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MISS KATIE DAFFAN, Superintendent.

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

Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson, Governor of Texas.

DEAR SIR: We, the Board of Managers of the Confederate Woman's Home, hereby submit to you, in compliance with the statutes, our annual report for the fiscal year August 31, 1914, to August 31, 1915.

We submit to you as our report the attached report of Miss Katie Daffan, Superintendent of the institution, which accurate and full report we approve and endorse in every detail.

Permit us to say that the affairs of the Confederate Woman's Home are in the very best condition.

The administrative and executive work, the domestic work, and the care of the sick are all that could be desired.

Miss Daffan's management is the very best, and Dr. T. F. Moore has carefully guarded all health conditions.

We thank you for your liberality in approving all appropriations, and for your continued kindness, for we have the assurance that you are interested in the welfare of this institution.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH W. CLOUD,
Chairman.

STANTON ALLEN,
WILLIAM S. LEMLY,
T. F. HARDY,
H. B. ARMSTRONG,
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: I hereby submit to you, in compliance with the law establishing this institution, my fourth annual report as Superintendent of the Confederate Woman's Home, for the year closing August 31, 1915.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The actual cost of maintenance of the institution, not including salaries, for the twelve months now closing is \$12,000, an approximate cost of \$1000 per month.

At the beginning of this fiscal year, September 1, 1914, there remained in the treasury to the credit of this institution \$3108.38 of the \$12,000, which amount was our appropriation for two years maintenance. This amount, \$3108.38, not being sufficient to maintain the institution until September 1, 1915, a deficiency of \$8000 was requested by the Board of Managers of Governor O. B. Colquitt in December, 1915. Half of that amount, \$4000, was granted by the Governor. This amount being just half of the amount required, by careful calculation, the remaining required amount of \$4000 was requested of Governor James E. Ferguson, upon his assuming the duties of his office in January, 1915. Governor Ferguson granted the required deficiency, and actual expenses of the institution were met.

As stated in previous reports, the necessity for these deficiencies grew out of the fact that the amount requested for maintenance, \$12,000 for each of the two fiscal years beginning August 31, 1913, and ending August 31, 1915, was cut in half by the Governor's veto, after both legislative bodies had approved the amount. Instead of receiving \$12,000 for each year, this institution was allowed \$12,000 for the two years.

The amounts appropriated for salaries, for incidentals, for plumbing and repairs have all been expended in full for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

Once every month the records of this institution are balanced by one of the bookkeepers in the Comptroller's Department. Our books balance exactly with the records of that department.

All confirmations of accounts, duplicate statements, duplicate requisitions and orders have been systematically kept.

PER CAPITA.

On the basis of \$12,000 per year for maintenance, the per capita cost, per year for the year 1914-1915, for forty-five inmates is \$266.66, or \$22.22 per month. On this same basis, for forty-five inmates, and an average of ten employees, total fifty-five, the per capita cost per year is \$218.18, or \$18.18 per month.

The per capita cost of this year exceeds that of last year, as the amount of sickness has been much greater and consequent expenses greater. Night nurses have been employed throughout the year, and extra help employed in the care of the sick.

REPAIRS.

All necessary repairs have been made as needed. The original building is now in a better state of repair than it has been in any previous year. The north and south porches have been covered, affording comfortable resting places in the afternoons and evenings.

Plumbing repairs have been almost constantly needed, with repairs in furnace room and electric lights and bells.

All items of repairs have been authorized by the Board, and the completed work inspected, before payment therefor, by the State Inspector of Masonry.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Acting upon the recommendations as made by our physician, Dr. T. F. Moore, and your Superintendent, in previous annual reports, the Thirty-fourth Legislature made appropriation of \$20,000 to erect and equip a hospital. This is the long needed improvement of this institution. The erection of this hospital upon the south lawn, in connection with our present building, will enable us to concentrate our sick, thereby giving them the best attention.

The demand for room is very great, and the waiting list of applicants includes the names of many eligible old ladies who are entitled to a home here and who should be received at the earliest opening possible. The removal of all of the sick to the hospital will vacate a number of rooms in the present building, thereby giving us room for new applicants.

HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

The general health of the institution continues good, though increasing age and infirmity causes a larger amount of sickness each year. Careful nursing, watchful sanitary measures, and general vigilance in all health requirements are observed at all times.

Dr. T. F. Moore, surgeon of the Confederate Home, who, for the past four years has given his services to this institution, free of charge to the State, has spared not time nor strength in caring for the afflicted ones.

Dr. Moore's resignation and departure from the State to take graduate work in New York caused genuine regret among the inmates of the Home.

Dr. J. R. Nichols has given his services to the Home as oculist and aurist, which kindness is deeply appreciated.

The Thirty-fourth Legislature, having made appropriation for a physician, Dr. Joe C. A. Eckhardt was elected by the Board to that position.

Dr. J. R. Nichols was elected oculist and aurist.

Dr. W. B. Collins, State Health Officer, makes frequent visits to the institution, indicating a kindly interest in all inmates.

The average age is 73½ years.

LIST OF DEAD.

September 1, 1914-September 1, 1915.

Name.	Age.	Died.	Disease.
Chandler, M. S.....	75	June 8, 1915.....	Phthisis.
Coleman, Martha.....	69	July 30, 1915.....	Bright's Disease.
Gatlin, Mary E.....	78	March 27, 1915.....	Bright's Disease.
Mathews, Malisa.....	66	June, 1915, at the home of relatives in Munday, Texas.....	Phthisis.
Walker, Mattie A.....	85	June 18, 1915.....	Gastritis.

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 Post-office Address before Entering Home.	Date of Entrance Into the Home
1 Allen, Elizabeth.....	73	Travis County, Austin.....	April 22, 1912
* 2 Bankstone, Rachel.....	75	Travis County, Austin.....	July 10, 1913
3 Barnes, Mary.....	81	Kimble County, Junction.....	Sept. 15, 1909
4 Bell, Caledonia.....	80	Lavaca County.....	Feb. 4, 1909
* 5 Blackmon, Sarah.....	76	Jefferson County, China.....	Aug. 15, 1909
* 6 Bolding, Susan J.....	63	Scurry County, Snyder.....	July 12, 1915
* 7 Bradfield, Lou.....	62	Dallas County, Dallas.....	Mar. 31, 1914
* 8 Brunson, Lou.....	75	Travis County, Austin.....	Aug. 5, 1915
9 Burges, Artie.....	80	Burleson County, Chrismon.....	Mar. 15, 1915
*10 Collins, Eliza.....	74	McLennan County, West.....	Jan. 31, 1914
11 Covin, Martha J.....	72	Kaufman County, Terrell.....	July 19, 1914
12 Cumby, Samantha.....	90	Bell County, Temple.....	Nov., 1909
13 Finnie, Sarah J.....	83	Tarrant County, Fort Worth.....	June, 1908
14 Fleming, Maggie.....	66	Galveston County, Galveston.....	July 18, 1913
15 Hardwicke, Francis.....	82	Bastrop County, Elgin.....	June 14, 1914
*16 Jones, Martha.....	65	Panola County, Beckville.....	July 22, 1913
17 Jones, Mary.....	82	Uvalde County, Sabinal.....	Aug. 9, 1913
18 Joyner, M. M.....	77	Cherokee County, Forest.....	Jan. 22, 1914
19 Kilgore, S. F.....	72	McCulloch County, Mercury.....	July 15, 1915
20 Lynch, Margaret.....	79	Dallas County, Dallas.....	Mar., 1909
*21 Lynn, Lucy.....	70	Fannin County, Honey Grove.....	April 19, 1915
22 Madden, M. M.....	75	Smith County, Tyler.....	Oct. 19, 1913
23 Massey, D. J.....	70	Bexar County, San Antonio.....	July 26, 1914
24 McCarter, A. S.....	85	Harris County, Houston.....	Oct. 8, 1908
25 McCarty, Annie J.....	81	Ellis County, Ennis.....	Aug. 19, 1908
26 Montgomery, C. A.....	76	Harris County, Houston.....	July 16, 1913
*27 Parker, Annie R.....	77	Bexar County, San Antonio.....	Aug. 26, 1913
*28 Patrick, D. A.....	68	Montague County, Nocona.....	Oct. 14, 1915
29 Patterson, Elizabeth.....	72	Tarrant County, Fort Worth.....	July 9, 1914
*30 Polk, Mary I.....	61	Travis County, Austin.....	Oct. 17, 1915
*31 Redding, Leona H.....	64	Dimitt County, Carrizo Springs.....	Aug. 3, 1915
32 Reynolds, Anna M.....	70	Williamson County, Granger.....	June 27, 1913
33 Richardson, Sallie P.....	65	Palo Pinto County, Gordon.....	Sept. 16, 1913
34 Rogers, C. J.....	75	Dallas County, Dallas.....	Aug. 11, 1913
35 Sanford, Mary.....	69	Dallas County, Dallas.....	Sept. 26, 1908
*36 Sledge, Susan K.....	74	Walker County, Dodge.....	Oct. 20, 1914
37 Smith, Fannie.....	74	Van Zandt County, Fruitland.....	Aug. 1, 1914
38 Smith, Selma C.....	69	Williamson County, Leander.....	April 7, 1913
39 Sorrells, Sarah A.....	92	Bee County, Beeville.....	June 13, 1913
40 Stephens, Margaret S.....	70	Hill County, Hillsboro.....	Oct. 6, 1915
41 Taylor, Helen.....	74	Williamson County, Taylor.....	Aug. 18, 1908
42 Vaughn, Mary L.....	72	Leon County, Centerville.....	Jan. 1, 1913
43 Wallace, Lucy.....	71	Falls County, Marlin.....	June 23, 1913
44 Whitaker, Mollie.....	64	Smith County, Tyler.....	Oct. 1, 1913
45 Wilkerson, Axa P.....	79	Burnet County, Burnet.....	Aug. 1, 1908

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

Your excellent body has extended to your Superintendent every consideration and courtesy and your sympathetic interest in her personal

welfare, as well as in her proper interpretation of her duties, will be remembered with grateful appreciation.

The institution, no longer handicapped with a meager maintenance, but supplied with the necessary amount for its well being, sufficient help to care properly for the aged inmates, and the long needed hospital a certainty, the two years now beginning should be years of comfort and contentment.

In the majority of cases the old ladies of the Confederate Woman's Home are thankful to a bountiful State for their home and its beautiful surroundings, and many of them endeavor to live up to noble, unselfish life principles.

It is the desire of the Board, the Superintendent and entire staff of officers and employees to make of the institution a genuine home.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE DAFFAN,
Superintendent Confederate Woman's Home.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 31, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to hand you this, my fourth and last, annual report for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1914, and ending August 31, 1915, as follows:

In September, 1911, when the Legislature of the State of Texas, acting in accord with an amendment to the Constitution passed by the people of the State of Texas, created a home for the wives and widows of ex-Confederate soldiers, and made appropriation for the erection and maintenance of the same, by some oversight, or otherwise, that body failed to appropriate any money to pay for the services of a physician to look after the health of the inmates of the institution and to care for those who might become ill.

While the institution was owned and maintained by the Daughters of the Confederacy, the medical profession of the city of Austin gave their services to the institution, but when the State acquired it, the management felt that it would be asking of the profession too much to continue to serve, without pay, when all the other State institutions had physicians upon their pay rolls. Realizing that the duty of looking after the medical needs of the institution would have to fall upon the shoulders of someone, I, being the surgeon of the Texas Confederate Home, volunteered my services, provided the Board of Managers of this institution would consent for me to attempt the work of this and its sister institution. This was granted, and from September, 1911, to September, 1915, I have served the Texas Confederate Woman's Home in the capacity of visiting physician without pay.

I feel that, while I have received no money for my services, I have been handsomely remunerated in appreciation, and that the old ladies of the Home have given me that which is more valuable than money,—their confidence and good will. It has been a signal pleasure to me to minister to their needs and realize and know that my efforts in their behalf have been appreciated, and I feel that I have been more than compensated for the services I have rendered.

The institution, at the time the State came in possession of it, was caring for about sixteen women. It has grown from that nucleus until now it has a capacity of fifty, and, when the new building, for which the last Legislature appropriated money to build, is erected, it will have a capacity of approximately one hundred.

During the four years I have been connected with the institution it has been my custom to visit it whenever needed, and in addition to visit and talk to each old lady there at least once each week. In this way I have been able to observe them and administer to their minor ills, and at the same time supervise, in a measure, their general health.

It is very gratifying to me to know that the morbidity and the mortality rate of the Home has been exceedingly low. For more than a year after the State took the institution over not a death occurred; and since then only a very, very few. I attribute this to the fact that the Home has been kept in an excellent sanitary condition under the supervision of the Superintendent, and its needs and comforts carefully looked after. The food has been of a wholesome variety, well cooked and well served. The inmates have been comfortably clad in winter and the personal welfare carefully scrutinized. Their rooms at all times have been kept in splendid condition. The Home is so arranged that the ill effects of overcrowding will never have to be contended with. The buildings are heated by steam and ventilation is well provided for. The number of bathrooms is quite adequate, and all are provided with hot and cold water. The sanitary sewage system is quite satisfactory. The Home grounds and outhouses are kept clean and sanitary, and, in fact, every condition necessary conducive to good health obtains at the Home, and it is little wonder that there are so few cases of acute illness among those residing there. During the past year the inmates of the Home have enjoyed remarkably good health, and most of them seem happy and thankful for the most beautiful institution the State possesses.

In my annual reports I have recommended the erection of a hospital. I am pleased to know that the last Legislature provided funds for this building, and its actual construction will be well under way within a short time.

As the number of inmates of the Home has been rapidly increasing and their age constantly growing greater, the duties of the physician has proportionately increased, until soon it would be almost impossible for the physician of the Confederate Home to look after that and this institution as well. These facts were laid before the Governor and Legislature, and the Legislature appropriated funds with which to pay for the services of a physician. Acting upon this matter, your honorable body has elected Dr. J. C. A. Eckhardt of this city to succeed me.

I bespeak for him the same consideration at your hands that has been so generously accorded me, and I trust that he may derive the same pleasure from being able to serve the institution that has been mine, and I feel confident that Dr. Eckhardt will exert his best efforts in behalf of those placed under his care.

I am also glad to note that the nursing staff of the Home has been increased, for this was in response to a very urgent demand. The Home have proportionately increased, until soon it would be almost impossible amount of work at times has been too great for them, and it is with pleasure that I see this condition remedied.

During the time I have been connected with the Home I have found the Superintendent always ready and anxious to do anything within her power to correct any condition brought to her attention, and to contribute in any way she could in making the inmates more comfortable and contented. To her untiring efforts is due the success the institution has so lavishly enjoyed, and while this is among the youngest institutions owned by the State, I feel that it is one of which we may all feel proud.

My work has been made pleasant by the untiring, patriotic co-operation of those associated with me in my efforts to be of some service to those whom we all delight to honor,—the women of the Confederacy.

Permit me to thank you and those who have worked with me for your words of counsel and acts of assistance, and to assure you that I shall always look upon my work for the Confederate Woman's Home as the most privileged that has even been my pleasure to be permitted to perform.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. MOORE,
Physician Texas Confederate Woman's Home.

REPORT OF OCULIST AND AURIST

AUSTIN, TEXAS, October 6, 1915.

Miss Katie Daffan, Superintendent Confederate Woman's Home.

DEAR MISS DAFFAN: In submitting a report of work done in the eye, ear, nose and throat department for the year ending August 31, 1915, permit me to say that no detail record of each case has been kept, however I have visited the Confederate Woman's Home when necessary and rendered services to those that called at my private office. You are aware that I have co-operated with you in keeping down unnecessary expenses, being mindful of the fact that appropriations for maintenance were limited, however, in doing so the motto "efficiency" was not overlooked.

I am free to confess that services rendered in the past year have been satisfactory to myself, considering the advanced age of the patients. You can not expect much encouragement, success or results, because the

vitality, recuperative power, if you please, is all important, especially so when a constitutional disease is the exciting cause of the local disease.

It is with some degree of satisfaction to know that ere many months a hospital will be erected and equipped for the care of the infirm and acute cases. To be sure this will be ideal and add to the comfort of all concerned. The environments will be improved, which will redound to the health, sociability, contentment and happiness, as contrasted with existing conditions, where classification can not be carried out with any degree of satisfaction,—the infirm and acute cases all being housed together. I realize and appreciate the fact that the management has been, in a measure, handicapped with the present status, but in my judgment has done the best possible under the prevailing circumstances.

In conclusion, it will be my purpose to make requisition for all necessary examination instruments, etc., for the eye, ear, nose and throat department, when equipment for the hospital is ordered, which will include a card index system to keep a record of all the cases receiving care and treatment.

Allow me to extend my thanks to you personally for the consideration and courtesies extended for the past year.

Respectfully,

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