on Employees amount of bills \$49.00. Total \$175.94.

On motion the reports were received. March being the time for a change of committees, on motion the same ladies were retained.

Receipts from Mrs. Lyon in addition to her former collections \$17.00. Collected by Mrs. Boram, six dollars (\$6.00) and her own subscriptions \$3.00; in all \$9.00. Total \$26.00.

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A donation of sash from Mr. Denby; the sec'y instructed to address a note of thanks for the same. Also, to Mr. Calhoun for a barrel of flour presented to the Asylum.

Mrs. Boram requested to visit during March. On motion the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1873

The monthly meeting of the managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held. Present Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Ketchum, Boram, Shepherd, Miller Parker, Oliver.

Minutes of the last meeting read by the sec'y and approved. Mrs. Ketchum, Treas, reported amount of bills paid \$605.25 leaving a balance in the treasury of \$257.55 which on motion was received. Bills for supplies presented amounting to \$170.00; for insurance \$135.00; Committee on Employees bills for \$300.25, all of which were approved and ordered to be paid.

Children's Committee reported the admission of three children; Emma Butler, aged ten years; Martha Butler, aged six years; Willie Butler, aged three years. Elizabeth Johnson removed by her mother.

Visitor for the month reported the Asylum in order and the children well.

On motion of Mrs. Miller, Mr. Ruggles authorized to collect from those who have children in the Asylum such sums as they may be able to pay toward their support. Mrs. Parker appointed visitor for the month.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> to consider what measures should be adopted to raise sufficient funds to meet the expenses of the balance of the year. The sec'y instructed to notify those members who were absent. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

At a called meeting of the board held to take into consideration the raising of moneys to meet the expenses it was decided to appoint a committee to wait upon Mr. Lyon, chairman of the Committee on Christmas Collections, and request him to urge upon the collectors the necessity of prompt action and, if necessary, the ladies wait upon the several committees and state to them our necessities and request them to act immediately. Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Wilson were appointed.

Meeting adjourned to meet on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> to hear the report of the committee. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

Board met as appointed. Mrs. Tuthill and Mrs. Wilson, the committee appointed to wait upon Mr. Lyon, reported having seen him and stated to him the wishes of the Board. He regretted that a combination of circumstances had prevented the committees from making their collections and promised to see the gentlemen and urge them to act immediately and report before or at the May meeting.

Receipts, Christmas collections handed in by Mr. W. Baker, \$246.00; interest on note \$200.00.

After deciding to defer any further action until the collectors had reported, the meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

The semi-annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held. Present, Mrs. L.M. Wilson in the chair, Mrs. Ketchum, Tuthill, Wheeler, Boram, Morris, Ceasar, Miss Dorman. Minutes of the April meeting read by the secretary and approved.

Mrs. Tuthill, Supply Committee, reported bills amounting to one hundred and twenty-two dollars, three cts (\$122.03). Committee on Employees presented bills for \$69.25. Mrs. Wheeler, Committee on Children, reported as follows: the

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admission of Mary Sheldon, aged 4 years, placed in the Asylum by her mother; Annie Wheeler, aged 3, put in by Mrs. Belknap; Willie Hawkins was taken out by Mrs. Rice to be sent in the country to Mrs. Henry on trial for one month; Maria Alternon taken out by her mother. Children in the Asylum – 43; thirty-one under eight years. Mrs. Bansall applied for her son, Joseph Booth; her request was not granted as the boy had been placed in the Asylum by M. Booth.

Expenses for the month, \$26.73. The reports were all rec'd.

Receipts for the month, one hundred dols (\$100.00) from ladies of St. Francis Methodist Church, through Miss Dorman and Hawkins; from ladies of Jackson St. Presbyterian Church \$78, seventy-eight dls; \$10, ten dols, from Friends of the Orphans, \$5 five dls, from Mrs. Ceasar. Donations from Mr. D McGill, three cords wood, from Mr. James Young, one sack peas, from Trust Society, bread, crackers, one ham, fruit and cake.

Mr. Lyon, chairman on Christmas Collections, reported that he had not been able to do anything more in the matter.

Mrs. Wilson stated to the meeting that a committee had been appointed from the Benevolent Society to confer with the Asylum Society, with regard to raising funds for both societies, and it was proposed to make a united effort and divide the proceeds. As the proposition was favourable received, the committee were invited to meet with us and consult as to ways and means, which resulted as follows: that the Gentlemen of the Histrionics Society be waited upon and requested to have a performance for the benefit of the two societies; also Professor Bannenbaum be requested to give a summer night concert for the same object. Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Schroder were appointed a committee to wait upon the president of the Histrionics and Mrs. Ceasar on Prof. Bannenbaum.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> at eleven o'clock to hear from the committee. *A Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

The committee appointed to wait upon the Histrionic Society reported that the gentlemen consented willingly and would do all in their power to make it a success; but after more mature consideration, feeling that they could not act in the matter and knowing that many friends of the institution would not patronize such an entertainment, it was voted that the committee wait upon the gentlemen and inform them of the action of this meeting, thanking them for their kind response and that the way of raising moneys be left with each society.

Mrs. Parker appointed visitor. Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

### ☐ JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1873

Regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held. Present, Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Wheeler, Shepherd, Hellen, Tuthill, Morris, Miller, Hinson, Ketchum and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas reported amount of bills paid \$232.73, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$388.15.

Mrs. Wheeler, Children's Committee, reported three admissions, to wit: Morgan Wilson, age six years, Willie Crysot, eight years, Jordan Crysot six years. The committee also reported two children returned to their mothers, namely Annie Wheeler and Henry Huback. Expenses for the month \$9.00. Committee on Employees reported bills amt \$49.00; Supply Committee presented bills amt to \$179.17; Insurance \$135.

Mrs. Parker, visitor for the month, reported the Asylum in order, nothing to complain of, recommended a supply of sheets. The same ladies continued on the committees for the ensuing quarter.

Donations rec'd during the month from Mrs. Caesar \$5, from friends of the orphans \$14.00.; one load lumber from Mr. T.S. Russell.

On motion of Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Miller was requested to make an appeal through the Daily Register to the public setting forth the wants of the Asylum and asking help. It was further moved that a committee of ladies be appointed to make collections. Mrs. Ketchum was appointed chairman of committee to make arrangements for a picnic. Adjourned. *A Oliver, Sec'y*

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## ☐ JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1873

A called meeting of the board of manages was held at Mrs. Wheeler's to receive the report from the committee on picnic. They reported arrangements completed, the entertainment to be on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at Frascati Park. On motion of Mrs. Wilson, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Ketchum and the committee for their lively interest manifested on behalf of the orphans. Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1873

The monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day. Present Mrs. Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Parker, Miss Dorman and Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of the June meeting read and approved. Treas reported amount of bills paid four hundred and two dollars, forty-five cents - \$402.45, leaving a balance of \$664.73. Mrs. Tuthill, Committee on Supplies presented bills amounting to \$147.80; Mrs. Wheeler, Children's Committee bills for \$5.65. Committee on Employees bills amounting to \$249.00.

Mrs. Wheeler reported the admission of four children; Horatio Lee, aged 9 years, Lillie Bagby, 4 years, Lottie Bagby, 19 months, Elizabeth P. Brown, 10 years. Morgan Wilson was taken out by his mother. Mrs. Powers was granted permission to take Mary McKinley out for the summer. All of which was approved.

Miss Dorman appointed visitor for the month.

Rec'd from Friends of the Orphans \$9.50; from Ladies of Franklin \$35.00; from Board of Director of Merchants Mutual Ins. Co. \$50.00. Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

The Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society met. Present Mrs. Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Shepherd, and Oliver. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Treas pro-tem reported a balance in the treasury of \$1664.73; Committee on Supplies presented bills amounting to \$128.82, approved; Committee on Employees reported bills for 449.00.

Mrs. Parker, Children's Committee a bill for \$6.94 and reported having given Charles Reese on trial to M. Morgan Carlton of Woods Bluff; also Mary and Charles Taylor to Mr. & Mrs. Dickens of Big Creek on trial with a view to adoption; Dr. Curtis applied for a child. It was left with Mrs. Parker to act as she thought best with regard to the application. Report rec'd.

The visitor not being present there was no regular report. Mrs. Parker had been a constant visitor during the month on Maggie Alexander and always found everything neat and orderly.

Receipts from Friends of the Orphans \$15.58. A donation from Mr. Perry of two boxes of soap. Mrs. Parker kindly consented to visit during September.

Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1873

The monthly meeting of the managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held. Present Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Dorman. The sec'y read the proceedings of the last meeting which were approved. Treas reported a balance in the treasury of \$1,495.47 which was rec. Mrs. Tuthill, Committee on Supplies, presented bills amounting to \$137.58; Committee on Employees bills for \$50.75; Committee for Children bills for \$12.52; all of which were approved.

Mrs. Parker also reported having given Mrs. Johnson permission to take her child for the summer. Received in the Asylum, Robert H. Spivey. Mrs. Parker, visitor, reported the Asylum in good order, remarkably neat and clean, particularly the kitchen; also reported eight with whopping cough. Mrs. Tuthill brought forward the subject of a further supply of wood. As

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Mr. Tuthill had been able to purchase a boatload on very reasonable terms, it was moved that Mr. Tuthill be requested to purchase a supply as he has opportunity.

Rec from Friends of the Children, \$7.00. A donation of one barrel of apples from Mr. Fulton. Mrs. Hellen appointed visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1873

The managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society met this day; present, Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Dorman. The minutes of the last meeting called for, read by the sec'y and approved. The Treas not being preset, the sec'y reported amount of bills paid Sept 1<sup>st</sup> \$200.85, leaving a balance of \$1,294.62. Mrs. Tuthill, Committee on Supplies, reported bills amounting to \$185.49; Committee on Employees bills for \$255.00; bills for repairs, \$17.80; a bill for the children, \$7.26, all of which were, on motion, approved.

Mrs. Parker, Children's Committee, reported having given Ms. Singleton permission to take her son from the Asylum for a few weeks. Mrs. Clark removed her daughter, feeling that she is now able to take care of her. Mrs. Butler removed her three children with the understanding that she would not return them to the Asylum. Mrs. Shelton took her daughter; she is able to provide for her for the present. Report received.

Mrs. Hellen, visitor, reported the house in order notwithstanding there had been considerable sickness among the children and Mrs. Ruggles' strength very much taxed in the care of them. Mrs. Hellen also reported the children improving in their studies and manners, their teacher exercising a very good influence over them. Miss Barkaloo, the teacher, asked for a vacation of two weeks which was granted; her salary continued. Mr. Ruggles was authorized to purchase more wood if he could get it on good terms. A list of wants which were handed to the different committees to be supplied.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Hellen consented to visit during October. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

Received a donation of 15 dollars from Mrs. Vanderbilt, five dollars collected by Mrs. Parker and seven donated by Dunklin, Duffie & Co. Oct. 7, 1873, *A Oliver*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1873

Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Dorman and Mrs. Oliver met at the Asylum, the President being absent on account of sickness in her family and there not being a quorum present, the regular meeting was not held. The bills, after being examined, were given to the treas to be paid. Amount of bills for Supplies and Children \$244.39; Employees \$83.50.

Donations from Mr. Ceasar \$50.00; from Friends of the Children \$10.00; collected by Miss Dorman \$3.00. Rec \$200.00 interest on Mr. Waring's note; also a donation of one barrel of apples from Mr. Fulton and two loads lumber from Mr. Rupell. *Ange Oliver, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1873

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society was held this day. The board of managers met at ten o'clock AM in the lecture room of the Gov St Presbyterian Church. Present Mrs. Walker, First Directress, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ceasar, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Oliver. The minutes of the preceding meeting read and on motion approved. Mrs. Ketchum reported a balance on hand \$772.72; on motion, received. Mrs. Tuthill, Supply Committee, reported amount of bills \$118.14; Committee on Employees presented bills to the amount of \$78.40; Committee on Children bills for \$49.29, all of which were approved. Mrs. Wheeler, Children's Committee, also reported the admission of three children of Mrs. Sprague who is unable to provide for them. Samuel, aged 13 years, James 9, Ida 7. Mrs. Shepherd, visitor, reported through Mrs. Walker the children well and the Asylum in order, all things satisfactory. There being no further business before the board, the meeting was called to order.

In addition to the managers present, there were present Mrs. Reid, Mrs. George, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Burgett. The sec'y annual report was read and approved with an amendment. Treas report for the year was read and approved. It now being in order the meeting proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the election of Mrs. Dr. Ketchum, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. R.

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Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress, Miss Virginia Dorman, Sec'y, Mrs. G.M. Parker, Treas. The following named ladies were appointed managers. From the *Episcopal Church*, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ceasar, Mrs. Hitchcock; *Presbyterian Church*, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lyon, and Mrs. Oliver; *Methodist Church*, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hopper; *Baptist Church*, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Boram, Mrs. Shepherd.

Committees: *Supplies*: Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Boram; *Children*: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ceasar; *Employees*: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Oliver; *Repairs*: Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Walker, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Parker.

Collectors: From the *Episcopal Church*, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Caesar; *Gov't Street Presbyterian Church*, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lyon; *Jackson St Presbyterian Church*, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. McGill; *Franklin St Methodist Church*, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hopper; *St. Francis St. Methodist Church*, Miss Dorman, Miss Hawkins; *Baptist Church*, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Boram.

Visitor for the month, Mrs. Parker

Mrs. Wilson offered the following resolution: that the Board of Managers unite in an earnest appeal to Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Tuthill that they will resume the entire charge and responsibility of our Christmas Collections and appoint such auxiliary committees as their experience and discretion suggest. The resolution was unanimously adopted. It was also moved that the annual report be published in the Daily Register three days, Sunday and Wednesday before Christmas and Christmas day. The Sec'y instructed to inform Mrs. Ruggles that the Board wishes her to provide a Christmas dinner for the children.

Subscriptions Rec'd: Mrs. Parker, \$3.00; Mrs. Wheeler, \$3.00; Mrs. Hopper \$3.00; Mrs. Reid \$3.00. Meeting adjourned.

### ☐ JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was no regular meeting of the board. The 1<sup>st</sup> Directress and a few other ladies were present, and arranged for the payment of bills and other wants of the institution informally.

Amount bills: \$454.75; Collections, \$77.00; balance on hand, \$153.20

### ☐ FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1874

The meeting of the board of managers of the Asylum opened with the usual exercises of reading the scriptures and prayer, Mrs. Ketchum presiding. The following ladies being present: Mrs. Wheeler, Morris Tuthill, Miller, Walker, Wilson, Oliver, Boram, Ceasar, Hopper and Miss Dorman. The minutes of December meeting were read and approved.

The following committees reported expenditures: Supply Committee \$190.27, Employees \$54.00, Children's \$7.29; Total \$251.66, all of which were approved.

Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman, Children's Committee, reported death of John Johnson Dec. 1873, age 6 years. Admitted Jan'y 1874 Francis Marion Santrell, age 7 years, put in by his mother; James Hogan, Jan'y 13<sup>th</sup>, 1874, an entire orphan, put in by Mrs. McKee, living near Cottage Hill.

Donations received, Mrs. Caldwell \$20, Friends of Children \$4.00, Miss Nellie Tarleton, basket of refreshments, D.G. Fulton, one barrel speckled apples.

Manager's fees received, Mrs. Wilson \$3.00, Miss Dorman, \$3.00. Mrs. Reid resignation as manager of the board was offered, but it's acceptance was declined. Secretary requested to notify her and urge a reconsideration of it. Mrs. Tuthill presented Mrs. Hitchcock's resignation for inability to attend, it was accepted and Mrs. Percy was proposed as manager from the Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Ceasar appointed to confer with her as to her acceptance. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Packer there was no visitor's report. Resolved that we deeply sympathize with our worthy Treasurer, Mrs. Parker, in her said bereavement, and that our secretary make known our feelings in a letter of condolence. Mrs. Wilson appointed visitor for the present month.

Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

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P.S. Christmas Collections \$118285; Balance on hand \$1084.49

## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1874

The meeting of the P.O. Asylum, the following members were present: Mrs. Ketchum, Morris, Wheeler, Tuthill, Oliver, Hellen, Wilson, Ceasar, Lyon, Boram, Shepherd, Hopper and Miss Dorman, Mrs. Ketchum presiding. Report of Sec'y received. Treasurer's Report read and approved. Committee on Supplies reported \$146.32; Employees, \$49.00; Total \$195.32, both of which were approved

Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman Children's Committee reported having admitted two children into the Asylum on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February; Emmanuel Crystal, age 4 years and Thos Crystal, age 2 years, put in by their mother. Given out on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Dr. Goode, Joseph Spaah on trial for one month. On the 28<sup>th</sup> Lizzie Brown taken out by her mother. Approved.

Mrs. Wilson, visitor for the month, reported the institution in good order, children well and kindly cared for by our superintendents. Suggests having some whitewashing done as a sanitary measure, also a replenishing of the children's wardrobe which spoke to empty our depleted treasury. The report was received and each suggestion acted upon and referred to their respective committee.

Donations received: Government St Presbyterian Church, \$116.25, Jackson St. Presbyterian Church \$43.50; Trinity Episcopal Church \$40.00; St. Francis St. Baptist \$35.00; Total \$234.75. Balance on hand \$1585.69.

Mrs. Oliver appointed visitor. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.  
*V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

Meeting of the board of the Asylum opened with the usual religious exercises. Ladies present Mrs. Ketchum, Wheeler, Parker, Wilson, Oliver, Shepherd, Hopper, Boram and Miss Dorman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported on hand \$1585.69. Report on Supplies \$152.26; Employees \$279.46; Children's \$95.84; Repairs – none. Total \$524.53; all of which were approved.

Chairman of Children's Committee reported Julia Hicks removed from Asylum by her mother March 4<sup>th</sup>; Thos Crystal taken out by his mother March 14<sup>th</sup>; Louisa Malissa Fly received into the Asylum April 2<sup>nd</sup>, put in by her mother who is rheumatic and unable to work; Monroe Gibson, age ten, put in by his sister April 7<sup>th</sup>

Donations: 13 hats for children from Mrs. Thierfort; Franklin St. Methodist Church \$32.50; Friends of Children \$5.00; Government St Church \$6.50; Trinity Church \$7.00.

Visitor's report very satisfactory; Mrs. Parker appointed visitor for the present month.

Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

The semi-annual meeting of the board of manages of the P.O. Asylum was held in the Presbyterian (Government St) Church, the following ladies present: Mrs. Ketchum, presiding, Mrs. Walker, Parker, Shepherd, Hopper and Miss Dorman.

The semi-annual report of the treasurer read and approved, showing a balance: Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> \$530.95; Amt receipts \$2208.37; Expended \$1467.46; Balance on hand \$1271.86



Trinity Episcopal Church, 1900  
Dauphin Street, Mobile. Est. 1845,  
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Secretary's report received. Report of Supply Committee \$139.82; Report of Employees Committee \$100.00; Report of Children's Committee \$16.46; Report of Repairs Committee \$20.00; Total \$276.28

Chairman Children's Committee reported Louisa Malissa Ivy and Monroe Gibson were received at the last meeting. Louis David, age seven, put in by his mother; Adelaide Victoria and Kate Lewis were received recommended by Mrs. Ketchum. Monroe Gibson taken out by his sister, having procured a situation for him in the country. A boy, Joseph Spaah whom Dr. Goode has had on trial was returned to the institution, it being decided not to give him out. A resolution was offered and adopted that a present of twenty-five dollars be made Miss Backalan as a testimonial of their appreciation of her services in instructing the children.

Received from Friends of Children \$6.50. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

The board of managers met at the Government St Presbyterian Church in compliance with the call of the president to consider the best means to replenish our depleted treasury, finding after the present month's bills were met we would have about \$400, with about eight months to provide for. After mature consideration, a picnic was agreed upon as being the most practicable and the 28<sup>th</sup> of May and Frascati determined upon as the time and place. The board submitted its management and direction to our worthy president.

Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1874

The regular meeting of the board of managers was held at the Asylum, the following ladies present: Mrs. Ketchum, Wheeler, Parker, Walker, Boram, Shepherd, Hopper and Miss Dorman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$880.08.

Report, Supply Committee – \$156.12; Employees \$69.65; Children's \$33.51; Insurance \$122.00.

Chairman, Children's Committee reported Mary Harris Sterling given out to Mrs. Charles Richards for indenture May 19<sup>th</sup>; Estelle Rafield taken out by her mother May 19<sup>th</sup>. Received Wm Reil, age seven, put in by his mother who is in extreme poverty.

Donations: Large basket crackers; one barrel bread and abundant supply of ham and cake from St. Francis St. Methodist-Picnic; cake for Orphan's picnic from Mrs. S.I. Jones and Wm. L. Baker; two loads refuse lumber from Mr. Thos Russell.

The following resolution was offered and carried: resolved that our sec'y tender to Capt. J.W. Whiting in a note our heartfelt thanks for the efficient services rendered at our picnic in behalf of the children under our care.

Mrs. Parker was appointed visitor for the ensuing month. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

At the monthly meeting of the board of managers of the P.O. Asylum, the ladies present were Mrs. Ketchum, Wilson, Hellen, Parker, Boram and Miss Dorman. Sec'y's report was received; treasurer reported a balance of \$1675.45.

Report from Employees \$61.00; Supplies \$225.11; Children \$71.34; Repairs \$0

Chairman of Children's Committee reported received into the Asylum William Reil, age seven, June 1<sup>st</sup>; Lily Elissa Lane, age two & a half years, June 30<sup>th</sup>; given out on trial to Mrs. Kirksey, Crawfordsville, Miss., Pete and Rosa Wheeler, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; Joseph

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Spaah taken out by his aunt, Mrs. Heith, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gave Miss Santrell permission to take her son, Frankie, out of the Asylum for his health, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Donations: Rec'd from Mr. Ceasar \$56.50; Friends of Children \$10.00; picnic \$5.50.

Mrs. Boram appointed visitor for the month. Meeting adj. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

The monthly meeting of the board was held at the Asylum, the following ladies were present. Mrs. Ketchum, Walker, Wilson, Parker, Oliver, Boram and Miss Doram. Secy's report received; Treasurer's report adopted.

Balance in treasury \$1325.41; Committee on Supplies expended \$120.24; Children's \$20.80; Repairs \$25.00; Employees \$256.00.

Chairman, Children's Committee reported having given Mrs. O'Brien permission to take out her son, Harry, July 10<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Robinson was given permission to place 3 children in the Asylum; Anna Louisa, age 7-1/2, Ambrose 5, Asa 3, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Received two children of Mrs. Farris – Annie age 8, John 6, July 15. Received two children of Mrs. Mosely – Martha, age 14 and Rebecca 4. Gave Mr. Mobley permission to take out his sister, Della Mobley, July 21<sup>st</sup>. July 22 admitted to Asylum two sons of Mrs. Erixson, Frank age 6 and Emile age 2-1/2. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> admitted a daughter of Mrs. Erixson, age 4-1/2, Rosa.

Donations received: Planters & Merchants Ins. Co. \$5.00; Duffee Dunklin Co. \$8.80; Mrs. Walker's annual subscription \$3.00; Mrs. J.L. Reid, 60 yards (*unreadable*) and 55 yards poplin – clothing for children. Mrs. Wilson appointed visitor for the month.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1874

The regular meeting of the managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum; the following ladies present: Mrs. Ketchum, Parker, Wilson, Miss Dorman.

Treasurer's report was received. Balance on hand \$1625.71; Report on Employees \$60.50; Report on Children's \$13.85; Report on Supplies \$210.87

Chairman of the Children's Committee reported. Gave Mrs. White permission to take Harris Sterling on trial, lives at Chunchula, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Gave Mrs. Hare permission to take her son, Boly Spivy out Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, she having married. August 18 gave Mrs. Sims permission to take her children, Charles Peterson and William George Peterson, recently married and able to maintain them. August 21<sup>st</sup> gave Mrs. Moody permission to take her children out. Aug 28 Mrs. Johnson took her son out temporarily, her physician advising a change on the coast.

Donations: balance of subscription from St. Francis Street Methodist Church \$5.00; Friends of Children \$8.00.

Visitor gave very satisfactory report of condition of the institution and its inmates. Mrs. Parker reported visitor for ensuing month. No other business, the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1874

The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers was held at the Asylum; the following ladies being present: Mrs. Walker, Parker, Wilson, Shepherd, Boram and Miss Dorman.

Secretary's report was received. Treasurer reported balance on hand \$153.49; Committee on Supplies reported expended the following amount: \$196.68; Committee on Employees \$276.00; Committee on Repairs \$27.50; Committee on Children \$10.93.

Visitor reported all in good health and Institution in good order. Donations from Mr. Fulton of apples; annual subscription, Mrs. Shepherd, \$3.00.

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Mrs. Parker appointed Visitor for the month. There being no other business the meeting adjourned. *V. W. Dorman, Secretary*

☐ **NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1874**

Meeting of the Board of managers opened with the usual religious exercises; ladies present Mrs. Ketchum, Parker, Wilson, Hopper, Boram, Miss Dorman. Sec'y's report was read and accepted. Reports from following committees were read and accepted:

Bills: Supplies - \$176.86; Employees - \$78.45, Children's - \$36.09. Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$245.00.

Chairman Children's Committee reported donations made of material for thirty comforts ad the making of them by the friends of the Institution.

☐ **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1874**

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers was held in the Government Street Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Ketchum presiding. Ladies present were Mrs. Parker, Wheeler, Miller, Hellen, Wilson, Walker, Shepherd, Boram, Reid, Hopper, Ceasar, Marshall and Miss Dorman. Secretary's report received, treasurer reported a balance of \$211.47.

Committee on *Supplies* reported:

Expended: \$158.79; *Children*: 29.10; *Repairs*: 18.04; *Employees*: 78.75. Total \$284.71. All of which were approved

Chairman of Children's Committee reported three children reported during the month. Visitor reported the Institution in good order and inmates well. Donation of four dollars. It was resolved that fifteen dollars be appropriated to provide a Christmas dinner for the children.

Mrs. Tuthill resignation was read to the society and its acceptance unanimously declined and Mrs. Wheeler affected the following resolution: Resolved that with regret we receive Mrs. Tuthill's resignation and beg that she reconsider it and remain an active member as we are not willing to be deprived of her valuable services. The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. S.J. Parker, First Directress: Mrs. Ketchum, Second Directress, Mrs. Knight, Secretary; Mrs. W.W. Dorman, Treasurer.

Board of Managers:

Presbyterian: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Lyons. Baptist: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shepherd. Methodist, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Wilson Mrs. Hopper. Episcopal: Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Ceasar

Standing Committees:

Supplies: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Ketchum

Employees: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Tuthill, Mrs. Lyon

Children: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Ceasar, Mrs. Boram

Repairs: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Knight

Collections in the various churches: Gov Street Presbyterian, Mrs. Morris & Jas Lyon; Jackson Street Presbyterian Church: Mrs. McGill and Tom Hamilton; Baptist Church, Mrs. Walker & Shepherd; Franklin Street Methodist: Mrs. Reid and Hopper; St. Francis Street Methodist: Miss Hawkins and Dorman.

The following members paid their annual fees: Mrs. Marshall, Reid, Hopper, Wilson, Parker.

Resolved that the secretary of the Society shall write to Mr. Geo a Tuthill expressing our appreciation of his services as chairman of Christmas Collections and that he be solicited to serve us again this year.

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Resolved that the annual report be published three times in the Daily Register, Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. On motion the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held today at the Asylum.

Present, Mrs. Parker, Wilson, Walker, Miller, Shepherd, Caesar, Hellen, Oliver, Knight and Miss Dorman.

After the usual devotional exercised, the meeting was opened for business by Mrs. Parker. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and received, after which were submitted the following reports, all of which were adopted.

(Balance on hand reported by Treasurer - \$49.55.)

*Committee on Supplies* reported expenditures for Dec. \$182.31; *Employees* - \$257; *Children's* \$84.30; *Repairs*, \$1.50. Total \$525.11

The Chairman of *Children's Committee* further reported the withdrawal of Mrs. Farris's two children, Annie and John; also the death of the little boy Henry Johnson. No children were admitted during the month.

The following donations were received in December: From Mrs. Caldwell, \$25; Mr. Tom Otis, 10 wagon loads of slabs; Mr. Austin, 1 Brl Oranges; Mrs. Geo G Duffie, 1 brl oranges; Messrs JC. Calhoun and Sons, 1 brl flour; Mr. McMillan, ½ brl apples, Mr. D.G. Fulton, 1 brl applies, Mr. Bromberg, Toys

Christmas Collections, \$1105.60

Ladies Subscriptions; Mrs. Hellen, Dorman and Knight \$9.00

Mr. Caesar as Visitor made a satisfactory report of the Institution and its inmates. Her report was received and Mrs. Oliver appointed Visitor for Jan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. *Martha C. Knight, Secretary*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1875

The Board of Managers held their regular meeting this day, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the P.O. Asylum.

Present: Mrs. Parker, Wheeler, Walker, Shepherd, Ketchum, Oliver, Boram and Knight.

After reading of Scripture and prayer, the meeting proceeded to business, Mrs. Parker presiding.

Secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer reported balance on hand \$625.09. Approved. Committee reported expenditures for Jan as follows: *Supplies*, \$154.86, *Employees*, \$54, *Children*, \$52.70. total \$261.56 (including Register's Bills \$3895).

Mrs. Wheeler reported: Admitted on 25<sup>th</sup> January, Laura, Joseph, Eliza and George Thomas Pond, children of Mr. Pond who promised to give something to their support. Their mother has been dead two years. These children have all been baptized into the Methodist Church.

Lee Brown was given out to Mrs. Thomas for Mrs. Rankin (who lives at Pollard) on trial for one month; for indenture if pleased.

Napoleon and Letitia Clegy were taken out by their mother.

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The above reports were all received. Mrs. Oliver's report as Visitor for the moth was received and satisfactory and she consented to serve again for the ensuing month.

Ladies' subscriptions: Mrs. Walker & Shepherd \$6; Collections of Mrs. Oliver and Parker from Gov. St. Church, \$87.50.

Donations: From Bromberg, 1 Steam Washer; Life Assoc of America, 1 Ham & price of spiced beef; Moore & Chappel, 1 box poultry; Mr. Lyman Doogan, 1 brl apples.

Business being concluded the meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1875

The regular monthly meeting of the Managers of the P.O. Asylum took place today; the following ladies being present: Mrs. Parker, Wheeler, Wilson, Miller, Caesar, Hopper, Oliver, Dorman and Knight. The meeting opened with reading of scriptures and prayer. The Secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer report balance on hand \$847.64. Report was received. Committee reported expenses incurred for the month of Feb as follows: *Supplies*: \$139.43; *Employees*, \$60, *Children*, \$21.94; *Repairs* \$89.51, Total \$310.88. All these reports were received.

Mr. Wheeler reported: Mr. Robinson withdrew her children on account of health. John Copeland aged four year, was admitted to the Asylum. Mrs. Oliver, as Visitor, reported all doing well in the Asylum. Her report was received.

Collections from Gov St. Church per Mrs. Oliver, \$9.75; Friends of Children \$6.

Meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Secretary.*

## ☐ MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 1875

A called meeting of the Managers of the Asylum was held at Mrs. Wheeler's today, to devise means for raising funds for the support of the orphans.

A Committee was appointed to decide upon the proper steps to be taken, said committee consisting of: Mrs. Miller, Wheeler, Ketchum and Parker. *Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The Board of Managers met this day at the P.O. Asylum. Present: Mrs. Parker, Ketchum, Shepherd, Hellen, Hopper, Caesar, Miller, Oliver, Wheeler, Dorman and knight.

The meeting opened with the usual devotional exercised, after which the secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer reported balance on hand \$654.31. Her report was received.

Committees reported expenditures for the month as follows: *Supplies*, \$159.19; *Children* \$13.55; *Repairs*, \$7.75; *Employees*, \$261.50. Total \$441.99. All these were received.

Mrs. Wheeler's report was received as follows.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> were admitted children of Mrs. Mary Ann Childs; Mary Ann Childs, aged 12 years; William Franklin Childs, aged 10 years; Geo Washing Childs, aged 6 years. Admitted also, Frank Davis, aged 4 years. Taken out very shortly after by his foster mother who claimed that the child's father had given him to her.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, gave out Susie Hawkins (on application of Mr. Last) to Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Fail, who lives 2-1/2 miles from Nord's Bluff Brigbee River, for six weeks on trial. Mr. Thomas applied for papers of indenture for Lee Brown who has been on trial with Mrs. Rankin for one month at Pollard. Granted. Mr. Strimple, who took out Samuel Sprags on trial, reported that he

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had left him on Friday last without any reason. He appeared to be very well satisfied until a short time previous. Mr. S is not willing to take him back unless he is satisfied. He is with his mother.

Collections: St. Francis St. Methodist Church, \$53; Franklin St. Methodist Church \$50; Jackson St. Presbyterian Church \$46; Gov't Street Presbyterian \$6.50. Donation from Mrs. Vanderbilt \$20. Members fee, Mrs. Tuthill, \$3. Donations: 2 sacks of cabbage from Mrs. George Moore.

Visitor's report which was favorable was received and meeting adjourned. *Martha C. Knight, Sec'y.*

## ☐ APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

A called meeting of the managers took place at Mrs. Wheeler's. The Committee previously appointed recommended an "Old Folks Concert" to take place as soon as practicable. The suggestion was adopted, the matter further discussed and meeting adjourned to confer again at the Mrs. Wheeler's April 16<sup>th</sup>. *M.C.K. Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

Managers met at Mrs. Wheeler's. Committee reported appropriate steps being taken. Adjourned. *M.C.K., Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1875

Board of Managers met at Mrs. Wheeler's; received report of Committee and adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Secretary*

## ☐ MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The Managers of the P.O.A.S. met today at Gov't St Presbyterian Church, this being their regular semi-annual meeting. Ladies present, Mrs. Parker, Wilson, Wheeler, Miller, Walker, Hopper, Oliver, Hellen, Shepherd, Morris, Caesar, Ketchum, Knight and Miss Dorman.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer reported balance of \$452.80. Report was received. Bills for April as follows, approved: Supplies, \$151.64; Children, \$11.45; Employees \$54, Insurance \$\$117; Total \$334.09.

Collections: St. Francis St. Methodist Church \$7. Donations: Cash \$60 from Mr. Caesar (reported in last annual statement), funds from First Ala Battalion.

Mrs. Hellen, as Visitor, reported all at the Asylum well and institution in prime order.

The Acting Committees were requested to serve for another term to which they consented. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. *Martha C. Knight, Secretary*

## ☐ JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1875

The Managers of the Asylum met this morning at the usual time and place. Present, Mrs. Parker, Wilson, Wheeler, Shepherd, Hellen, Walker, Hopper, Ketchum, Oliver, Morris, Knight and Miss Dorman.

After devotional exercises conducted by the First directress, the minutes of the last meeting were called for, read and approved.

Treasurer reported balance of \$323.73. Approved. Bills for past month approved: *Children, \$33.89; Supplies, \$168.10; Employees \$60; Repairs, \$20, Mr. Ruggles, \$100. Total \$381.99.*

Report of Mrs. Wheeler for *Children's Committee* was received;

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May 4<sup>th</sup> Admitted Henry Johnson, aged 8 years. Admitted Miranda Catherine Johnson, age 6 years; children of Mr. Johnson living at Cottage Hill. His wife is dead. He promises to assist in their support.

May 10<sup>th</sup> Admitted Winnie Williams, aged 6 mos; brought to the Asylum by Mrs. Moody on whose hands she was left by her mother.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Barker of St. Paul's Methodist Church applied for admission for John Smith whose mother is in the hospital in a dying state. The children in care of negroes. Admitted.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Arabella Hudgens, aged 8 years admitted.

May 20<sup>th</sup> Papers of indenture were granted for Lee Brown to Mr. & Mrs. Rankin of Pollard. Winnie Williams, aged 6 mos taken out for adoption by Mr. & Mrs. Allen of State Line, Miss.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Lily O'Meara taken out by Mrs. Wm. A. Dyar with reference to indenture.

Mrs. Hellen as Visitor reported some slight ailments among the children; otherwise things doing well as usual.

Miss Dorman reported the net proceeds of the Old Folks Concert to be \$1187.60.

Collections: Mrs. Shepherd from St. Francis St. Baptist Church \$26; Gov St Church \$2.50.

Donations: Lutheran picnic \$53; Friends of Children \$5; D.G. Fulton 2 brls sweet potatoes; Maj. Henry St. Paul 1 brl Irish potatoes.

Business concluded, the meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The monthly meeting of Managers was held today at the Asylum. Mrs. Ketchum presiding in the absence of Mrs. Parker. Present, Mrs. Ketchum, Oliver, Walker, Hellen, Hopper, Dorman and Knight.

Secretary's report called for an approved. Treasurer's report received; balance on hand of \$1215.84.

Bills for the month approved: *Employees: \$186.75; Supplies, \$148.25; Children, \$32.64. Total \$367.64.*

The report of the *Children's Committee* was heard and received as follows:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: admitted: Edward Ford aged 3 years, his mother having gone out to service.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: admitted Tunie Harris, aged 7 years and Florence Harris, aged 4 years, their mother sick & unable to take care of them. Re-admitted Winnie Williams. Admitted Wm Henry Stephens, aged 7, put in by Mrs. D. Rogar who adopted him in 1869. She is now out of employment but will take him out as soon as she is able and will in the meantime do something for his support. She does not wish him put out to anyone else.

June 19<sup>th</sup>: admitted two children of Mrs. Susan Lee, Robert E Lee, aged 10 years; Horatio Lee, aged 8 years.

Papers of adoption for Peter and Rosa Wheeler were sent to Mrs. Kirksey. Papers of adoption for Susie Hawkins sent to Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Fail, Nord's Bluff, Bigbee River. Mrs. Judson's children were taken out by their mother, as her husband had made his appearance. Mr. Lewis sent for his children.

Donations from Mr. Thos. Russell, 1 load refuse lumber; from Mr. I. Donovan through Messrs Harrell & Co., 10 boxes peaches.

The Visitor for the month reported favorably and the meeting adjourned. *M. C. Knight, Sec'y.*

## ☐ AUG 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1875

The Board of Managers met this day at the Asylum. Present, Mrs. Ketchum, Walker, Hellen, Dorman and Knight, Mrs. Ketchum presiding.

After devotional exercises conducted by Miss Dorman, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

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The Treasurer's report was received, balance of \$848.20. Expenditures for July reported as follows and approved: *Supplies*, \$240.99; *Children*, \$6.50; *Employees*, \$73. Total \$320.49.

Further report of *Children's Committee* received from Miss Dorman:

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Ed. Ford taken out by his mother.

July 17<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Waldrum taken out by her sister. Ida & Jimmy Sprague taken out by mother.

Donations: From Mr. Isaac Donovan and Messrs Harwell & Co., 11 boxes peaches.

Visitor reported favorably and meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The Managers of the Asylum met this day as usual for the transaction of monthly business. Present: Mrs. Wilson, Hopper, Hellen, Shepherd, Dorman and Knight, Miss Dorman presiding in the absence of the First & the Second Directress.

After reading and prayer, the minutes of last meeting were called for, heard and approved.

The Treasurer reported balance of \$528.21, approved. Expenses incurred during August reported and approved as follows: *Supplies*, \$137.02; *Employees*, \$58.50, Total \$195.52.

Report of *Children's Committee* received. Admitted Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Louis Goddard, a boy aged 10 yrs. Taken out by Mrs. Bettis for indenture, Eliza Pond. Mrs. Walker as Visitor reported, through Mrs. Shepherd, the Asylum and its inmates in excellent order as normal. Report received.

Donations: Planters & Merchants Ins. Co., \$50; Watermelons from Mr. Perryman; Loan of cow from Mrs. Murphy.

Meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCT 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The regular monthly meeting of Managers occurred today at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Ketchum, Walker, Shepherd, Dorman & Knight, Mrs. Ketchum presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Dorman.

Secretary's report read and adopted. Treasurer's report received, balance in hand \$387.69. Committee reported expenditures for Sept: *Supplies* \$185.47; *Employees* \$257, Total \$442.47. These bills were approved.

Admitted to the Asylum:

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, James Marion Flagg, aged 10 years; Wm. Hanson Flagg, aged 8 years.

Admitted also, temporarily, Walter Railey, aged 5 years, Percy Railey aged 3 years.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Henry Golott, aged 7 years

Donations: Friends of Children, \$5.

Visitor's report received. Mrs. Hellen appointed Visitor for Oct and meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOV 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1875

The monthly meeting of Managers was held today at the Asylum. Present: Mrs. Parker, Wheeler, Wilson, Hopper, Shepherd, Dorman, Hellen, Miller & Knight.

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Mrs. Parker opened the meeting with reading of Scripture and prayer. The secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer's report received. Balance \$29.58. Expenses for past month approved as stated: *Supplies*, \$81.87; *Children's* \$72.10; *Employees* \$64.50. Total \$218.47.

Report of *Children's Committee* received.

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Pond taken out on trial by J.H. Vincent of Marengo Co.

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>: Dora Ethridge taken out on trial by Mrs. Banta of Mobile.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Harvey Hicks sent home to his mother for insubordinate conduct.

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>: Anna Childs given out on trial to Mrs. Watson on Spring Hill Road.

Mrs. Hellen as Visitor made a favorable report. Mrs. Wilson was appointed to visit during the ensuing month. On motion, the meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y*

### ☐ DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1875

The Annual Meeting of the Prot. O.A. Society took place in the Gov't St. Presbyterian Church. Ladies present: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hopper, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Knight.

The Managers first proceeded to the transaction of the regular monthly business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report received. Balance in bank \$.55. Bills for the past month were examined and approved as follows: *Supplies*, \$272.33; *Children*, \$104.35; *Employees* \$72. Total \$448.68.

Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman of Children's Committee, made her report, which was approved.

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: Admitted Eliza Una Doss, aged 7 years; Alice Eula Doss, aged 4 years, put in by Mr. N.M. Doss who has promised to assist in their support and who hoped to take them out before long. Oscar Hicks was taken out by his mother.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dora Ethridge was returned to the Asylum. Wm Henry Stephenson taken out by his adopted mother, Mrs. D Rozar.

It was voted that the Treasurer, Miss Dorman, be authorized to borrow of L. P. Miller & Co. a sum of money sufficient to meet the expenses of the present date.

An appropriation of \$15 was made to provide the orphans with a suitable Christmas dinner and monthly meeting adjourned.

The Society now proceeded to the business of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual report of secretary was received and ordered to be published three times in the Mobile Register, viz. on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec.

The election of Officers and Managers next took place, resulting on ballot as follows:

Miss V.W. Dorman, First Directress; Mrs. S.J. Parker, Second Directress; Mrs. D. Ketchum, Secretary; Mrs. J.S. Knight, Treasurer. Board of Managers: Presbyterian, Mrs. James Crawford, Mrs. Ann Wheeler, Mrs. James Lyon; Methodist: Mrs. S. Hellen, Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Mrs. Hugh Hopper; Baptist: Mrs. L.P. Miller, Mrs. S.D. Walker, Mrs. H. Shepherd; Episcopal, Mrs. H. Carson, Mrs. P. Lockwood, Mrs. B. Smith.

Collections in various churches: Presbyterian: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. McGill and Mrs. L. Hamilton. Baptist: Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Mary West. Episcopal: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lockwood. St. Francis St. Methodist: Miss Dorman, and Miss Hawkins. Franklin St. Methodist: Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Reid.

Standing Committees for the year: *Supplies*: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Caesar. *Employees*: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Smith. *Children*: Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lockwood. *Repairs*: Miss Dorman, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Knight.

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Messrs Dan Wheeler and H. Carsair were requested to appoint sub-committees and superintend the usual Christmas Collections.

The following ladies paid their annual fees as members of the Society: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ketchum, Miss Dorman.

Business being concluded the meeting adjourned. *Martha C. Knight, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

At a meeting of P.O.A. Society held this day at the Asylum, Miss Dorman presided. Managers present were Mrs. Parker, Morris, Walker, Lyon, Wilson, Miller, Wheeler and Knight. Report of Treasurer read and received.

Report of Secretary read and approved. Expenditures for Dec were as follows: *Employees, \$273; Supplies, \$171.77; Children, \$4.53.* Total \$443.30.

Mrs. Wheeler, Chairman of *Childrens Committee* reported:

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Re-admitted Gordon & William Crystal.

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Taken out by their father, Walter and Percy Raily

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>: Mary H. Bruin, taken out by Mrs. D. Webster to go to Mrs. DuBois, Greensboro, Hale County, for one month on trial. If both parties are satisfied she will be indentured.

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>: Gave permit to Mr. Williams for Mary McKinley to go to Mr. W.A. Seawell, King's Landing, on trial for one month. If both parties are satisfied she will be adopted.

Donations: S.I.S \$50; Mrs. Carey S. Reuben, \$25, Palmetto Street S School \$16.30. Ladies subscriptions: Mrs. Hopper, Wilson, Ketchum, Parker, Dorman and Knight, \$18. Other donations: Mrs. Webb one cake; Mr. Matzenger, box candy; Mrs. George Tarleton, apples & candy; Moore & Chappell, dressed chicken; Mrs. Sackhoff, one box of firecrackers; B. Natalie, oranges & apples; Mr. Austin, 75 oranges; Mrs. McMillan, bsh potatoes, meats; Mrs. Watson, candy and sack of cabbage.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned. *M.C. Knight, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held this day at the Asylum, Mrs. Dorman presiding. Present, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Caesar, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Wilson. Report of secretary read and received.

The chairman of the *Children's Committee* reported the three Etheridge children given out and admitted two Johnson children.

Expenditures for February are as follows: Employees, \$67; Children, \$6.17; Repairs, \$10; Supplies \$150.24. Total \$233.41.

*R.J. Smith, Secy*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

A called meeting of the P.O.A.S. was this day held for the purpose of making arrangements to meet the expenses of the Society. Resolutions were passed that a concert should be given, the proceeds of which should be appropriated for the above named object.

The committee appointed to manage the concert, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. G.A. Ketchum, Mrs. J. Lyon. Resolved that the above committee shall be empowered to call any assistance that they may deem necessary. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

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Mrs. Wheeler's Report:

Feb. 10: Admitted Charles Franklin Marsh, aged 10 years. Admitted Mary Agnes Marsh, aged 8 years; Admitted James Mulford Marsh, aged 5 years; their mother unable to support them. She is living at Toulminville, reference Mrs. Hunter.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: Robert Spivey, age 6 years, blind from the effects of smallpox, put in by his mother who wishes to go out to service. Robinson Harris, aged 12 years, was put in by Mrs. Rollins, deserted by his mother. Did not remain; he ran away. Mrs. Johnson took out her two children. Anne Harris given to Mrs. Moses on trial for one month.

## ☐ MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1876

Admitted William Raefield, aged 9 years, his mother out at service.

1<sup>ST</sup>:

Given out: gave a permit to Mrs. Nettles living at Block Bend, Lower Peachtree, the P.O.A. to take Florence Harris on trial for one month. Reference Mr. James, office of Mr. Shields & Col, also Mr. Hill, Hargrove, Little & Co.

2<sup>ND</sup>:

William Johnson taken out by Mr. Peterson on trial for one month with reference to indenture to go to Morton, Scott County, Mississippi. Reference Mrs. Wm. Sayer.

3<sup>RD</sup>:

Mary McKinley taken out for one month for indenture by Mrs. G.H. Murphy. Reference Mrs. Ruggles, lives in the city. Anne Pond taken out by Mrs. Stokes for one month for indenture. She lives in Baldwin County near Howard's wharf. Received a letter from Mr. D.P. Bonn testifying that Joseph Pond is well-pleased with his home at Mrs. Vincent's, and waiting the paper for indenture.

Members present at this day's meeting; Mrs. T.P Miller, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Caesar, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. James Lyon, Mrs. G.H. Ketchum, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Hopper.

Supplies, \$92.83; Shoes \$17.75, Employees \$57. Total. \$167.58. Money received from St. Francis St Methodist Church \$70; Franklin St Methodist Church \$85; Jackson St Pres Church \$60.50; Gov St Pres Church \$7; Friends of Children \$1; Total \$223.50 Managers fees \$6 which is added on - \$229.50.

*R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S. was this day held. Ladies present, Mrs. V. Dorman, presiding, Mrs. A. Wheeler, Mrs. L.M. Wilson; Mrs. G.S. Ketchum, Morris, Miller, Shepherd, Hopper, Smith.

Mrs. Wheeler's report, Chairman *Childrens Committee*:

Amy Childs returned by Mrs. Watson; she behaved so badly they could not keep her. Anne Harris returned by Mrs. Moses. Received a letter from Mrs. Pettis saying that William Johnson had run away and was taken up by Dr. Clay for safekeeping. Have written with regard to him. Rosa Cleyton taken out by her mother, having married and able to support her. Mrs. Johnson took out her son, Joseph. The papers of indenture of Joseph Pond to Mrs. T.H. Vincent of Gay's Landing were sent. Henry Johnson, 7 years, given out to D. Campbell for one month for trial with reference to adoption. Letter received from Mrs. Heckson with regard to Corrine Mobley.

Donation: potatoes & cabbage from Mr. Rickaby, twice during the month.

Supplies, \$143.55; Caster's drug bill for 3 months \$20.15; employees \$261.25. Total \$424.95.

Money received: Old Folks concert, \$1050.80; Commodore Vanderbilt \$100; Friends of Children \$10; St. Francis St. Methodist Church \$5; Gov Street Presbyterian Church \$2; Mrs. V. Smith, \$3. Total \$1170.80

Visitor reports all things neat and in order; some whitewashing is needed. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

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## ☐ MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1876

The semi-annual meeting of the P.O.A.S. was this day held at the Gov Street Presbyterian Church. Members present, Mrs. Dorman, presiding, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. James Lyon, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Walker, and Hellen.

Mrs. Wheeler's report, Chairman *Children's Committee*:

Remitted to the Asylum in consequence of their mother's illness, Julian and Ellie Johnson. Mary McKinley returned by Mrs. Murphy. Mary Ann Childs, George Washington Childs, William Franklin Childs are all returned in answer to their mother's wishes. Anne Harris was taken out on trial for one month to go to Mr. G.W. Mayo, Belle's Landing, Monroe County, for indenture if both parties are suited. She will be within a few miles of her sister so she will be adopted by Dr. Nettles. Received letter from Dr. Nettles; wishes to adopt Florence Harris. Also one from Mr. Skipper testifying to her willingness to remain.

Visitor Committee reports everything in order.

Employees: \$57; Supplies: \$121.54; Children's: \$13.34; Douglass bill: \$9.94; Repairs \$2.75; Total \$204.57.

Monies received: Friends of Children, \$6;

Committee appointed to get up a picnic for the benefit of the Asylum, Mrs. G.A. Ketchum, Mrs. James Lyon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hopper. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S was this day held. Ladies present Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hopper, and Miss. Dorman presiding.

Supplies \$129.51; Employees \$64.17; children 20.79; Total \$214.47

Monies received: Friends of Children, \$5.50; Gov St Presbyterian Church \$2; St. Francis St. Methodist \$1, Total \$8.50

Mrs. Wheeler's Report, Ch. *Children's Committee*:

Taken out of the Asylum, Alice and Eliza Doss by Asa Roberts. Taken out by their mother, the two Johnson children.

Committee for getting up concert to be continued. Visitor reports all things in order. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held this day; ladies present, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Walker, Miss Dorman presiding.

Supplies: \$94.77; Employees: \$249; Children \$1.90. Total \$345.67. Add to Supplies \$11.97. Total \$357.64

Friends of the Children \$5; St. Francis St. Baptist Church \$8; Mrs. T.P. Miller \$3. Total \$16

Mrs. Wheeler's report, Chairman *Childrens Committee*

No children have been admitted or given out during the month.

Mrs. Allen made application for Minnie Williams to adopt. The ladies will recollect that she had her once; will leave it to them to decide. I referred her to the Board and suppose she will apply. I waited only a month before sending the papers of adoption for Florence Harris to Dr. Nettles, hoping to hear from her mother but do not think she will make any trouble about either of her children. Mr. George Mayo of Belle's Landing, Monroe County, Alabama, has Annie (Harris) and wishes to keep

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her. I have written to him to send a certificate from someone outside of this family of Annie's satisfaction with the situation, and letters have been received with regard to the adoption of Henry Johnson by D. Campbell and indenture of Willie Johnson by Mr. Pettis will have to be acted on by the Board. Papers of indenture of Anne Pond to Mr. G.E. Stokes and wife have been made out and sent.

There have been no bills during the month. Visitor reports all things are neat and in order. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of P.O.A.S. was held this day. Ladies present, Miss V. Dorman presiding, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. L M Wilson.

Supplies, \$114.96; Employees, \$49; Undertaker's bill, \$12; Wood \$27. Total \$202.96.

Monies received, St. Francis St. Methodist Church \$1.50.

Report, Chairman *Childrens Committee*:

Frank Santelle taken out on trial for one month by Mr. C.S. Prine of Lower Peachtree, Alabama River. Sent papers of indenture of Willie Johnson to Mr. Horatio O. Petters of Morton, Scott County, Miss. Little Minnie Williams died 19<sup>th</sup> of July 1876, aged 19 months.

*R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S. was this day held. Ladies present, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Walker, Miss Dorman presiding.

Repairs - \$17.35; Children - \$17.28; Employees, \$65.75; Supplies, \$139.44; Total \$240.12.

Visitor's report: all things in neatness & order.

Monies received: proceeds of Black Diamond Ent. \$419.35; Friends of Children \$5.00; From Mr. Differ \$25.00; Total \$449.25. Received of Maj Toomer 6 bushels potatoes; from Mr. Stokes one barrel fish & crabs; Mr. Otis 24 cords of wood slabs.

Report Chairman *Childrens Committee*: Admitted two children, William and James Rieves put in by their mother. Bella Hudgen taken out by her mother.

*R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of P.O.A.S. was this day held. Ladies present, Miss Dorman presiding, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hopper.

Employees \$250.50; Supplies \$150.23; Repairs \$57.10; Children \$67.66. Total \$525.49.

Visitors report – all things in good order. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

The monthly meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held. Ladies present Mrs. Parker, Wilson, Caesar, Morris, Lyon, Walker, Miss Dorman presiding.

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Supplies \$139.36; Children \$49.02; Employees \$53.25; Repairs \$16.30. Total \$257.93

Managers Fees, \$26, Strikers Subscription \$50; Childrens donations from Palmetto St Baptist Sunday School \$15; Mrs. Watson's donation \$15; Donation from Miss Quigley's School \$10; Donation from T.D.S. Society \$25; Balance from Mrs. Walker \$1.40; Total \$142.40.

Visitors report – all things in order and the children well.

Resolved that the children to be taken out except on account of sickness.

*R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

### ☐ DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1876

The annual meeting of the P.O.A.S. was held this day. Ladies present Miss Dorman presiding; Mrs. Parker, Wilson, Morris, Lyon, Ketchum, Hopper, Walker, Caesar, Wheeler, Hellen.

Supplies \$142.29; Employees \$53.25; Children \$35.20; Repairs \$6.10. Total \$237.84.

Monies received: Friends of Children \$7.10.

Committee for *Children*: no children received last month. Two indenture papers made out and sent; one adoption paper made out and sent.

Visitors report: all things in order.

Officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Walker, First Directress; Miss V. Dorman, Second Directress; Mrs. James Lyon, Secretary, Mrs. Geo A. Ketchum, Treasurer.

Collectors in various churches: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Barnes, Baptist Church; Mrs. Robert Tarleton & Mrs. B. Smith for Episcopal Church; Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Henson, Presbyterian Church; Miss Dorman and Miss Hawkins, Methodist Church.

Standing Committees: Children: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Caesar, Mrs. Robertson. Employees: Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Mrs. Hellen, Mrs. Murry, Mrs. B. Smith. Repairs: Mrs. Walker, Miss Dorman, Supplies: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Tarleton, Mrs. Wilson.

Visitor for the month, Mrs. L.M. Wilson. *R.J. Smith, Sec'y*

### ☐ JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

A monthly meeting of the P.O. Asylum was held this day at the Asylum, Mrs. Walker presiding. Present, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. West & Mrs. Lyon.

Report of the treasurer read and approved. Secretary's report read and received. Expenditures for the month as follows: Employees \$65.75; Children \$64.30; Repairs \$5.00; Supplies \$94.88. Total \$229.93.

Donations: Capt Owen Finnigan, 4 cords of wood; A.C. Dauer & Co., 1 ton of coal; Cribbs & Vedman 1 barrel of oranges.

Reported no children taken in and three deaths during the month.

Mrs. Parker appointed Visitor for the month. *Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

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## ☐ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

The meeting of the Board of Managers of the Asylum opened with the usual exercises of reading the Scriptures and prayer, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. The following ladies being present: Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Caesar, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Parker, Miss Dorman and Mrs. Lyon.

Reported one child died, two discharged, four admitted. Ellen Boutti put in by her grandmother, Mrs. Goette. Ida L, Sam B and Minnie T. Carpenter put in by Mrs. Duffie.

Balance on hand \$9.75; donation from a friend \$10. Expenditures for the month as follows: Employees, \$62; Supplies \$128.85; Childrens fund \$22.48. Total \$213.33

Moved and approve that the following resolution be placed after the minutes and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Ruggles: The ladies comprising the Board of Managers desire to tender Mrs. Ruggles their deep and earnest sympathy in the melancholy bereavement which she has sustained and to express their profound regret at the loss of her husband, whose faithful and conscientious devotion to the interests of this Institution entitle him to the grateful remembrance and sincere appreciation of the Board. *Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1877

The regular meeting of the Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum, the following ladies present: Mrs. Walker, Ketchum, Wilson, Smith, Murray, Hopper, Gleason, Lyon.

Balance on hand \$776.03. Expenditures for the month as follows: Employees \$162; Supplies \$126.76; Childrens Fund \$18.85; Repairs \$8.27. Collections from the Presbyterian Church \$113.50; from the St. Francis St. Baptist \$26; from the St. Francis St. Methodist \$51.50.

The Chairman of the Childrens Committee reported two Davis children re-admitted and Ida Carpenter taken out. *Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

The monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held this day at the Asylum, present Mrs. Walker, Ketchum, Wilson, Smith, Hopper, Morris, Caesar, Lyon.

Cash on hand: Collections from Presbyterian Church \$1.00; form Franklin St. Church \$30.00; from Friends of Children \$5.00.

The Chairman of the *Childrens Committee* reported Julia A. Johnson, Eli W Johnson and Willie Stevenson admitted. Laure & Willie Thompson admitted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Withdrawn James Reeves, taken out by his aunt. Peter Davis taken out by his mother.

*Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum met this day; present, Mrs. Walker, Ketchum, Wilson, Smith, Caesar, Lyon and Miss Dorman. Minutes of the last meeting called for, read and approved. Treasurer's report presented, read and approved. Balance on hand \$1,758.34.

Expenditures as follows: Supplies \$145.10; Children Fund \$11.33; Employees \$133; Repairs \$7.00.

Collections from Franklin St. Church \$5.00; from St. Francis St. Church \$3.25.

Donations: From Mrs. Foster, clothing for girls; County Asylum, potatoes.

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Mrs. Caesar visited for the month, reported everything in perfect order. Chairman of Childrens Committee reported no children admitted last month. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary Marsh taken out by her mother, Julia and Eli Johnson taken out by their mother.

*Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1877

Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum held their meeting; members present Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Robertson, Parker, Ketchum, Dorman.

Expended: Employees \$107.50; Supplies \$122.63; Children \$26.65; Repairs \$52.30. Total \$300.08.

Rec'd five dollars from the St. Francis Street Methodist Church.

Admitted Martha J. Lott, George Lott. Withdrawn, Laura Thompson, Willie Thompson, Charles F. Marsh and James M. Marsh. Visitors report satisfactory. Mrs. Wilson Visitor next month.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

Monthly meeting of managers of Protestant Orphans Asylum. Ladies present, Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Robinson, Hopper and Dorman.

Expended: Supplies \$134.61; Employees \$49.50; Repairs \$1.50. Total \$185.61.

Visitors report satisfactory. Mrs. Walker Visitor next month.

## ☐ OCTOBER 1877

No monthly meeting held in October on account of rain. The Treasurer sent in a report of \$1292.05 expenses for the month. Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y

## ☐ NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum held their meeting; members present, Mrs. Walker, Ketchum, Smith, Wilson, Tarleton, Dumont & Lyon.

Treasurer reported on hand \$485.12. Expended: Supplies \$118.74; Employees \$49; Children \$41.39. Total \$209.13. Received \$11.00 from Friends of Children.

Children admitted, Ann Summer, Solomon Cox, Martin Cox; withdrawn Willie & Mary Bryant, Charles F. and James M. Marsh, James Fugg and Henry Goelett. William Fugg left the Asylum. Returned A. Bryant to the Asylum for the Blind. Willie was taken out by his mother.

Donation from Mrs. R.W. George, ten cords of wood.

Mrs. Robert Tarleton Visitor for this month. *Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1877

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum took place in the Government Presbyterian Church this day. Ladies present, Mrs. Walker, Smith, Tarleton, Ketchum, Wheeler, Robertson, Dumont and Lyon. The managers proceeded to the

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transaction of the regular monthly business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report received. Bills for the past month were examined and approved as follows:

Supplies, \$109.57 Children, \$2.15; Employees \$70.00; Repairs, \$2.50; Total \$184.22

Mrs. Parker, Chairman of *Childrens Committee*, made her report and was approved. After due consideration the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Hereafter, eight children, four girls and four boys, from eight to twelve years of age shall be kept in the Asylum to assist in doing the work of the Institution.

The Society now proceeded to the business of the Annual meeting. The annual report of Secretary was received and ordered to be published in the Mobile Register. The election of officers & managers next took place as follows: Mrs. Ketchum, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Miss Dorman, Secretary; Mrs. Wheeler, Treasurer. Board of Managers: Presbyterian-Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ledyard, Mrs. Lyon; Methodist-Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Reid; Baptist-Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Moore Mrs. Lawler; Episcopal-Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tarleton, Miss Carr.

Collectors in various churches: Presbyterian, Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Hinson; Baptist, Miss West, Miss Thames; St. Francis St. Methodist Church, Miss Hodges and Miss Hawkins; Franklin St Methodist Church, Mrs. Hopper, and Mrs. Reid.

Standing Committees for the year: Supplies, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Tarleton, Mrs. Robertson; Employees-Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Reid; Children-Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hopper, Miss Carr; Repairs-The officers.

The business of the year being completed the meeting adjourned. *Mary H. Lyon, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Asylum, the first Directress, Mrs. Ketchum, presiding. Members present, Mrs. Wheeler, Parker, Walker, Lyon, Robinson, Hopper, Reid, Ledyard and Mrs. Dorman. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and received. Treasurer reported a balance of \$90.60. Committee on Supplies reported expended: Supplies, \$118.12; Employees \$97.00; Children, \$66.82; Repairs \$7.50; Printing \$14.27; Total \$303.71.

Chairman of *Childrens Committee* reported 6 children admitted and none withdrawn.

Donations: Mr. Thos Russell, 1 load refuse lumber; Mr. Marsina Parker, 1 barrel flour, 1 lb coffee; Mr. Thad Partridge, 1 barrel oranges; Mr. Hespian, oranges; Mr. McMillan, sack potatoes; Capt. Daumer, 4 cords oak wood; Mr. Fred Hall, 1 ton coal. Also, from the Strikers, \$50.00; from the T.G.Society, \$25.00; from Mrs. Vanderbilt, \$50.00; Palmetto St. Bapt Church S School, \$15.10; from Mrs. Robinson, Walker, Reid, Wheeler and Dunlap, \$15.00; Ladies subscriptions last month \$18.00; Friends of Children \$2.00.

Mrs. Lawler declined to act as manager whereupon Mr. Bush was proposed as manager from the Baptist Church.

Visitor reported all things in good order. Mrs. Ledyard was requested to visit this month. There being no other business the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

Meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Asylum; Mrs. Ketchum, first Directress, presiding. Members present, Mrs. Wheeler, Walker, Lyon, Hopper, Reid, Robinson, Ledyard, Bush, Smith, Tarleton and Miss Dorman.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$390.48. Expended: Supplies, \$134.39; Employees \$78.10; Repairs \$4.70; Children \$120.

Money received: Mrs. Hopper & Bush, \$600; Friends of Children \$200. Total \$800.

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Chairman, *Childrens Committee*, reported James Reil, 5 years, admitted; Lewis Singleton given out to Mrs. Odom, Bells Ldg. The Society determined to buy a new stove as the old one was worn out; the secretary appointed to make the purchase. Also, some additional repairs which the Matron was directed to have done.

Visitor reported all things in good order. Mrs. Hopper appointed Visitor for the month. There being no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

### ☐ APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1878

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held; members present, Mrs. Ketchum, Wheeler, Parker, Walker Lyon, Hopper, Smith, Reed, Robison, Bush, Ledyard, Moore and Mrs. Dorman. Reports of secretary and treasurer were read and received. Committee on supplies reported; expenditures for the month as follows: Employees: \$183.50; repairs, \$22.85; Children, \$10.30, Total \$359.65. Insurance \$18.00.

Chairman, *Children's Committee* reported children of Mrs. Phillips taken out by her. Catherine Kitchen taken out on trial.

Donations received: St Francis St. Baptist Church, \$35.25; Franklin St. Methodist Church, \$31.50; Jackson St. Church, \$19.00; Government St. Church, \$5.50, Friends of Children, \$5.00, Total \$96.25.

The Visitor reported children well and Institution in good order.

Ascertaining from the report of the treasurer that the balance on hand was insufficient to sustain the Institution through the remainder of the year, the subject of raising funds was considered and a committee appointed to devise ways and means for raising necessary funds. The following persons constituted the committee: Mrs. Ketchum, Lyon, Bush and Miss Dorman and Mrs. Whiting.

Mrs. Hopper appointed Visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

### ☐ MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The Annual Meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held at the Government Street Presbyterian Church. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Ketchum, Walker, Robinson, Smith, Hopper, Reid, Bush, Tarleton, Lyon, Ledyard. Secretary being absent there was no report. Treasurer reported a balance of \$838.32.

Expenditures for the month as follows: Supplies, \$111.89, Employees, \$55.50; Repairs, \$37.66; Children, \$24.59; Total \$229.69.

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported no children admitted during the moth of April for Chas Folson was admitted May 1<sup>st</sup> from Whistler. Chas Kitchen has left the Institution and has not returned. Papers of adoption were filed and forwarded to Dr. L. E. Nettles, Lower Peachtree for Laura Carpenter. Papers of adoption were also made for Ida Carpenter for D.E. Alexander, Opelika. Papers of Indenture were sent to Mrs. R.J. Adams, Belle Isle for Lonis Singleton.

Donations received: St. Francis St. Methodist Church, \$50.25; Government St. Presbyterian Church, \$5.00; Friends of Children, \$7.00; Mr. Thos Russell, 1 load refuse lumber; Mrs. Wm. Otis, 20 loads slab wood; Presbyterian ladies, one large cake.

Committee reported that they deemed it best to have a picnic at Frascati on the 18<sup>th</sup> at which time there will be a play by the children – "Cinderella".

Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman*

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## ☐ JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum Society was held; Mrs. Walker presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Parker, Wilson, Hopper, Reed, Morris and Miss Dorman. Treasurer and Secretary reports read and received. Expenditures for the month as follows:

*Supplies \$139.74; Employees \$75.00; Repairs, \$6.00; Children, \$48.40, Total \$269.14.*

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported Chas Polson admitted, placed in by Mrs. Mitchell form Whistler. Anna Pond taken out on trial with view of apprenticeship by Mr. R. Mathews of Marengo Co.

Donations: Capt Whiting Chairman Committee, Picnic Matinee, reported the sum of \$1007.95, the net proceeds of the two entertainments. Rec'd from the children of the different churches the sum of \$52.20, the proceeds of a fair held at Mrs. S. Abernathy's. From the Saint Francis St. M.E. Church, \$2.00; Capt. Whiting ½ barrel flour; Dr. Mohr 2 bushels potatoes.

Resolved that we highly appreciate and are truly grateful to Capt. J.W. Whiting for the valuable fence he rendered in raising so large a sum for our Institution and request that the same be expressed to him by our Secretary; also the children who voluntarily contributed the amount raised at their fair.

Resolved that as the teachers think that a musical instrument will add much interest to the Sabbath School we are willing to appropriate the donations of the children for the purchase of an organ. Mrs. Reid and Miss Dorman are appointed by the Chair as a committee to select and purchase one.

The Visitor's report was satisfactory. Mrs. Reid was appointed Visitor for the month. Meeting adjourned.  
*V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1878

The regular meeting of the Society was held at the Asylum, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Morris, Smith, Hopper, Reid, Ledyard and Miss Dorman.

Treasurer reported balance on hand \$1362.94. Expenditures for the month: Supplies, \$83.58, Employees, \$155, Children, \$7.00. Total \$245.58.

Children admitted, Geo and Nancy Adams, placed in by their mother who is sick and at the hospital.

Mrs. Reid, the Visitor, reported all well and in good condition. Donation of 5 boxes peaches from C.R. Harrell and O.C. Donovan. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum; ladies present Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Hopper, Reid, Miss Dorman. Treasurer being absent there was no report. Mrs. Reid acting Treasurer pro tem. Secretary's report read and approved. Balance on hand \$1958.65. Expenditures for the month as follows: Supplies, \$129.33; Employees, \$76.75, Children, \$34.65. Total \$240.73.

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported having received a letter from L.E. Nettles inquiring what should be done with Laura Carpenter, a child which he had adopted, having lost his wife. Sec'y was requested to secure her a home through him, as he states he can get her a good home in his neighborhood.

Visitor reported Institution in good order and children well. Donation of \$3 from Friends of Children. Miss Dorman reported as Visitor for ensuing month. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

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## ☐ SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The monthly meeting was held at the Asylum. Ladies present, Mrs. Walker, Ketchum, Reid, Wilson, Hopper and Miss Dorman. Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and received.

Supplies: \$94.86; Employees \$45; Repair \$2.85; Organ \$55; Children \$33.50. Total \$231.21.

Mrs. Adams now sick in the hospital placed two children in the Asylum in the month of June. She now desires to give a written statement placing the children under the entire control of the Managers. Secretary was requested to attend to the matter.

Visitor reported children in usual health and Institution in good order. Meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1878

The regular meeting of the Protestant orphans Asylum Society was held. Ladies present, Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Hopper & Reid. Treasurer and Secretary being absent there was no report.

Expenditures for the month as follows: Supplies, \$82; Employees \$171; Children \$1.20; Repairs \$2.25. Total \$256.97. Donations: three loads refuse lumber.

Children admitted, Jennie Wilson, ten years and John Wilson, seven and a half. Put in by Mrs. Crane, three children of Mrs. Brown temporarily.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1878

The regular monthly meeting was held. Secretary & Treasurer reports read and approved. Cash on hand, \$425.25. Expenditures for the month as follows: Supplies \$115.84; Employees, \$53.50; Children \$50.23; Repairs \$1.55; Total \$221.12.

Visitor reported Institution in good order. On motion meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1878

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held in the Government St Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Ketchum presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Morris, Wilson, Walker, Reed Hopper, Marshall and Miss Dorman.

Secretary's report received. Treasurer reported \$204.13 in the treasury. Committee reported following expenditures for the month: Supplies \$116.25; Employees \$73.30; Children \$65.56; Repairs \$64.56; Wood \$70; Total \$326.67.

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported six children received during the month: Ella Farland, age 4, Christopher C Farland, age 3, Emma Findley, age 11, Lee Pharis, age 8, Fanny Richardson, age 4, Rhoda Richardson, age 6. Visitor reported the Institution in good order and inmates well. The Matron was instructed to give the children a Christmas dinner, allowing her \$15 for said purpose. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Wheeler, First Directress; Mrs. Ketchum, Second Directress; Mrs. Curtis Bush, Secretary; and Mrs. Dorman, Treasurer. Board Managers: Presbyterian, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Ledyard, Mrs. Marshall; Baptist, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Bussey; Methodist, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hopper, Miss Dorman; Episcopal, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Manning.

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Standing Committees: Supplies, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Overbee, Mrs. Byrium; Employees, Mrs. Walker, Miss Dorman, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Ketchum; Children, Mrs. Reid, Mr. Woodick, Mrs. West, Mrs. Fook; Repairs, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wilson.

Collections in the various churches: Government St Presbyterian, Mrs. Morris & Hinson; Jackson St Presbyterian Church, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Mrs. McGill; Franklin St Methodist Church, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. Hopper; St. Francis St. Methodist Church, Mrs. F. Hodges, Mrs. J. Malone; St. Francis St. Baptist Church, Mrs. Thames and Miss West.

Following members paid their annual fees: Mrs. Wilson \$3.00, Mrs. Ketchum \$3.00, Mrs. Walker \$3.00, Mrs. Marshall \$3.00, Mrs. Reid \$3.00, Mr. Hopper \$3.00.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned. *V.W Dorman, Sec'y*

## ☐ JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

The monthly meeting of the Board of managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Walker, Wilson, Hopper, Reid, Marshall and Miss Dorman. Secretary's report was read and received. Treasurer reports balance on hand \$814.46. Committees reported the following expenditures for the month: Supplies, \$153.70; Employees \$158; Children \$10.90; Repairs \$525; Total \$327.80.

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported that Mrs. Johnson's children taken out by their mother. Also Mary McKinley by her mother.

Donations: Mrs. Commodore Vanderbilt \$50; T.D.S. Society \$25; Palmetto Sabbath School \$10; Manager's Fees \$32 through Dr. Burgett. Also box crackers from Mr. Marshall; Mrs. Nabb one large cake; Mr. Thad Partridge one barrel oranges; Mr. J.B. Calef 1 barrel apples; one cake unknown; two cakes, pound butter and apples from Presbyterian Mission School; Box crackers from Mr. Sackhoff.

The Society wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Jno H. Marshall for their kind consideration of the children in furnishing so agreeable an entertainment for them at their home on Christmas night. The Visitor reported the Institution in order and children in usual health.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y pro tem*

## ☐ FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Ketchum, Morris, Wilson, Smith, Hopper, Reid, Misses Carr and Dorman. Treasurer and Secretary reports read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$602.61.

Committee reported following expenses for the month: *Supplies* \$14.12; *Employees* \$82.50; *Children* \$26.75; *Repairs* \$12.40; Total \$235.77.

Chairman *Childrens Committee* reported Mary McKinley, age 12, and Bettie Davis, age 6, admitted. Thomas, Mary and John Batchelor put in by their mother. Alexander Sergent, age 8, Fred Sergent, 5, Annie Sergent, age 3, admitted.

Donations from Mr. S.E. Stokes, Mr. Calef, from Mrs. Chappell and Mr. S. Richards, box raisin. Mrs. B. Smith's annual fee \$3.00; Friends of Children \$5.00; Lady in Boston \$2.00. Mrs. Wilson moved that a note of thanks be given Mrs. Jane Lloyd for furnishing trimming and trimming hats for children.

Visitor's report satisfactory. Mrs. Wilson appointed Visitor for the ensuing month. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Sec'y pro tem.*

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## ☐ MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

The meeting of the Board of Managers of the P.O. Asylum was held, Mrs. Wheeler in the chair. Following members present, Mrs. Wilson, Morris, Reid, Hopper and Miss Dorman. Sec'y being absent Miss Dorman continued to act. Minutes of last meeting were received. Treasurer reported \$37.94 on hand. Following committees reported expenditures for the month: Supplies \$72.59; Employees \$57.50; Children \$11.90; Total \$141.99.

Chairman *Children's Committee* reported Luler and Mary McDonald admitted. An application was made for Minnie Carpenter for adoption which the Board declined accepting. Visitor reported Institution in excellent order, children well and giving evidence of fine progress in their studies. The report very satisfactory.

Mrs. Wilson was authorized to buy a cow. Miss Dorman to negotiate for a sewing machine. Donations: Government St. Church \$68.85; St. Francis St. Baptist Church \$33.25; Orphans Friends \$5; Mr. Fitzgerald donated 18 slates; Mr. Geo A Arnold gave a very liberal deduction on hats.

Mrs. Hopper was appointed Visitor for the month. There being no other business the meeting adjourned. *V.W. Dorman, Acting Sec'y*

## ☐ APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1879

At the regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphans Asylum held this day, Mrs. Wheeler in the chair, present were Mrs. Marshall, Hopper, Reid, Morris Ketchum, Walker, Lyons, Wilson and Miss Kerr.

Secretary's report read and approved. Treas. Report read and received. *Comm on Supplies* reported an expenditure of \$107.14; *Com on Children* reported as expended only druggist's bill \$37.45 an bill for sewing machine \$13.

Admitted during this month, Fannie Massey Riley and Harry Gordon Riley, twins of James Riley. Mother died soon after their birth. Two children, Jennie and John Wilson, were taken out by their mother.

Comm on Employees reported an expenditure of \$184.50; Repairs \$280.

Visitor reported everything about the institution in good order and working satisfactorily. Mrs. Lyons appointed Visitor for the ensuing month. Received from collectors of St. Francis St. Baptist Church \$2.00.

## ☐ MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held this day in the Government St. Church, Mrs. Wheeler presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Smith, Misses Dorman and Thames.

Report of Sec'y read and received; report of Treas read and received. Expenditures for the month: *Supplies*, \$114.49; *Employees* \$68.00; *Children* \$39.46; To Printing \$20.25; Purchase of cow \$40; Com on Repairs \$5.

Mrs. Gilchrist was permitted to withdraw her son, George, from the Asylum. Application was made for the adoption of George and Nancy Adams. Mrs. Reid was requested to confer with Mrs. Ruggles as to the propriety of retaining the nurse for the twins. Willie Reid left the Asylum without permission. Visitor's report very favorable. Mrs. Smith appointed Visitor for the month of May.

The Board of Managers of the P.O. Asylum take pleasure in acknowledging the proceeds of the Sleeping Beauty. Gross receipts \$1835.05; Net receipts \$1266.49.

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Expended:	To Mr. T.C. DeLeon, theatre rent	\$175.00
	To Daily Register	\$54.65
	To Mobile News	\$10.50
	To Jno Cothran, Printing Tickets	\$8.75
	To Mr. Gass	\$15.15
	To Young & Bros Gas Fixtures, Wire, etc	\$57.30
	To Mr. D. Heller, colored fires	\$16.00
	To Labor & stage attendants	\$65.80
	To Music --	\$65.00
	To Scenery	\$100.41

The Board of Managers are under reserved obligations to Capt. Whiting, Col. Hughes and Mr. Werborn for services rendered, as chairmen of committees; also to those who served on their committees. Special thanks are due Mr. Henry Gass for his untiring zeal in perfecting the dance, which was a prominent feature of the entertainment. And to all who, by their participation, rendered the "Sleeping Beauty" a success financially and a pleasure long to be remembered.

## ☐ JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1879

Cash on hand to date \$1860.71.

The regular monthly meeting held this day. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Wheeler. Ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hopper Mrs. Morris, Miss Dorman, Miss Thames. Sec'y and Treas reports read and approved. Mrs. Hopper, Ch. Comm on Supplies reports \$97.33, Employees \$148; Children \$25.60.

Collections as follows: Jackson Street Presbyterian Church \$30.90; St. Francis St. Methodist Church \$55; From Friends of the Children \$4.00.

Mrs. Reid, Ch of Childrens Comm was instructed by the Board to recall Ida Carpenter. Reasons given: the adoption papers have not been signed and also because of bad treatment to the child.

Visitor reported 25 children sick with whopping cough. The kitchen (*unreadable*) out of order.

Donations received at the Asylum: from F.W. Miller, fish; Capt. Frank Stone, 1 cord of wood; Mr. L. Ervin, beans & potatoes; Mrs. Percyman, milk.

## ☐ JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1879

The monthly meeting of the Board was held; ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Dorman, Miss Thames. Devotional exercises by Mrs. Wheeler, after which, Sec'y report read and received. Treas report read and received.

Cash in the treasury, \$2843.77.

Chairman of *Childrens Comm* report: a communication from Mrs. Herdman of Opelika was read by Mrs. Reid, Ch Childrens Committee, Mrs. H refusing to give back Ida and protesting that the child was well treated and seemed quite happy. But as the Board had information to the contrary, Mrs. Wilson suggested that Mrs. Reid should demand Ida.

Admitted during the month, none. Withdrawn, McDonald (2), Lula Piechowski, Zilpha Ostrom, Lydia Ostrom. Removed by death, Harry Gordon Riley.

Expended during month: Comm on Supplies \$112.24; Employees \$166.20; Children \$15.75.

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Mrs. Wilson appointed visitor. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum and Miss Dorman were appointed a Committee of three to select and present to Mr. G.F. Werborn a suitable testament for his services at the "Sleeping Beauty".

## ☐ AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

An informal meeting held this morning; ladies present, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Smith, Miss Dorman, Miss Thames. Sec & Treas reports received.

Cash on hand \$2609.58.

Cash received: from Friends of Children \$2.50; from Miss Thames annual fee \$3.00;

Expenses: Childrens Comm \$74.68; Repairs \$43.95; Employees \$85; Supplies \$101.37.

Children admitted: Willie L. Woobine, Felix L. Woobine, Lillian Harrison. Children withdrawn: Ella Barelli, sent on trial for adoption; Minnie Carpenter to Mrs. Scenter. Removal by death: , Fanny Massey Riley.

Visitor reported everything in order.

## ☐ SEPTEMBER, 1879

Regular monthly meeting held as usual at 11 o'clock; ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Dorman.

Sec'y being absent, no minutes of former meeting. No special business on hand.

Cash on hand to date \$2304.58.

Expended: Supplies, \$112.50; Employees \$55.50; Children \$16.40.

Mrs. Robertson Visitor for ensuing month.

## ☐ OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1879

Cash in Treasury: \$2120.18

The regular monthly meeting held at the Protestant Orphans Asylum; ladies present, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Ketchum, Misses Dorman and Thames.

Report of Sec'y read and approved; report of Treasurer read and approved. Report of Chairman of Childrens Committee as follows: Admitted, Bruno Mizell, age 14 yrs; Reuben Mizell 7 years, Melinda Allen, age 7 years, Mary C. Allen, 6 years. Withdrawn: Lillian Harrison & Lewis Piechowski, A Farlos, C.C. Farlos, Mary C Allen, Melinda Allen, Reuben Mizell.

Letters were read b Mrs. Reid from Mr. & Mrs. Scenter with regard to Minnie Carpenter whom they have adopted. These letters were very satisfactory and the ladies are gratified that they have secured as good a home for the child.

The adoption papers were amended by striking out the word "lawful", "legitimate", "by birth".

Comm on *Supplies*: \$100.11; *Employees* \$181.50; *Children* \$3.75; Total \$285.36. Cash rec'd from Friend of Children \$2.00.

Visitor's report received. Mrs. Ketchum, Visitor for November.

Donations rec'd, 1 bushel sweet potatoes from Mrs. L. Harrison.

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### ☐ NOVEMBER, 1879

Secretary absent

### ☐ DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1879

This day the regular meeting of the board of Managers of the Protestant Orphans Asylum was held, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler presiding. Ladies present, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Ms. James Lyon, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. G.A. Ketchum, Mrs. B. Smith, Miss Dorman, Miss M. Thames.

For the ensuing year the officers of the Board of Managers were elected: Mrs. L. M. Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> Directress; Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Directress; Miss M. Thames, Treasurer; Mrs. B. Smith, Secretary

Mrs. Walker, Committee for Employees; Mrs. Reid, Committee for Children; Mrs. Robertson, Committee for Supplies; Mrs. L.M. Wilson, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Daniel Wheeler, Miss Thames, Committee for Repairs

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(Below is a copy of the original minutes from the March 6, 1866 meeting, showing the discovery of information that led to this transcription process.)

The monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Asylum  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> Present Mrs. Tuttle, Chairman, Battle, Kitchin, Miller,  
 Morris, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Post, Chair, Puffer, Walker, Wheeler, Battle  
 & Francis. Gustav's account & Anna's report read & read.  
 Mrs. Kitchin, as Chairman of Supplies, reported an expense of  
 \$699.41 the amount being made this way by a purchase,  
 in very unusual times, of sufficient pork for the entire  
 summer report read.  
 Mrs. Puffer on employees reported \$40.00 expended, and  
 Children's Committee, through Mrs. Morris, admitted during the  
 month seven children four of Mrs. Fowler and three of  
 Mrs. Mason gave Mrs. Gladys permission to take John and  
 Nancy Mitchell on trial for one month, also gave Mrs. Walker  
 permission to retain Louisa Roney, on trial, for some length of  
 time orders were given Mr. Snow for Ellen Crossley and Mrs.  
 Dickinson for Ellen Poland. Expenses of this committee were \$79.00  
 report read.  
 Mrs. Tuttle Chairman of repairs reported \$42.00 expended, and  
 Mrs. Wheeler as visitor found the children in good health  
 but the house not so clean or orderly as would be desired  
 same attributed entirely to want of sufficient help.  
 Report of Superintendent was as follows, read during the month  
 Exp. to Board \$58.00, to House \$25.00, to Post 684.00, to Corn meal 280.00  
 Lard 46.00, to Acid Fruit, 115.00, to Mackinac, & 1/2 lbs. potatoes.  
 Mrs. Tuttle & Mrs. Miller the special committee of repairs declined

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES OR BUILDINGS OF INTEREST



Mobile History Museum had its origins in The Franklin Society, location of the first meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum Society, Dec. 2, **1839**. See: <http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/face/Article.jsp?id=h-3047>.



First Baptist Church of Mobile at current location, 806 Government Street was established in **1835**. 'Baptist Church' in this document are possible references to this church.



Christ Church Cathedral, located at 115 S. Conception Street in Mobile was established in **1823** as the first Episcopal congregation in Mobile and the first in the State of Alabama. The cornerstone of this building was laid in **1838**. 'Episcopal Church' in this POAS document are possible references to this church.



Government Street United Methodist Church, 901 Gov't Street in Mobile was founded in **1826**. The present structure was erected in **1890**. 'Methodist Church' in POAS document are possible references to this church.