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PERSONAL

MR. Hilton, lately Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Homestead, is now principal of the Public Schools held in the Walleck's school building, Washington, D.C. His wife assists him.

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DECORATION DAY, MAY 30th, 1871

At 4 P.M. the Zouaves, escorting the Orphans from the National Orphans' Homestead, and headed by the Gettysburg Brass Band, took up the line of March from the center square to the National Cemetery--the floral offerings being carried in a hearse decorated with flags. The ~~apphause~~ ~~carried~~ small banners representing the States, each boy and girl carrying a bouquet.

At the close of the principal address by Capt. Harpster, the Flowers were given to the Orphans and by them scattered on the soldiers' graves.

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NATIONAL HOMESTEAD--SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the National Homestead at Gettysburg.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present to you a report of the internal affairs and general interests of our Institution for the fiscal year just ended.

Wearisome, vexatious, and frequently thankless as are the duties of the important trust we essay to discharge, there are many facts in the

branches of housekeeping, as well as to knit and sew, most of them being able now to make and repair their own clothing. The boys are required to work in the garden and the field, and perform various duties in and around the buildings.

It would be most desirable now to introduce the projected system of mechanical labor, for the benefit of both the boys and the Institution, did but our funds warrant the necessary expense.

The religious culture and training of the children continues to be a marked feature in our care of them. Family worship, morning and evening, is never omitted. The divine blessing is invoked at every meal. Weather permitting, the children and officers together attend public worship in the town every Lord's Day morning, and in the afternoon, Sabbath School is held. In this the three officers are efficiently assisted by students from the college at Gettysburg.

For details of receipts and expenditures during the year, I beg to refer you to the report of the Treasurer, and that of the acting steward. By these reports the total expenses amount to \$8,889.82 including the balance due to the sub-treasury of \$787.00. The receipts during the year amount to \$6,239.47, being \$2,650.35 less than the expenditures. The sum of \$509.56 is thus needed to balance the account and leave no debt against the treasury for the current expenses of the Homestead. One of our agents, Mr. Atkinson, writes me that he will shortly have raised about \$1,000, most of the amount being already secured; and we may thus report the needed relief for the treasury as near at hand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Francis Bourns,
Gen. Sec'y

Phila., May 22, 1872

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