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MISS KATIE DAFFAN, Superintendent.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME

Your Excellency, Honorable William P. Hobby, Governor of Texas.

DEAR SIR: We hereby submit to Your Excellency, as our annual report for the year ending August 31, 1918, the annual report of Miss Katie Daffan, Superintendent of the Confederate Woman's Home. This, the seventh annual report of this institution, will indicate to you the present condition of the institution, in finance, health, physical state of the property, the number of inmates now cared for, and some very strong recommendations.

We are glad to state to Your Excellency that we consider this institution to be managed at this time, as in each previous year of its existence as a State institution, in the most approved manner. The Superintendent of this institution, with executive skill, kindness, and the best business judgment, has directed the administrative work, the care of the sick, the housekeeping, sewing, and culinary work. Harmony prevails among all officers, employes and inmates.

We wish to especially approve the Superintendent's recommendations made in her report in regard to establishing and maintaining a high standard of womanly character on the part of all inmates. Should it be substantially proven that the conduct of any member of the Home household is not in keeping with such high standard, we believe this woman should not be allowed to remain a member of the Home household.

We approve most positively the Superintendent's recommendation in regard to discontinuing the interference of outside parties and all other parties with the management of this institution. Whereas this institution enjoys the valuable friendship of a large number of noble Texas men and women, we cannot too strongly condemn those individuals who seek to bring about discontent and irregularities in the Home life of the aged women who constitute the household of this institution.

The law controlling the establishment of the Confederate Woman's Home provides for the care of "the indigent wives and widows of soldiers and sailors of the Confederacy." The provision of this law does not include the care of the soldiers of the Confederacy. The management of this institution, however, extends the full hospitality of the institution to those inmates of the Confederate Home whose wives are inmates of this institution. So long as these men conduct themselves in proper manner and do not interfere with the affairs of this institution, they are welcome to come here, to take meals here, and to partake of

every other privilege of the institution's home life. The visits of these men who are inmates of the Confederate Home will, however, certainly be discontinued at any time that it is substantially proven to the management that they are interfering with affairs here, and that they are not conducting themselves in a manner becoming a Confederate soldier.

The services of Dr. Eckhardt, our Home Physician, our nurses, and all attendants in the hospital are the very best. And we wish also to commend the excellent services of Dr. Nichols, Optician and Aurist.

We wish to express to Your Excellency our appreciation of your uniform kindness and co-operation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. CLOUD, Chairman;
STANTON ALLEN,
T. F. HARDY,
H. B. ARMSTRONG,
W. S. LEMLY,
JAMES KEEBLE,

Board of Managers, Confederate Woman's Home.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Managers of the Texas Confederate Woman's Home.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the statutes, I hereby submit to you my seventh annual report as Superintendent of the Confederate Woman's Home. My reports have been submitted to your Honorable Body at the end of each fiscal year since September, 1911, at which time the Confederate Woman's Home became a State institution. Our annual reports for 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, each of which was submitted to the Governor, were printed. Our annual reports for 1913 and 1917 were submitted to the Governor, but were not printed. The law controlling the establishment of this institution requires an annual and not a biennial report to the Governor.

The year now closing has been a successful and a satisfactory one in many respects. Our household includes many noble Christian women, who fully appreciate the bounty and liberality of our State in caring for them in their helpless old age. I shall not, in this report to your Honorable Body, submit other than such items as may be included in the practical management and care of the institution, since preceding reports have included accounts of our Home life, together with our daily and weekly program of activities, which programs vary little.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The annual appropriation of \$18,000 for support and maintenance, not including salaries of employees, made by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, has been expended for the purpose for which it was appropriated. The amounts appropriated for salaries of employees, for plumbing, for repairs, for incidentals, etc., have been expended in full for the purpose for which they were appropriated. The appropriation of \$2000 for the purpose of replacing hand elevators with electric elevators has not been used.

At each meeting of our Board of Managers a statement of the institution's financial affairs has been submitted. All accounts are kept in close balance with the Comptroller's accounts, while a record is kept in the Superintendent's office, giving amount, number of appropriation, date, and the names of all parties to whom warrants have been issued. Duplicate orders, requisitions, invoices of accounts, and all confirmations of purchases, which pass through the Department of the Purchasing Agent, are systematically kept in the Superintendent's office. A statement of all supplies on hand is sent to the Purchasing Agent once a month.

PER CAPITA.

On the basis of \$18,000 per year, the amount of the year's appropriation for maintenance and support, the per capita cost per year for eighty-four inmates is \$214.28; per month, \$17.85. Upon this same basis for eighty-four inmates and an average of twenty employees, total

one hundred and four, the per capita cost is per year \$163.47; per month, \$13.62. The number of individuals cared for here is greater than our roster indicates, since the soldiers from the Confederate Home, whose wives are here, make frequent visits to the institution, spend several days, when they care to do so, and take their meals here. The cost of maintenance and support of the institution is increased and the per capita increased by these visits. The total roll, including those out on visits, who will return to the institution, is 89.

CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The original building, which was completed in 1908, requires almost constant repairs. Carpenters, plumbers and electricians are needed regularly, while the addition to the original building, which was completed in 1913, requires more and more attention each year. The hospital erected in 1916, which meets every requirement in point of convenience, is now beginning to require some little repairing, though this building is in exceptionally fine condition.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The cement sidewalks, inside walks, and driveways, at a cost of \$2000, which amount was appropriated for that purpose by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, have been placed, the work having been completed on Thanksgiving Day, 1917. The appropriation for \$2000 made by the Thirty-fifth Legislature for the purpose of changing our present hand freight elevators to electric elevators has not been used. Upon securing bids for this work it was found, due to the great increase in the cost of all building materials, that the amount appropriated for the purpose was hardly a fourth of the amount required to do the work properly.

All statements for amounts expended for improvements are required to be closely itemized, and all are referred to and examined by Hon. W. R. Hendrickson, Superintendent of Masonry, before they are endorsed for payment by the Chairman of the Board and the Superintendent of the Home.

We have attempted this year to have a vegetable garden, using for that purpose the ground between the curb and the sidewalk, which is our only available space. One of the old ladies is also cultivating a small garden, and has been quite successful.

LIBRARY.

There has been little change in our library since my last annual report. Many of the State daily newspapers, standard magazines, periodicals, etc., are received in the library daily, and frequent gifts of magazines are sent to the institution by Austin friends and other friends over the State. A complete list of books is carefully kept. A large number of the old ladies of the Home enjoy reading, and spend a good portion of the day in the library.

INSURANCE.

The Fire Commission makes regular visits to the institution, and each of their recommendations have been observed. Our annual report

for 1915-16 includes a full statement of insurance on our several buildings, supplies, etc. Inventories of the property, including every item of furnishing, are carefully kept on record in the Superintendent's office. All insurance which expired in August, 1918, was promptly renewed.

HEALTH.

Dr. Eckhardt, our physician, our nurses, our stewardess, and attendants in the hospital give close and accurate attention to the well-being of their patients. Our housekeeper and attendants in the main building give careful attention to sanitation, ventilation and cleanliness of rooms and halls. All inmates of the institution who are afflicted with chronic illness live in the hospital, while those women whose rooms are in the larger building are carried to the hospital when they are sick, remaining there until they are strong enough to return to their rooms.

In addition to frequent calls at the institution, our physician, Dr. Eckhardt, makes regular lengthy visits to his patients. He is diligent and energetic, giving his best efforts to the care of our sick. Our optician, Dr. Nichols, makes regular visits to the institution, and he also comes when he is called, giving careful and patient attention to all who need his assistance.

Dr. Collins, State Health Officer, has visited the Home often, and has, each time, approved our sanitary and health conditions. Each report which he has made in regard to the care of the hospital and the general condition of the institution has been entirely favorable. Milk, meat, vegetables, and each and every article of food is carefully inspected before placed upon the table for use.

Name, Age, County of Residence, and Postoffice Address Before Entering the Home, and Date of Entrance Into the Home, of All Inmates.

Name of Inmate.	Age.	County of Residence and Postoffice Address Before Entering Home.	Date of Entrance Into Home.
1. Argo, Sarah Jane.....	83	Hood County, Granbury.....	April 11, 1917
2. Autrey, Mary.....	77	Williamson County, Georgetown.....	Oct. 26, 1916
3. Bankstone, Rachel.....	77	Travis County, Austin.....	July 10, 1913
4. Barnes, Mary.....	83	Kimball County, Junction.....	Sept. 15, 1909
5. Baxter, Elizabeth.....	82	Hunt County, Greenville.....	Sept. 14, 1916
6. Blackmon, Sarah C.....	78	Jefferson County, China.....	Aug. 15, 1909
7. *Bolding, Susan J.....	65	Scurry County, Snider.....	July 12, 1915
8. Bonds, Dorcas Davis.....	88	Anderson County, Palestine.....	Dec. 8, 1917
9. *Bradfield, Louisa A.....	64	Dallas County, Dallas.....	Mar. 31, 1914
10. Branum, Sarah F.....	72	Wharton County, Wharton.....	April 3, 1918
11. Breeding, Susan.....	67	McLennan County, Waco.....	Jan. 14, 1917
12. *Brunson, Martha S.....	71	Travis County, Austin.....	Aug. 5, 1915
13. Burgess, Artie.....	82	Burleson County, Crissmore.....	Mar. 15, 1915
14. Burton, Jeanie M.....	65	San Patricio County, Aransas Pass.....	May 3, 1917
15. Cathey, Alice E.....	69	Jefferson County, Beaumont.....
16. Childs, Mary Lee.....	67	Bexar County, San Antonio.....	Aug. 2, 1917
17. Coker, Virginia.....	72	Polk County, Leggett.....	Mar. 10, 1918
18. Collins, Eliza B.....	76	McLennan County, West.....	Jan. 31, 1914
19. Dabney, Clara W.....	71	Fannin County, Bonham.....	Feb. 6, 1917
20. Dixon, Elender C.....	65	Travis County, Austin.....	July 3, 1918
21. Dixon, Sarah Elizabeth.....	83	Atascosa County, Jourdanton.....	Mar. 16, 1917
22. Duncan, Susanna.....	78	Coleman County, Coleman.....	Sept. 17, 1916
23. Erwin, Sarah Craig.....	72	Taylor County, Abilene.....	Nov. 8, 1917
24. Flemming, Maggie.....	68	Galveston County, Galveston.....	July 18, 1913
25. Polk, Sally T.....	77	Freestone County, Fairfield.....	Aug. 21, 1918
26. Gilmer, Bettie A.....	70	Harris County, Houston.....	Aug. 6, 1917

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Name of Inmate.	Age.	County of Residence and Postoffice Address Before Entering Home.	Date of Entrance Into Home.
27. Hanson, Eliza J.	69	Falls County, Marlin.	Sept. 2, 1916
28. Hardwicke, Francis.	84	Bastrop County, Elgin.	June 14, 1914
29. †Harvey, Mary Ann.	82	Houston County, Crockett.	Mar. 8, 1917
30. Hill, Maggie Malinda.	68	Shackelford County, Moran.	April 21, 1918
31. Howerton, Mary C.	73	Panola County, Carthage.	Aug. 15, 1918
32. Hunt, Lee Ann.	67	Milam County, Rockdale.	Aug. 19, 1916
33. Inge, Amanda.	74	Dallas County, Dallas.	Nov. 11, 1915
34. Ivey, Mary E.	68	Lamar County, Roxton.	Mar. 18, 1918
35. *Jones, Martha A.	67	Panola County, Beckville.	July 22, 1913
36. Keep, Sue E.	83	Walker County, Huntsville.	Mar. 1, 1918
37. Kennedy, Lou.	73	Hardeman County, Quanah.	Nov. 21, 1917
38. Lankford, Serene V.	75	Lampasas County, Lampasas.	Oct. 13, 1916
39. *Lawrence, Rosa.	62	Bastrop County, Elgin.	Dec. 6, 1915
40. Lunsford, Margaret.	81	Travis County, Austin.	June 17, 1917
41. Lyons, Rosa Marie.	71	Williamson County, Thrall.	July 1, 1916
42. *Lynn, Lucy.	72	Fannin County, Honey Grove.	April 19, 1915
43. Madden, M. M.	77	Smith County, Tyler.	Oct. 19, 1913
44. Massey, Dalcider J.	72	Bexar County, San Antonio.	July 25, 1914
45. *McCarty, Ann J.	83	Ellis County, Ennis.	Aug. 19, 1908
46. *†McCracken, Mary P.	70	Hayes County, Buda.	June 9, 1916
47. Menefee, Missouri.	72	Travis County, Littig.	Mar. 14, 1918
48. Miller, Nancy Elizabeth.	72	Denton County, Denton.	Mar. 13, 1917
49. Montgomery, Cornelia A.	78	Harris County, Houston.	July 16, 1913
50. Morris, Martha.	69	Bexar County, San Antonio.	Nov. 11, 1916
51. Morris, Maranda W.	73	Hill County, Birome.	July 30, 1918
52. Neaves, Mary A.	75	Hill County, Hillsboro.	Mar. 26, 1917
53. Nobles, Mary Ann.	87	Nacogdoches County, Sacul.	July 6, 1917
54. Nugent, Catherine C.	81	Erath County, Stephenville.	Sept. 21, 1917
55. Odom, Mary Hunt.	76	Travis County, Austin.	Feb. 13, 1917
56. Osthoff, Manerva Francis.	77	Harris County, Houston.	Nov. 8, 1916
57. *Parker, Annie R.	79	Bexar County, San Antonio.	Aug. 26, 1913
58. †Patrick, Dolly A.	70	Montague County, Nacona.	Oct. 14, 1915
59. Patterson, Elizabeth.	74	Tarrant County, Fort Worth.	July 9, 1914
60. *Polk, Mary I.	63	Travis County, Austin.	Oct. 17, 1915
61. Quinn, Mary J.	71	Tarrant County, Fort Worth.	Aug. 13, 1916
62. Rainey, Rachel T.	71	Limestone County, Thornton.	Aug. 22, 1916
63. Richardson, Sallie P.	67	Palo Pinto County, Garden.	Sept. 16, 1913
64. Robinson, Mary Jane.	81	Grayson County, Sherman.	Mar. 24, 1918
65. Rogers, Rebecca C.	72	Milam County, Rockdale.	June 18, 1918
66. Rogers, Cemantha Jane.	78	Dallas County, Dallas.	Aug. 11, 1913
67. †Sams, Rebecca.	64	Victoria County, Victoria.	July 15, 1916
68. Sebastian, Ella.	76	Hale County, Plainview.	Mar. 8, 1918
69. Shelton, Mary Jane.	71	McLennan County, Waco.	Feb. 12, 1917
70. Shonn, Volney James.	60	Harris County, Houston.	Sept. 17, 1917
71. Skaggs, Susan.	74	Cook County, Gainesville.	Oct. 12, 1916
72. Smith, Catherine M.	69	Travis County, Austin.	Feb. 28, 1917
73. Smith, George Anna.	76	Tarrant County, Fort Worth.	Aug. 19, 1916
74. Smith, Selina C.	71	Williamson County, Leander.	April 7, 1913
75. Stephens, Margaret S.	72	Hill County, Hillsboro.	Oct. 6, 1915
76. Stone, Elizabeth.	75	McLennan County, Waco.	Feb. 12, 1917
77. Strickland, Helen.	77	Harris County, Humble.	Aug. 1, 1916
78. Truitt, Malissa A.	77	Bastrop County, Elgin.	Aug. 28, 1916
79. †Tull, Isaac Wetherston.	73	McLennan County, Mart.	Dec. 7, 1917
80. Vaughn, Mary L.	74	Leon County, Centerville.	Jan. 1, 1913
81. Wallace, Lucy S.	73	Falls County, Marlin.	Jan. 14, 1915
82. Walker, Medora V.	72	Williamson County, Taylor.	Aug. 23, 1916
83. *Watson, Martha D.	81	Bastrop County, Redrock.	June 10, 1917
84. Wells, Mary E.	62	Bastrop County, Redrock.	Aug. 24, 1916
85. Wells, Mary Rebecca.	80	Harris County, Houston.	June 23, 1918
86. Whitaker, Mollie M.	66	Smith County, Tyler.	Oct. 1, 1913
87. Whittenton, Margaret Jane.	81	Caldwell County, Redrock.	Sept. 19, 1917
88. Wilbanks, Augusta M.	72	Harris County, Houston.	Aug. 19, 1916
89. Wilkerson, Axa P.	81	Burnet County, Burnet.	Aug. 1, 1908

*Indicates those inmates who are wives of inmates of the Confederate Home.

†Indicates those inmates who are absent from the Home on a discharge for a period of one year.

The average age of inmates as indicated by the above roster is 73½ years.

MEMBERS OF CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME HOUSEHOLD WHOSE REMAINS ARE BURIED IN THE STATE CEMETERY.

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Allen (1918).
2. Mrs. Calendonia C. Bell (1916).
3. Mrs. Mary Ann Chambers (1914).
4. Mrs. Martha Coleman (1915).
5. Mrs. Samantha C. Cumby (1916).
6. Mrs. Sarah Jane Finnie (1917).
7. Mrs. Mary Ann Jones (1916).
8. Mrs. Martha Michael Joyner (1915).
9. Mrs. Sidney Taylor Kilgore (1917).
10. Mrs. Margaret I. Lynch (1916).
11. Mrs. Artimesia L. McCarter (1917).
12. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McFarlane (1917).
13. Mrs. Louisia Merchant (1914).
14. Mrs. Mattie Morgan (1917).
15. Mrs. Fannie Murchison (died before the Home became a State institution).
16. Mrs. Sarah E. Renfroe (1916).
17. Mrs. Anna M. Reynolds (1916).
18. Mrs. Kisy Jane Roberts (1917).
19. Mrs. Mary Ann Sanford (1915).
20. Mrs. Mary Fannie Smith (1917).
21. Mrs. Sarah A. Sorrells (1915).
22. Mrs. Helen C. Taylor (1916).
23. Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver (1914).
24. Mrs. Amelia Wilson (1918).

MEMBERS OF CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME HOUSEHOLD WHOSE REMAINS WERE REMOVED BY FRIENDS OR RELATIVES TO OTHER CEMETERIES.

1. Mrs. Clarissa Benge, buried in Jacksonville, Texas (1918).
2. Mrs. M. S. Chandler, buried in Lancaster, Texas (1915).
3. Mrs. Martha Jane Covin, buried in Edgewood, Texas (1918).
4. Mrs. Mary E. Gatlin, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas (1915).
5. Mrs. Margarette Maples, buried in Palestine, Texas (1913).
6. Mrs. Mary A. Matheson, buried in Paradise, Texas (1916).
7. Mrs. Malissa J. Mathews, buried in Munday, Texas (1915).
8. Mrs. T. J. Nicholson, buried near Athens, Texas (1916).
9. Mrs. Lavinia Roberts, buried in Bellville, Texas (1913).
10. Mrs. Mattie A. Walker, buried in Flatonia, Texas (1915).

MEMBERS OF CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME HOUSEHOLD WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM INSTITUTION TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE INSANE.

1. Mrs. C. C. Bell (1916).
2. Mrs. Bettie Collins (1916).
3. Mrs. Mattie Ann Conner (1918).
4. Mrs. Nora Kuntz (in the Home before State took control).

ELIGIBILITY.

I think best to include in this report the interpretation of "eligibility of applicants," which, since the organization of the Home as a State institution, has been observed in receiving applicants into the institution.

1. The Company, the Regiment, the Brigade, the Division of the Army, the date of honorable discharge, and length of service of the husband of the applicant for entrance in the Confederate Woman's Home, as required on application for admission, should be accurately stated, if possible. If applicant does not have such information at hand, the same can be obtained at the State Pension Office, or from the War Department at Washington.

2. Applicants are eligible for entrance in the Confederate Woman's Home whose names, at the time of their application, appear upon the State Pension Roll. The pension discontinues after applicant is admitted into institution.

3. Especially are those women eligible for entrance in the Confederate Woman's Home who, themselves, gave service in the care of Confederate soldiers—1861-1865. If the fact of the applicant's service may be substantially proven, she should be admitted into the institution without further proof of her eligibility.

4. Careful consideration of Clause 7 (see application for admission) should be required of all applicants. This clause requires applicants to be free from mental derangement, contagious or infectious disease, drug or alcoholic habit, epilepsy, or tuberculosis. Women thus afflicted should not be admitted into the institution. The physician's statement should, therefore, be very accurate.

5. It is well, when possible, for the "two reputable citizens," who affirm the eligibility of applicant (see application for admission) to be Confederate soldiers, or contemporaries, if possible, of the husband of applicant.

6. A discharge for a period of twelve months may be granted to any member of the household upon application to the Superintendent. For this period, but for no less time, the name of the member of the household may be replaced upon the Pension Roll of the State, upon application for such to the State Pension Commissioner. Upon applying for reinstatement of one year upon the Pension Roll, the member of the Home household, who is applicant for such reinstatement, must present to the Pension Commissioner the discharge from the Home for a period of one year, procured from the Superintendent of the Home. At the expiration of the twelve months, as indicated in the discharge, the member of the Home household may return to the institution.

BAUGH TESTIMONIAL.

An oil portrait of Mrs. W. P. Baugh, of San Antonio, the work of S. Solomon, an artist of Houston, was presented to the Confederate Woman's Home by the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, June 3, 1918. This testimonial was an expression of the appreciation of the Daughters of the Confederacy of the Texas Division of Mrs. Baugh's energy in soliciting funds for the maintenance of the

Confederate Woman's Home when it was owned by the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, before it was given by this organization to the State of Texas in 1911.

The presentation address was made by Mrs. M. M. Zumwalt, of Houston; the portrait was unveiled by Mrs. Oscar Barthold, of Weatherford, State President, and it was accepted on behalf of the Home by the Superintendent of the Home. Mrs. B. B. Knolle, of Houston, Chairman of the Baugh Testimonial Committee, appointed by the President of the Division, which committee had secured the necessary funds to have the portrait painted, arranged the program for the occasion. The program, which was interspersed with beautiful music, included appropriate addresses by Mrs. W. T. Wroe, of Austin; Mrs. J. W. Wilkerson, State Historian of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Houston, and Mrs. W. P. Baugh.

Mrs. Oscar Barthold spent several days at the institution, a much appreciated guest.

COURTESIES.

Every consideration, kindness, and many courtesies have been extended to the management of this institution by the officers of our State government with whom we sustain relations. Governor William P. Hobby, himself the son of a brave Confederate soldier, has proven himself to be our good friend at all times, and he has assisted us when assistance was needed. Governor Hobby has expressed and proven his loyalty to the sacred Confederacy, and he is greatly beloved by the Confederate soldiers.

Hon. George Leavy, our State Purchasing Agent, also the son of a brave Confederate soldier, has now, for four years, directed the purchase of all of our supplies; he has considered our welfare in every way, and his assistance and co-operation have been invaluable. Mr. Nitschke, Chief Clerk to Mr. Leavy, has also extended many courtesies. Hon. H. B. Terrell, Comptroller; Mr. H. W. Tittle, and Mr. Moulden and Mr. Green of the Comptroller's Department, through whom the business of this institution immediately passes, are prompt and courteous in all of their dealings with us. Hon. J. C. Jones, State Pension Commissioner, is patient and considerate of the members of the Home household, extending to them kindness and courtesy, and he co-operates in every way with the management of this institution. Dr. Loggins, Superintendent, and Mr. Dollarhite, Quartermaster, of the Confederate Home, extend many courtesies to the management and the inmates of this institution. As included in previous reports, the churches of Austin, the Salvation Army, and the Y. W. C. A. of the University hold regular services at the Home for the pleasure and benefit of the old ladies. Though the institution is now owned and controlled by the State, and no longer dependent upon the Daughters of the Confederacy for maintenance and support, many of the Chapters over the State observe the beautiful custom of remembering the old ladies in the Home at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

This institution is debtor to many kind friends throughout this State

who have manifested their friendship and good feeling in a valuable manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In my report to your Honorable Body one year ago, I recommended that an additional building be erected to form an annex to the hospital, the building to cost \$25,000, the furniture \$5000. In view of the fact that we continue to have a considerable waiting list of eligible women and should, therefore, have more room, I again recommend that such building be procured, if possible. The high and increasing cost of building materials may delay the erection of this building, and require a much larger amount for its erection than is here indicated, but as it is much needed I trust immediate appropriation therefor may be made by the Texas Legislature.

2. I recommend that a high standard of character and integrity shall, under any and all circumstances, be observed and maintained by the members of the household of the Confederate Woman's Home, and that no influences from the outside or from any other source shall be allowed to interfere with such standard. If it should be discovered that a woman has been received into this institution, who, though she may be eligible in so far as her husband's record as a Confederate soldier is proven, does not herself represent a high standard of truth, uprightness, trustworthiness, and womanhood, she should not be allowed to remain, an agitating, disrupting member of the Home household. This is only simple justice to the large number of women in the institution who are all that noble womanhood could require. There are women enrolled in this institution who are among the noble women of earth, far above unwomanly deeds or deportment, whose lives are consistent with all that is trustworthy and reliable. To allow those women to remain here who do not conform to such a standard would be a violation of the sacred objects for which the institution was erected.

3. I recommend that whenever the management of this institution is convinced that outside parties or any other parties are interfering unduly with the affairs of this institution, bringing about evil influences or encouraging discontent in the hearts of the aged women here, that immediate and decisive action shall be taken by the management of this institution to discontinue such interference. The good will and the friendship of all individuals is appreciated, the hospitality of the institution has been, and should continue to be, extended to all who come here with motives of friendship, but those who come for the purpose of creating discord and unrest should be denied the privilege of coming. Any attempt to create discontent in the lives of these aged women who look to our State for support and who receive from our State every comfort is an approach to wickedness, and should not be tolerated.

4. I recommend that the soldiers from the Confederate Home shall continue to visit their wives who are here. Also that these soldiers from the Confederate Home shall continue to spend any length of time here which they may care to spend, taking their meals here, and that they continue to receive the full hospitality of this institution. All of this hospitality should continue so long as the soldiers of the Confed-

erate Home conduct themselves as soldiers and gentlemen and do not interfere with the management of this institution. But, at such time as one of these soldiers from the Confederate Home ceases to conduct himself in accord with the manner of a true Confederate soldier and a gentleman, and it may be reasonably proven that he is attempting to interfere with the management of affairs of this institution, his visits here should be promptly discontinued by the management of this institution.

The citizens of this State, from whatever portion they may come, are invited to visit this institution, to go all over it, to inspect it, and to see every phase of it. The management is glad to have all parties visit here who may be interested in the daily life and welfare of the members of this Home household.

The members of the Texas Legislature are especially invited to come, to inspect any and all portions of the institution, to meet our old ladies, and to know every phase of our Home life.

In conclusion, I wish to say to your Honorable Body that, in many respects, my seven years' service at the Confederate Woman's Home have been years of happiness. I am glad to have given this period of my life to a work which represents a memorial to the soldiers of the Confederacy. Your individual, personal kindness and friendship, as well as your unquestioned loyalty as true men, Texans, and sons of Confederate soldiers, will be remembered with deepest, sincerest appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE DAFFAN,
Superintendent Confederate Woman's Home.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 31, 1918.

*Honorable Board of Managers, Texas Confederate Woman's Home,
Austin, Texas.*

GENTLEMEN: The report of the work at the Texas Confederate Woman's Home for the year ending August 31, 1918.

The work has been carried out along the same plans as of previous years, with the exception of systematizing, which has had its good effects. As stated in previous reports, it has been our plan to make visits at the same time in the day to all patients confined in the hospital and those in the Home. This has been done in order to keep posted on the health of each individual member of the Home, and furthermore to help in the way of directing hygiene and sanitation. All other calls have been made when required. As usual, we have been following the customary plan of making examination of all patients entering the institution upon their arrival.

These patients have been examined physically and mentally, and on these visits the nurse has accompanied me and taken written orders, which she has invariably carried out. In addition to the treatment referred to above, we have been giving those patients who require it a prescribed diet in the hospital. This is carried out under the graduate nurse's direction, and is more valuable to people of the age we are treating than any medicine that we might be able to prescribe for them.

There has not been an epidemic of any kind prevalent in the Home during the past year. This favorable condition, I believe, has been brought about by the care and ventilation, cleanliness, sanitation of rooms and bedding, and by the other splendid management of the Home.

The mortality in the Home of the past year has been surprisingly low, and shows the results that can be attained by having inmates of the age we are treating confined in an institution that gives the proper surroundings to the well and furnishes hospital facilities to the sick, no matter of what age.

The following is a list giving the name, age and cause of death of those inmates who have died during the past year.

Respectfully,

JOE C. A. ECKHARDT,
Physician.

List of Dead, September 1, 1917, to September 1, 1918.

Name.	Age.	Died.	Disease.
Allen, Elizabeth.....	78	April 9, 1918	Senile gangrene.
Benge, Clarissa.....	77	May 29, 1918	Cerebral hemorrhage.
Covin, Martha Jane.....	75	Feb. 6, 1918	Chronic rheumatoid arthritis.
Roberts, Kisy Jane.....	74	Nov. 8, 1917	Acute diffuse nephritis.
Wilson, Amelia Dicie.....	61	Mar. 7, 1918	Peri-carditis with effusion.

REPORT OF AURIST AND OCULIST

AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 1, 1918.

To Miss Katie Daffan, Superintendent of Confederate Woman's Home.

DEAR MISS DAFFAN: In submitting my annual report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, permit me to say that I have made regular stated visits to the main building and hospital.

It is with some degree of gratification for me to note the prevalent sanitary conditions, which are due to efficient management.

As to complaints, I must say that they were of a trivial nature and are to be expected, as well as anticipated, in any institution where people of different dispositions and advanced age are housed together. I was impressed with the contentment and appreciation that was frequently communicated to me by the ladies of the Home.

A brief record is being kept of the cases that receive examination and treatment, which is on file in the consultation room at the hospital. This shows, in detail, the professional services rendered during the year. In addition, those that call at my private office receive special examination and treatment, whenever it suits their convenience.

I recommend that an appropriation be requested of the incoming Legislature for the purpose of filling prescriptions for glasses, as it is all important in having a good quality of lenses and a properly fitted frame to attain ideal results. I realize that the present method of selecting glasses from stock on hand is not satisfactory to the patient or myself, which, in some cases, has mitigated against the reputation of the oculist.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest manifested in my department, and your desire to supply whatever is required for the examination and treatment of the cases.

In conclusion, it is well to state that the nurses and attendants impress me favorably in that they display an interest in their duties, and consideration as well as kindness to the ladies of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NICHOLS, M. D.,
Aurist and Oculist.