

The following improvements have been made during the year:—

A new Gurney Steel Range has been supplied for the kitchen of the Home, which is capable of supplying the requirements of a much larger institution, and destined we believe to last for all time to come. The cost was \$197.00.

A well, to supply pure drinking water to the Home, has been provided at a cost of about \$60.00. There being no outside water supply on the grounds it will be most convenient for public use and pic-nic parties.

The dock, in front of Orphanage, is now being put in a permanent condition by piling, at an outside cost of \$150.00, and will be strong enough for the largest steamers to land.

By a vote of the General Board the school teacher's salary was raised from \$200.00 to \$250.00, and took effect January 1st, 1905.

Recommendations

We would recommend the following:—

1.—That the sum of \$400.00 be placed at the disposal of the General Board to be expended for general repairs on the Home and outbuildings; such as painting, inside and out; metal ceilings in three rooms; re-shingling barns, concrete walks, &c.

2.—That fire-escapes be provided in compliance with the Government's demands. In this connection we would mention that the Government inspector has stated that unless such escapes are provided within the next year our Government grant will be withheld.

3.—That where information cannot be secured from members of the Association as to the treatment received by our adopted children, the General Board shall have the power to send a representative of the Home to visit such children at the expense of the Association.

4.—That the re-building of the caretaker's residence be considered by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

W. M. FITZGERALD, President
NICHOLAS INGRAM, Secretary

Moved by Bro. J. G. Nelson, seconded by Bro. T. I. Thomson, and—

RESOLVED— That the report of the Orphanage Board be received and taken up clause by clause.

Moved by Bro. R. C. Newman, Grand Organizer, seconded by Bro. W. J. Wright, and

RESOLVED— That the re-erection of the caretaker's home be referred to the General Board with instructions to erect same as soon as possible.