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*To the Governor and General Assembly of the State of Vermont :*

GENTLEMEN—Although by act of our incorporation, approved Nov. 24, A. D. 1884, we were not required to make any report to you, or made in any other manner accountable to you, or to any other person or persons for the fulfilment of the trust reposed in us, yet we deemed it our duty in 1888 (having received from the State an appropriation of ten thousand dollars voted Nov. 25, 1884, and an additional sum of ten thousand dollars appropriated Nov. 11, 1886), to make a report to the then incoming Legislature, and to ask of the State such legislation as would thereafter make us accountable to them, which legislation was accorded, and we therefore now make our first report under the law and our second report in fact.

For the purpose of giving you a clear conception of our discharge of our trust since its first inception, we beg your indulgence to repeat a portion of our history detailed in our former report.

“Very soon after the organization of our board we invited, through the public press, contributions and offers for the establishment of a Home by individuals or towns. We received propositions from several towns, among which were Randolph, Barre, St. Johnsbury and Newport, and also from the incorporators of the Trenor W. Park Home for Destitute Children and Women, incorporated by act of Nov. 23, 1882. The committee of our number especially chosen for the purpose visited most of the various points to ascertain which was the most valuable to us and to the State. They decided (and the whole Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed their decision) that the offer made by the Park Home was the most advantageous. There were not at our command sufficient funds to erect buildings or purchase lands, and at the same time provide for the maintenance of any inmates of the Home. The property offered us by the Park Home consisted of a beautiful country residence and grounds, situated about one-third of a mile northwest of the depot at Bennington. This property was originally purchased and improved by the late S. B. Hunt, a wealthy resident of New York City, for a country seat, at a cost to him nearly aggregating \$100,000, the fountain (the highest in the world) and aqueduct costing nearly \$20,000. Upon this property was a two-story country mansion capable of fairly and comfortably accommodating twenty soldiers. The Home lands comprise one hundred and ninety-eight and one-half acres; sixty-seven acres of which, as we now use them, are pasture and woodland; sixty-five acres are meadow; about fifteen given to corn and other vegetables, and the remainder, lawn



and groves, or covered by buildings and yards. This whole property was offered to the Trustees without price or consideration whatever, and as a gift to be used for a Soldiers' Home so long as it should be employed and used for such purpose.

By the acts incorporating the Park Home the heirs of T. W. Park and the board of the Park Home could not absolutely alienate said property. This caused some delay in the conveyance of the property, but finally a conveyance was made giving the use of the property free to the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home so long as it should be used for that purpose, and providing that whenever it shall cease to be used for such purpose the Legislature of the State of Vermont at its then next session may cause any and all betterments and permanent improvements placed upon the said property at the expense of the said grantees (the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home) by the use of moneys donated by the State of Vermont, or otherwise obtained, to be appraised by a commission of three disinterested citizens of this State, to be appointed by a chancellor on application of State Treasurer; and the value of such betterments and improvements, as the same shall then exist and be ascertained as aforesaid, shall be paid to the State of Vermont by said grantors (the Park Home); and in case said Legislature shall procure such appraisal and said grantors shall neglect or refuse to make such payment for a period of three months after the appraisal is made and notice thereof given to them, then the conveyance shall take effect and become absolute as a conveyance to the State of Vermont, its successors and assigns forever, to have and to hold the said premises and property, for such benevolent, charitable or educational uses as the Legislature may direct. It was further provided that the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home might at any time at their discretion absolutely dispose of one parcel of seventeen acres and one parcel of four acres of said property.

The Trustees accepted of said gift of the Home, and in addition thereto received of G. W. Harman, treasurer of Park Home, February 5, 1887, \$498.98, an additional voluntary gift from the Park Home of balance of income accrued from said Home. Although the conveyance of the property was made to us in the early part of 1887, yet the house having been unoccupied for some time and the plumbing arrangements needing considerable changes and repairs, the Home was not formally opened until May 1, 1887, and no inmates were received until May 18, 1887. The whole number admitted to the Home to Aug. 1, 1888, was 50, of which five deceased and nine were discharged for various causes. In 1888, finding the original building inadequate for our necessities we erected a wing to the original house one hundred feet and eight inches in length and thirty-two feet in width, two stories high, with third floor constructed with dormer windows. In this wing are the kitchen, dining halls and smoking room; in the second floor are the clothing room, sewing room, sleeping rooms and small hospital with four beds, and the third floor is entirely occupied by sleeping rooms. In the whole building, as now constructed, we can comfortably accommodate 85 men, but as can readily be seen our hospital accommodations are wholly inadequate to our needs, and as

time progresses the requirements for hospital accommodations constantly increase.

The whole number of inmates who have received the benefits of the Home up to date is 111.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THEIR NAMES, COMPANY AND REGIMENT AND DATE OF ADMISSION.

NUMBER.	NAME.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	ADMITTED.	RECORD.
1	Wood, Geo. E....	E	2d Vt.....	May 18, 1887	On furlough.
2	Marr, Hobart E....	F	13th Vt....	May 24, 1887	Discharged May 3, 1888.
3	Chase, Geo. E....	F	3d Vt.....	May 24, 1887	Discharged Oct. 1890.
4	Whitney, I. B....	A	4th Vt.....	May 25, 1887	
5	Mattison, Wm. C..	C	2d Vt.....	May 25, 1887	
6	Porter, Isaac.....	F	4th Vt.....	May 26, 1887	Discharged Mar. 31, '90.
7	Colby, John.....	H	4th Vt.....	May 27, 1887	
8	Derby, Chester....	A	7th Vt.....	June 9, 1887	
9	Murphy, Patrick }	....	1st Vt. Bty	June 22, 1887	{ Disch'd Aug. 30, '87; received pension of \$10, with arrearages \$1,585.
10	Depar, Wm.....	....	1st Vt. Cav	June 23, 1887	
11	Chapleau, Alph....	C	2d Vt.....	July 18, 1887	
12	O'Brien, Thos....	M	1st Vt. Cav	July 31, 1887	
13	Demar, Joseph....	E	5th Vt.....	July 20, 1887	Discharged Jan. 1, 1890.
14	Beeman, Lewis....	I	6th Vt.....	Aug. 16, 1887	Died June 24, 1890.
15	McCue, Wm. R. }	C	4th Vt.....	Aug. 26, 1887	{ Disch'd Mar. 30; received pension, \$10, with arrearages \$1,230.
16	Haley, Josiah.....	A	14th Vt....	Aug. 30, 1887	
17	Davis, Joseph R....	G	16th Vt....	Aug. 30, 1887	Died Dec. 27, 1888.
18	Woods, Daniel R..	C	10th Vt....	Oct. 5, 1887	Discharged Mch. 10, '90.
19	Hovey, Ryan.....	B	15th Vt....	Oct. 18, 1887	
20	Gay, Proctor R....	B	9th N. H..	Oct. 26, 1887	Discharged Mch. 15, '88.
21	Tulley, M. G.....	I	3d Ill. Cav.	Oct. 31, 1887	Lost by R. R. accident.
22	Dummer, E. R....	C	7th Vt.....	Oct. 31, 1887	
23	Carl, William.....	G	1st Vt. Cav	Nov. 1, 1887	Discharged Mch. 1, 1890.
24	Walter, Chas. N....	K	15th Vt....	Nov. 8, 1887	On furlough.
25	Plant, Frank.....	C	3d Vt.....	Nov. 16, 1887	Discharged Dec. 1888.
26	Turner, Charles...	G	12th Vt....	Nov. 11, 1887	Discharged May 25, '88.
27	Albee, Wm. A....	A	8th Vt....	Nov. 30, 1887	Discharged Mch., 1888.
28	Butler, Wm. C....	F	1st Vt. Cav	Nov. 30, 1887	
29	Hurley, Thomas...	C	169th N. Y.	Dec. 15, 1887	
30	Farwell, Philo B..	E	5th Vt.....	Dec. 30, 1887	Died July 31, 1888.
31	Marsh, Lewis L. }	B B H	1st Vt..... 12th Vt.... 11th Vt....	Dec. 6, 1887	On furlough.
32	Silloway, Seth B..	....	1st Vt. By.	Jan. 3, 1888	Discharged.
33	Fox, John B.....	A	2d Vt.....	Jan. 5, 1888	
34	Eddy, John P....	I	1st Vt. Cav	Jan. 17, 1888	Discharged.
35	Harrington, L. P..	D	12th Vt....	Jan. 31, 1888	
36	Norton, C. L.....	F	6th Vt.....	Feb. 15, 1888	Died Feb. 25, 1888.
37	Cary, Ira.....	A	4th Vt.....	Feb. 16, 1888	
38	Dillon, William...	E	15th Vt....	Feb. 17, 1888	Died Aug. 6, 1888.
39	Kusic, Richard....	A	8th Vt.....	Mch. 10, 1888	Died June 28, 1889.
40	Merrill, Samuel...	D	11th Vt....	Mch. 16, 1888	
41	Aldrich, Henry...	I	4th Vt.....	Apr. 3, 1888	
42	Smith, Benj. F....	I	10th Vt....	Apr. 3, 1888	
43	Andross, Noble...	D	8th Vt.....	Apr. 18, 1888	Discharged Mch. 10, '90.
44	Green, Andrew...	A	5th Vt.....	Apr. 26, 1888	On furlough.
45	Wells, John C....	G	2d Vt.....	Apr. 9, 1888	Discharged May 25, '88.
46	Newman, Thos....	E	1st Vt. Inf.	Apr. 13, 1888	
47	Donaldson, M....	D	7th Vt.....	Apr. 1, 1888	



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NUMBER.	NAME.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	ADMITTED.	RECORD.
48	Clough, H. E.....	I	3d Vt.....	June 7, 1888	
49	Harten, James.....	I	3d Vt.....	June 10, 1888	Died August 3, 1888.
50	Kennedy, P. C.....	I	10th Vt.....	June 1, 1888	Discharged Aug. 10, '88.
51	Sprague, Henry....	K	14th Vt.....	Aug. 15, 1888	Discharged Mar. 10, '90.
52	Dimick, Geo.....	B	12th Vt.....	Sept. 19, 1888	Died Nov. 13, 1889.
53	Parker, Joseph....	A	7th Vt.....	Sept. 19, 1888	Dismissed June 11, '89.
54	Carroll, Peter.....	C	5th Vt.....	Oct. 6, 1888	
55	Bolton, John.....		2d Vt. Bat.	Sept. 10, 1888	
56	Bard, Oscar.....	D	1st Vt. Cav	Jan. 2, 1889	
57	Trendell, Wm. ....	M	1st Vt. Cav	Jan. 2, 1889	
58	Grover, Luther....	K	2d Vt.....	Jan. 8, 1889	Discharged Mar. 10, '90.
59	Cain, John.....	A	13th Vt.....	Jan. 8, 1889	
60	Smith, Geo. H.....	K	3d Vt.....	Jan. 11, 1889	
61	Gibson, Wm. O....	K	4th Vt.....	Jan. 31, 1889	
62	Bush, Chas.....	C	9th Vt.....	Feb. 4, 1889	On furlough.
63	Crosby, Hugh H....	I	4th Vt.....	Feb. 4, 1889	Discharged Apr. 4, 1889.
64	Peppin, Joseph....	F	9th Vt.....	Feb. 10, 1889	
65	Sculley, B. M.....	G	1st Vt. Cav	Feb. 10, 1889	
66	Moore, Thos. O....	H	16th Vt.....	Feb. 10, 1889	On furlough.
67	Belrose, Joseph....	K	6th Vt.....	Mch. 1, 1889	
68	Phair, Henry.....		1st Vt. Bat	Apr. 1, 1889	
69	Jenkins, Amos H..	F	2d Vt.....	Apr. 11, 1889	
70	Doyle, Frank....	and M	1st Vt. Cav	June 6, 1889	
71	Gordon, Wm. J....	H	7th Vt.....	June 6, 1889	
72	Miner, Asahel....	I	9th Vt.....	June 25, 1889	Died Aug. 17, 1889.
73	Chapman, B. G....	B	1st Vt. Cav	June 26, 1889	
74	Robinson, Jos.....	D	6th Vt.....	July 8, 1889	Taken to Insane Asylum Brattleboro, Apr. 16, '90.
75	Berry, John.....	C	3d N. Y....	Aug. 10, 1889	
76	Turner, E. C.....	B	3d Vt.....	Aug. 27, 1889	Died Nov. 3, 1889.
77	Clifford, John....	K	11th Vt.....	Sept. 12, 1889	
78	Root, Alex.....	D	17th U.S.I.	Sept. 12, 1889	Discharged Apr. 26, '90.
79	Sullivan, James..	and E	2d Vt.....	Sept. 16, 1889	
80	Smith, Geo. H.....	B	69th N. Y..	Sept. 2, 1889	Discharged Nov. 7, 1889.
81	Staples, Francis..	E	8th Vt.....	Sept. 24, 1889	Dismissed Nov. 1, 1889.
82	Potter, Hiram....	F	5th Vt.....	Sept. 22, 1889	Discharged Dec. 11, 1889.
83	McMullen, John..	B	17th Vt.....	Sept. 23, 1889	
84	Bishop, Jeremiah.	D	3d Vt.....	Oct. 9, 1889	Died Nov. 2, 1889.
85	Mann, Albert.....	D	4th Vt.....	Oct. 28, 1889	
86	Barnard, F. G....	C	16th Vt. & 3d Bat....	Nov. 4, 1889	
87	Bailey, Walter....	C	1st Vt. Cav	Nov. 20, 1889	
88	Bard, Oscar L....	D	1st Vt. Cav	Nov. 22, 1889	Re-admitted.
89	Connor, Wm.....	and E	12th Vt....	Nov. 29, 1889	
90	Carrier, DeWitt..	and K	7th Vt.....		
91	Bridges, Wm.....	E	3d Wis.....	Dec. 13, 1889	
92	Graham, M.....	I	125th N. Y.	Dec. 13, 1889	
93	Walker, Almore..	A	15th Vt....	Dec. 26, 1889	
94	Pond, Wm. H.....	H	17th Vt....	Jan. 10, 1890	
95	Chaplin, Moses..	E	6th Vt.....	Jan. 17, 1890	
			1st Cav....	Jan. 17, 1890	
			Mex'n war,	Jan. 23, 1890	Discharged March, 1890.
			9th U.S. I.		

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NUMBER.	NAME.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	ADMITTED.	RECORD.
96	O'Gara, James....	G	5th Vt.....	Jan. 23, 1890	On furlough.
97	Heald, Oliver....	K	6th N. H....	Feb. 8, 1890	
98	Shiney, Lewis....	F	10th Vt....	Feb. 12, 1890	
99	Hurley, Michael..	A	8th Vt.....	Mch. 26, 1890	
100	Baker, Charles....	E	12th Vt....	Mch. 31, 1890	
101	Fadden, Richard..	G	16 N.Y.h.a.	Apr. 21, 1890	
102	Cary, Ira.....	A	4th Vt.....	May 7, 1890	Re-admitted.
103	Clifford, Argill..		8th N. Y.	Apr. 24, 1890	
		C	14th Vt....		
104	Connelly, Jno. C }	and G	1st Vt. Cav	May 5, 1890	
105	Fadden, Richard..	G	16 N.Y.h.a.	June 11, 1890	Re-admitted.
106	Watson, Wm. H....	F	6th Vt.....	June 23, 1890	
107	Townsend, Bern..	I	1st Vt. Cav	June 23, 1890	
108	Kennedy, John....	K	2d Vt.....	July 1, 1890	
109	Johnson, Henry...	H	7th Vt.....	July 5, 1890	
110	Ryan, Patrick....	B	2d Vt.....	July 31, 1890	
110	McMillen, John..	B	17th Vt....	Aug. 19, 1890	Re-admitted.
111	Cary, John.....	K	16th Vt....	Aug. 25, 1890	

DEATHS AT VERMONT SOLDIERS' HOME TO AUGUST 1st, 1890.

NUMBER.	NAME.	COMPANY.	REGIMENT.	DATE.	RECORD.
1	Davis, Joseph R...	E	16th Vt....	Dec. 27, 1887	Buried at Hartland.
2	Norton, Calvin L..	F	6th Vt....	Feb. 21, 1888	Buried at Hinesburg.
3	Farwell, Philo B..	E	5th Vt.....	July 31, 1888	Buried at Dorset.
4	Harten, James....	I	3d Vt.....	Aug. 3, 1888	Home Cemetery No. 1.
5	Dillon, Wm.....	E	15th Vt....	Aug. 13, 1888	Home Cemetery No. 2.
6	Kusic, Richard....	A	8th Vt.....	June 28, 1889	Buried at Wolcott.
7	Miner, Asahel....	I	9th Vt.....	Aug. 17, 1889	Home Cemetery No. 3.
8	Bishop, Jeremiah.	D	3d Vt.....	Nov. 2, 1889	Buried at Island Pond.
		and B	1st Vt.....		
9	Dimick, Geo. B....	and I	12th Vt....	Nov. 13, 1889	Home Cemetery No. 4.
10	Turner, E. C.....	B	3d Vt.....	Nov. 30, 1889	Buried at E. Randolph.
11	Beeman, Lewis...	I	6th Vt.....	June 24, 1890	Buried at Milton.



The disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1890, made according to the form furnished us by the United States and which we are compelled to conform to, are as follows: In order to an understanding of this method it must be borne in mind that the various classes are made as follows:

"Current Expenses" include superintendent's salary, printing, telegraph and telephone messages, books, stationery, postage, advertising and legal advice.

"Subsistence" includes all sums paid for food, their freight, preparation and serving, dining room and kitchen utensils, bakers' and butchers' tools and salaries of cooks, waiters and helpers.

"Clothing" includes all sums expended for clothing and for all material, tools and machines for repairs thereof and for repairs.

"Household" includes all sums paid for furniture and for repairs thereof used in the Home, except what is used in subsistence and hospital departments, also for fuel and lights, also the salaries of the engineer, laundry woman and their assistants.

"Hospital" includes all sums paid matron, surgeon, druggist, nurses, cooks and waiters for hospital, funeral expenses and medicine, and other expenses of the sick.

#### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, AUG. 1, 1889, to JULY 1, 1890.

Current expenses .....	\$1,100 08
Subsistence.....	5,066 68
Clothing.....	962 52
Household.....	2,239 55
Hospital.....	1,900 71
Expense of farm, including help.....	1,058 51
Expenses trustees .....	217 61
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,545 66</b>

The average expense per man based on total expenses of the Home, including all salaries and expenses other than the last two items above named, were:

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889.....	\$67 41
" " Dec. 31, 1889.....	59 70
" " March 31, 1890.....	55 11
" " June 30, 1890.....	48 93

Which shows a gradual decrease in cost.

The average cost of a ration per man (prepared and on the table) was for the 1st quarter, 10 cents; 2d quarter, 9½ cents; 3d quarter, 11 cents; 4th quarter, 8 cents.

The greater portion of the products raised upon the farm have been used up and consumed in the Home, yet we have realized from the sale of products during the year past the sum of four hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety-two cents.

Previous to July 1, 1889, we had arranged our headings of expenses in different form from that which we were then compelled by the U. S. government to adopt, and we therefore refer you to our Treasurer's reports hereto attached for a statement of all moneys expended by us since our last report up to Aug. 1, 1889.

Of the appropriation of \$25,000 made by the Legislature of 1888 for the years 1889 and 1890, about \$6,000 has been used for the payment of the debt contracted in erection of the wing; and of the balance, after payment of all bills accrued to July 1, 1890, we had to our credit in the National Bank of Montpelier \$7,843.57, drawing 4 per cent interest. There was also due from the U. S. government \$1,450. From this surplus will be deducted the bills for the six months ending January 1, 1891, and we hope a balance will still remain to be used toward the erection of a hospital.

Since the organization of the Home we have received as cash gifts in addition to the State appropriations, the following:

From J. T. Deavitt, Montpelier, Vt.....	\$100 00
" Vermont Farm Machine Co.....	20 00
" Woman's Relief Corps, Bellows Falls.....	20 00
" " " Montpelier.....	15 00
" " " Bennington.....	10 00
" " " Brattleboro.....	10 00
" " " Windsor.....	10 00
" " " Bradford.....	10 00
" " " Tunbridge.....	5 00
" " " Ludlow.....	5 00
" " " Waterbury Centre.....	5 00
" " " Weston.....	5 00
" " " Hinesburg.....	5 00
" " " Dorset.....	5 00
" " " Manchester.....	5 00
" " " Wells River.....	5 00
" Custer Post, G. A. R., Bennington.....	20 00
" R. B. Crandal Post, G. A. R., Barre.....	10 00
" E Dillingham Post, G. A. R., Waterbury.....	11 00
" Sheriden Post, G. A. R., Weston.....	5 00
" A. A. Keller Post, G. A. R., Hyde Park.....	5 00
" Wm. C. Tracey W. R. C., Windsor.....	53 00
" Brooks Post, W. R. C., Montpelier.....	53 00
" Roberts Post, G. A. R., Rutland.....	53 00
" Hurlburt W. R. C., St. Albans.....	53 00
" Custer W. R. C., Bennington.....	53 00
" Custer Post, G. A. R., Bennington.....	53 00
" Wm. Wells S. of V., Burlington.....	53 00
" Washburn W. R. C., Bradford.....	53 00
" Henry G. A. R. and W. R. C., Chester.....	53 00
" Sedgwick G. A. R. and W. R. C., Brattleboro.....	53 00
" Tyler S. of V., Brattleboro.....	53 00
" Stannard Post, G. A. R., Burlington.....	53 00
" Willard Post, G. A. R., Troy, N. Y.....	53 00
" Wm. E. Hawkes, Esq., Bennington.....	53 00
" Chamberlin Post, G. A. R., and W. R. C., St. Johnsbury.....	53 00
" Erastus Buck Post, G. A. R., Island Pond.....	53 00

All of the above sixteen, beside their cash contributions for purchase of furniture for a room, also furnished the rooms with rugs, pictures, and other useful articles.



The encampment of the Sons of Veterans, Department of Vermont, have paid in \$112, and voted \$250 towards the furnishing of a new hospital when built.

Asahel Miner, an inmate of the Home, died Aug. 17, 1889, and by will bequeathed a fund of \$170 to be placed in the hands of Mrs. Coffey and expended for the benefit of the Home. This sum has been partially expended in new furniture, etc., for the library.

Col. J. J. Estey of Brattleboro has presented the Home with a series of war sketches, 40 in number.

Gen. Wm. Wells of Burlington, a large flag, 20x12 feet.

Capt. R. O. Gove of Bennington, a flag staff, 90 feet high.

Robert Drysdale, Esq., of Bennington, an oil painting of Bennington battle monument.

Mrs. C. D. Gibson of Bennington, a valuable book-case and books, and various other books and magazines.

The following Woman's Relief Corps have from time to time contributed useful and ornamental articles:

"Geo. P. Foster," Wolcott.

"Watson," Chelsea.

"Geo. Quimby," Barton.

"Morrill," Cabot.

"Burchard," Townshend.

"D. Rattery," West Burke.

"Geo. C. Randall," Woodstock.

"U. S. Grant," W. Randolph.

"E. B. Frost," Wells.

"E. Dillingham," Waterbury.

"Baxter," Newport.

"Johnson," Northfield.

"Howard," Lunenburg.

"W. J. Fuller," Dorset.

"Jesse Jewett," Swanton.

"Cummings," Hinesburg.

"Skinner," Manchester.

"Whitney," Tunbridge.

"I. L. Clarke," Grafton.

"Col. Preston," Wells River.

"E. H. Stoughton," B. Falls.

"Jarvis," Springfield.

"Woodbury," West Concord.

"Sheriden," Weston.

The following newspapers have by their publishers been contributed to the Home free:

#### DAILY.

Boston Journal, Rutland Herald, Burlington Free Press, Boston Record.

#### WEEKLY.

Watchman and Journal, Montpelier; Argus and Patriot, Montpelier; Messenger, St. Albans; Independent, Burlington; Opinion, Bradford; Journal, Manchester; Express and Standard, Newport; News, Barre; Journal, Windsor; Banner, Bennington; Reformer, Bennington; Tribune, Ludlow.

The trustees were very fortunate in securing the services of Maj. R. J. Coffey and his wife, Mrs. D. Coffey, as superintendent and matron. They have proved themselves invaluable in their respective positions and have made the Home a "home" in truth and fact to the inmates. We cannot too highly commend their care, thoughtfulness, kindness and tact in the discharge of the duties placed upon them. Thus far they have not only faithfully discharged all the duties rightfully charged upon them but many others. The inmates of the Home have not been required to labor

upon the farm, but very many of them have volunteered so to do. The question of whether they ought to receive compensation for such labor has been considerably discussed among us and the practices of other States examined. The current of experience as given to us is that it would not be wise to pay such compensation and that the result of such payment would have a tendency to lower the standard of propriety and decorum thus far very easily sustained in our institution.

The buildings are now in excellent condition and will remain so for several years. The farm has also much improved under the management of Major Coffey, who has in this direction as in others proved himself the right man for the place.

#### INVOICE OF STOCK AND PRODUCE, VERMONT SOLDIERS' HOME.

SEPT. 8, 1890.

110 tons of hay,	3 tons of straw,
75 bushels oats,	500 bushels potatoes,
200 bushels turnips,	75 bushels onions,
25 bushels beets,	800 cabbages,
1 ton squashes,	2 horses,
10 cows,	1 pair three-year-old steers,
1 yearling bull,	3 sheep,
2 sows,	8 shoats,
100 hens and chickens,	1 farm wagon,
1 wagon, two seat,	1 dump-cart,
1 sleigh, two seat,	1 express sleigh,
1 mowing machine,	1 tedder,
1 springtooth harrow,	1 cultivator,
3 plows,	1 seed sower,
1 horse rake,	1 scraper,
	1 marker.

In conclusion we would say that the question of the necessity and benefit of this institution no longer remains an open one, and for several years yet to come is likely rather to increase than diminish. Contrary to our expectation the passage of the Dependent Pension act will have little or no effect in the diminution of our numbers; these men are old, and invalids, nearly all of them, without anyone to assist or aid them when away from the Home. The highest pension, \$12 per month, receivable under the dependent pension act, will not adequately find a dwelling place, food, raiment and care in sickness for such men; but as their pensions are turned in to the Home fund it may somewhat diminish the cost to the State of their support (we have now several on our rolls who draw pensions to the amount of \$10 per month). We have at present on our roll 67 men; as the winter approaches the number will be increased, and for a few years more by reason of increasing age and infirmity the full capacity of the Home will be required. Calculating on the basis of a cost per year of \$200 per man (\$100 of which the U. S. government pays under the Manderson law), we ask of you an appropriation for the maintenance of the Home of \$100 a year on the basis of 100 men, or the sum of \$20,000 for the two years next ensuing, assuring you, as we confidently may by



our past record, that none of such appropriation will be wasted and so much of it as shall not be required will be left untouched in the treasury. As touching upon the matter of the conduct of the Home, its needs and its economy of management, we append the report of General Averill, Inspector of National Homes, a man who is careful not to bestow commendation unless he believes it deserved. The Trustees of the Home, nominated by no act of their own, have sought to discharge their trust faithfully and economically. Our service has been a free-will offering, having never received any compensation or desiring any, though since the first year we have received our actual cash expenses in attendance at meetings of the board. Our present system of accounting seems to us to guard quite effectively against any fraudulent disposition of, or careless waste of any funds entrusted to our keeping. All bills are audited monthly, and no bill can be paid until first certified to be correct by the superintendent and approved by at least one member each of the finance committee and board of auditors. The original bills so approved are sent to the treasurer and by him paid; while a certified duplicate of each bill is kept on file at the Home for the information of any and all who may desire to enquire; as is also a book giving each month's expenditures by itself and the character of each bill. The membership of our board, large like that of Massachusetts, was undoubtedly conceived in the idea of bringing the institution nearer to the people, and affording (without expense) information more readily accessible to all interested. The very generous gifts and remembrances we have had from the G. A. R. Posts, Woman's Relief Corps, and others testify that not only do the old comrades, their wives and daughters appreciate the benefits of the Home under such administration, but that other patriotic citizens are equally mindful of its work. We feel that to you we can confidently appeal for generous support.

HUGH HENRY, President.

C. C. KINSMAN, Secretary.

We beg leave to copy the report of Gen. Wm. W. Averill, inspector of National Military Homes and Soldiers' Homes in States:

BENNINGTON, June 26, 1888.

There has been a steady improvement with marked results in this Home since my last inspection, but the great and urgent need, a hospital, has not been built. Its construction was to be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. A one-story pavilion for 20 beds and a service room would be sufficient. No Legislature has met since last inspection and therefore there has been no change in appropriations.

The economy here is very rigid. There is apparently no waste whatever. The clothing of the members is mended by using up older clothing. Each man has two suits. The dormitories are rooms holding generally two members, and are comfortably and even elegantly furnished. The large and well managed farm adds many comforts to this Home, not the least of which is an opportunity for the members to work.

The average age of the 44 members was fifty-nine years and eleven months, and average age of those who had died sixty-six years. There were no insane, but two partially demented. The cost of medical supplies per annum, \$400. Record and account books in use were complete. The advanced age of the members of this Home should admonish its management of the imperative necessity for a hospital. The presence of the sick in the same building with the well is discomfort to both and interferes with their welfare seriously. It may at any time become a serious menace to the health of all the members.

A laundry is also needed, and, with the unequaled water-power furnished in the supply of the Home, it should be easily and economically established.

# TREASURER'S REPORT TO AUGUST 1, 1889.

Cr.			
1888.			
Aug.	1	Cash on hand.....	\$5,270 26
	4	Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, as follows:	
		Noble Andrus, pension.....	18 00
		Samuel Merrill, pension.....	12 00
		Isaac Porter, pension.....	6 00
		Geo. E. Wood, pension.....	9 00
		Mr. Stockwell, for pig.....	3 50
		Mr. Sanders, for calf.....	1 00
		C. C. Thompson & Co., for hog.....	13 75
		Houghton & Son, pasturing.....	12 00
	6	Received of bank, interest for July....	17 57
Oct.	5	Received of bank, interest for August and September.....	22 45
Nov.	21	Received of W. H. DuBois, State treasurer	5,000 00
1889.			
Jan.	1	Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, as follows:	
		Samuel Merrill, pension.....	36 00
		Noble Andrus, pension.....	24 00
		Isaac Porter, pension.....	12 00
		Mark Donaldson, pension.....	12 00
		Geo. E. Wood, pension.....	18 00
		Henry Sprague, pension.....	24 00
		Daniel Woods, pension.....	24 00
		Geo. E. Dimick, pension.....	12 00
		L. D. Hamlin, for potatoes.....	2 00
		Dwight Rugg, cot and mattress.....	3 50
		E. D. Hall, tobacco.....	1 00
		C. C. Thompson & Co., for pork.....	79 72
		J. Pearson, pasturing.....	10 00
Jan.	14	Received of W. H. DuBois, State treasurer	5,000 00
Feb.	8	Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, from the sale of pork.....	28 40
	9	Received of W. H. DuBois, State treasurer	5,000 00
		Received of bank for interest....	2 93



March	15	Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, as follows:	
		From sale of old lead.....	1 96
		From the sale of cream.....	1 20
		Geo. E. Dimick, pension.....	12 00
		Isaac Porter, pension.....	6 00
		Noble Andrus, pension.....	12 00
		Mark Donaldson, pension.....	6 00
		Joseph Parker, pension.....	18 00
		Geo. E. Chase, pension.....	24 00
		Samuel Merrill, pension.....	13 00
		Geo. H. Smith, pension.....	6 00
		Geo. E. Wood, pension.....	9 00
May	28	Received of bank for interest.....	4 12
May	15	Received of W. H. DuBois, State treasurer	5,000 00
	23	Received of bank for interest.....	7 84
June	14	Received of bank for interest.....	4 14
		Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, from sale of pigs.....	79 00
		Geo. E. Wood, pension.....	9 00
		Luther Grover, pension.....	24 00
		Mark Donaldson, pension.....	6 00
		Geo. H. Smith, pension.....	6 00
		Ira Carey, pension.....	12 00
		Samuel Merrill, pension.....	18 00
		Geo. E. Dimick, pension.....	12 00
July	29	Received of bank for interest.....	4 11
July	27	Received of bank for interest.....	4 87
		Received of A. B. Valentine, trustee, cash contributions as follows:	
1889.			
Jan.	1	W. C. Tracy W. R. Corps, Windsor, Vt..	53 00
		Brooks W. R. Corps, Montpelier.....	53 00
		Hurlburt W. R. Corps, St. Albans, Vt....	53 00
		Washburn W. R. Corps, Bradford, Vt....	53 00
		Custer Post, G. A. R., Bennington..	23 00
		Wm. E. Hawks, Bennington.....	53 00
Feb.	7	Post Roberts, G. A. R., Rutland.....	100 00
		Gen. Wm. Wells camp, S. of V., Burlington.....	53 00
		Henry Post, G. A. R., and Henry W. R. C., Chester.....	53 50
		Dept. of Vt, G. A. R.....	20 00
March	15	Gift from G. A. R. comrades of Troy, N.Y.	53 00
June	14	Custer W. R. C., Bennington.....	53 00
		Sedgwick W. R. C., Brattleboro.....	25 00
		Chamberlin W. R. C., St. Johnsbury.....	53 00
		Tyler Camp, Sons of V., Brattleboro.....	53 00
		H. H. Vaughan Post, G. A. R., Dorset...	10 00
			<u>\$26,741 82</u>

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1888.			
Aug.	6	Sent draft to A. B. Valentine, trustee, for finance committee.....	\$2,000 00
Sept.	12	To pd. Hugh Henry, Tr. bill for expenses.	12 70
Oct.	5	Sent draft to A. B. Valentine, trustee, for finance committee.....	3,000 00
	5	To paid J. C. Stearns, Tr., bill for expenses	20 36
	19	" " Frank Kenfield, Tr., bill for expenses.....	22 85
Nov.	21	Sent draft to A. B. Valentine for finance committee.....	5,000 00
1889.			
Jan.	14	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5,000 00
Feb.	20	" " " " " " " " " " " "	5,000 00
	20	To paid A. S. Tracy, Tr., bill for expenses.	6 15
Mar.	28	" P. P. Pitkin, Treas., on account of salary.....	75 00
May	23	Sent draft to A. B. Valentine for finance committee.....	5,000 00
June	22	To paid A. S. Tracy, bill for expenses....	14 90
July	31	" P. P. Pitkin, Treas., balance of salary.....	75 00
		Cash in First National Bank, Montpelier..	1,514 86
			<u>\$26,741 82</u>

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM AUG. 1, 1889, TO JULY 1, 1890.

Cr.			
1889.			
Aug.	1	Cash on hand—General account.....	649 66
		" " " " " " " " " " " "	865 20
Oct.	7	Rec'd of A. B. Valentine, Tr., cash as follows:	
		For pensions.....	63 00
		From Tyler Camp, S. of V., Brattleboro.....	53 00
		Sedgwick W. R. C.....	28 00
		Sale of hay, etc.....	18 26
Dec.	3	Rec'd of E. Henry Powell, Auditor.....	5,000 00
1890.			
Jan.	28	Rec'd of A. B. Valentine, Tr., as follows:	
		Pensions.....	111 00
		From sale of hogs.....	179 04
		Hay, pasturing, etc.....	34 72
Mar.	3	Rec'd of A. B. Valentine, finance committee, money refunded.....	1,031 26
Apr.	1	Rec'd of E. Henry Powell, Auditor.....	5,000 00
	17	Rec'd of State Treasurer, the amount due from U. S. Gov't to date.....	6,544 35
June	13	Rec'd of 1st Nat'l Bank of Montpelier, interest.....	33 08



June	13	Rec'd of A. B. Valentine, finance committee, as follows:	
		Pensions.....	252 00
		Rec'd from sale of pigs, hay, etc.....	181 90
July	1	Rec'd interest of bank.....	29 17
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			\$20,073 64

## ADDENDA.

A slight delay in the issuance of the foregoing report enables us to give you a statement of our expenses, etc., for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, and bring our financial condition up to the beginning of the session to your consideration. As before stated we had as practically available funds July 1 :

Cash in bank .....	\$7,843 47
Due from U. S. Government.....	1,450 00
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	\$9,293 47

Our expenses have been as follows :

July bills.....	\$1,024 61
August bills.....	975 74
September bills.....	1,408 08
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Total for quarter.....\$3,408 43

Our present heating apparatus is inadequate in very cold weather and we have contracted for the immediate placing of a 35 horse-power horizontal boiler in the basement, which, when in position, will not only heat the buildings but also the hospital when one is erected. For this complete, and some new piping and radiators we pay..... 750 00

which added to expenses above makes.....\$4,158 43

Leaving a balance of \$5,135.14 to meet bills of October, November and December, which on account of purchases of clothing, fuel, etc., we anticipate may reach \$3,600, and the balance we ask to use toward the erection of a hospital. Since the report was written the Sons of Veterans have paid Mrs. Coffey \$128 more toward fund for furnishing hospital when built, making \$250 in all, which is deposited in bank.

We have moved the small farm house in line with other buildings and placed under it a vegetable cellar and filled it so that it will enable us to domicile some of the employes and give more room in Home proper for inmates. We have also added permanent improvements to the laundry. These items much increased our expenses of the quarter, yet we are glad to advise you that the expense per capita (including expense of these repairs) for the quarter has been only \$46.42½ and the expense of ration reached the remarkably low figure of 7 3-5 cents.

HUGH HENRY, President.

Bennington, Vt., Oct. 6, 1890.



