

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES
OF
ST. JOHN LAND,

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27 (ST. JOHN'S DAY),

1875.

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THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT, THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS HE GAVE US COMMANDMENT.—*Referred to on the St. Johnland Seal.*

The Objects of the Society, as declared in the Certificate of Incorporation, are as follows:

To hold the estate known as St. Johnland, Suffolk County, New York; to have the supervision of its affairs; and to see that it be rightly used for the purposes for which it has been created, which purposes, in the main, are as follows, namely:

First. To provide cheap and comfortable homes, together with the means of social and moral improvement, for deserving families from among the working classes, particularly of the city of New York, and such as can carry on their work at St. Johnland; but this provision shall never be used for pecuniary emolument, either to the Society or to any of the Agents in its employ.

Second. To maintain a home for aged men in destitute circumstances, especially Communicants, who are deemed entitled to it by the churches to which they belong; to care for friendless children and youth, and especially cripples, by giving them home, schooling, Christian training, and some trade or occupation by which they can earn their future livelihood; and generally to do such other Christian offices as shall from time to time be required, and are practicable by the Society, consistently with its benevolent designs.

Third. To assist indigent boys and young men who desire literary education, with a view to the Gospel Ministry, by affording them the opportunity for such education, and, at the same time, means of self-support by some useful employment. An Evangelical School, or College, chiefly for training for the Ministry, would come within the scope of the Society.

Lastly, and as embracing its whole, to give form and practical application to the principles of Brotherhood in CHRIST, in an organized congregation or parish, constituted by settled residents of St. Johnland.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Society of St. Johnland,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 27 (ST. JOHN'S DAY), 1875.

At a meeting of the Board of the Trustees of St. Johnland, on the 24th February, 1876, the Sister-Superintendent submitted the following Report, which was unanimously accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed for distribution:

The usefulness of St. Johnland during the past year has exceeded that of any preceding one both as to the numbers cared for and the character of the work accomplished.

The numerical summary shows a total of three hundred and eighty-two beneficiaries (382); one hundred and fifty-seven (157) of these were poor women and children received as guests of the Summer Rest-awhile, and two hundred and twenty-five (225) resident beneficiaries, of whom

a hundred and seventy-one (171) remain at the date of this report.

Of our permanent beneficiaries, a hundred and fifty-two are children or youth, the remainder, aged men. Twenty-seven of our young charge, viz., thirteen boys and fourteen girls, have been transferred during the year to suitable homes or protection outside, and two, a crippled boy and girl, have died. Our houses, meanwhile, have kept full to their utmost capacity, the places vacated being immediately filled from among the candidates always in waiting for such changes, and thus our daily average of residents has been larger throughout the entire twelvemonth than during any previous year.

The current expenditure has been \$21,005.70 or a weekly per capita cost of \$2.36 for each beneficiary, covering board, schooling, and about three fourths of all clothing. This total also comprises the expenses of farm and garden and salaries of resident employés, including that of the clergyman.

The services of the church have been maintained uninterruptedly throughout the year, residents of the neighborhood frequently making part of the congregation. At the beginning of May the Rev. Dr. McNamara, late of Nebraska College, a former pupil of Dr. Muhlenberg's, became associated with him in the pastoral care of the place. Sixteen catechumens, from among the older boys and girls, were presented for Confirmation, at a visitation of Bishop Littlejohn, for the purpose in the month of October.

The Schools, the Printing-office, and the Farm, remain

respectively under the same excellent management and headship as at our last report. The results in each department have been highly satisfactory. The Day School has had an average attendance of a hundred and seven scholars, with a very gratifying improvement in the different classes. The Printing-office has turned out some handsome work for prominent city publishers, and again yields some returns over its cost, and the Farm has been as productive and helpful in provisioning the houses as in the last published statistics. It may be added that our current expenditure could not be as moderate as it is, but for what we derive from the Farm, and also, that our young apprentices, while being trained for future usefulness, do much work for which we must otherwise employ more costly hired labor.

The Summer Rest-awhile gave three hundred and seventeen (317) weeks of country board, salt water bathing, and other refreshments, without any cost to the general fund; its expenses being met, as heretofore, by special contributions for the purpose, and supplying, this year, not only the cost of board, but payment for furniture and other outfit rendered necessary by an extension of its accommodations. The total of income and outlay for these purposes was \$1,548.

The foregoing figures suggest something as to the nature of the work carried on at St. Johnland—of the amount of labor that must devolve upon those in charge, and of the combined liberality and frugality with which the trust is administered. But figures can tell nothing of the moral

and Christian economy and simple evangelic charity of the place, and the settlement is so secluded from observation that even to some who for its Founder's sake and through confidence in his plans contribute to its support, it is little more than a name. It is to be regretted that so few, comparatively, know the work by personal observation. "Seeing is indeed believing"—said a distinguished visitor last summer—"it is a lovely charity." And those of us who know most about it will agree in this, and claim that St. Johnland, young as it is in years, and in comparison of its great and peculiar capabilities for development, is already not unworthy of its name—the Land of Brotherly Love,—St. Johnland—after St. John, the great Apostle of Brotherhood.

True, the primary conception of a St. Johnland was not that of a territory of institutions, however Christianly conducted, but of a settlement of families—industrious colonists—supporting themselves by work from the city—poor worthy fathers and mothers, eager above all for their children's sake, to escape the horrors, moral and physical, of the crowded rears and alleys of New York—and joyfully hailing a St. Johnland cottage home, with its rural surroundings, its privileges of church and school, and other accessories of comfort and improvement. And a St. Johnland, on this wise, we trust ours is yet to be. It could not come about all at once. The estate, at its purchasing, had neither houses, schools, church, railroad proximity, convenient provision mart, near post-office, nor divers other agencies, indispensable to a Christian industrial settlement, de-

riving its employment mainly from the city. Now, all these facilities exist, the post-office alone excepted, and this is under way to come into operation in a few months, so that all things are ready for as many cottage settlers as it may please the friends and patrons of St. Johnland to build homes for. Is it too much to hope that some Christian people whose solid wealth is unshaken by the present daily crash of mercantile firms, may be moved to enter into this plan of Dr. Muhlenberg's, and erect a dozen or more of such cottages for a few of those worthy poor of our city, who, through the money distress of the community, are crowded into worse quarters than ever before. Tailors, shoemakers, lace-menders, cap-makers, clear-starchers, fluters, umbrella-makers, sewing-machine workers and the like might thus carry on their industries in a sweet, pure, country home, at half the rent now wrung out of them for their wretched rear attics and basements, and have a share also in those Christian and social advantages for themselves and their children, so vividly pictured in the Retro-prospectus or Dream of St. Johnland, as it is sometimes called.

But whether this or not, or however long it may be before that beautiful *dream* of brotherly love becomes wholly a reality, the domain is all along being turned to appreciable account, and Dr. Muhlenberg's ground idea largely carried out in the benefits so amply extended to the young of the classes in view. For our St. Johnland children are, in the main, neither utterly homeless waifs, nor little street-arabs, nor juvenile reprobates needing the good offices of

a reformatory, but, with a few exceptions, the offspring of worthy parents to whom nothing is dearer than the well-being of their children. More than half of them (eighty) are either fatherless or motherless, and the surviving parent, engaged all day in labor for a livelihood, even could enough be earned to feed and clothe the little ones, would have to leave them through the hours of work to the companionship of the streets. A good father or mother, however lowly, understands what this means, and no plea is urged more frequently or more pathetically upon us than this, with promises gladly to pay what is possible towards the cost of the child if we will but take it. And, as keeping up a wholesome sense of responsibility on the part of parents, we do require of them what they seem reasonably able to pay, though it should be only a dollar or two monthly for shoes; while others, set free by this care of their children, to "live out," as the phrase is, manage by some sacrifice of their comforts to furnish five or six dollars a month, and two or three pay the stated hundred dollars a year. In this aspect, St. Johnland becomes a kind of plain boarding-school, where the worthy poor parent obtains for his child something like the protection from corrupting influences and the means of suitable education which more favored fathers and mothers command through their wealth for their offspring.

Another class of St. Johnland children have come under its protection in a yet more appealing manner. They are deformed, crippled, or feebly-constituted young convalescents from St. Luke's Hospital, some of them unnaturally

abandoned by their parents, as soon as it became apparent that the poor things could never be robust or serviceable to them, and all of them unfitted by their infirmity for the rough ways of a needy home, or for the jostle of the ordinary school and workshop, St. Johnland being thus, as one aptly said, "the corollary of St. Luke's." Our crippled charges have proved neither uninteresting nor wholly un-compensating beneficiaries. An illustration of this exists in the case of one of those already named as lately removed from our care by death. Many of the friends and patrons of the Hospital will remember "Little Bessie." She was brought to the Children's Ward fifteen years ago, from a miserable home in one of the worst parts of the city, afflicted with spinal and hip disease and other complications. She was ignorant, dirty and wretchedly suffering. Frequently it was thought her little life would go out, but she struggled on, grew stronger, and six years ago came to our St. Johnland Home, where her usefulness has largely made up for what trouble she may have given. Never able to put her feet to the ground, and, though twenty-four years old at the time of her death, not more than four feet in height, she yet proved a valuable little helper. She was very intelligent, daintily neat and nice in her ways, had learned to read and write well, and was skilful with her needle. She had, moreover, a good ear for music and a sweet voice, and became an excellent teacher of the little ones in their hymns and catechisms; further, she had a power, all her own, of controlling some of the more insubordinate of her young companions, sitting as a queen among

them, and, in the quietest manner, commanding their obedience, more entirely often than their appointed care-takers. She was for many years a regular communicant of the church, and was comforted and sustained in her last sufferings by the blessed consolations of the Gospel. "What sort of life," it may be asked, "would Bessie have had apart from St. Johnland?" The other cripple who died was a boy of sixteen, also a former patient of St. Luke's, and latterly, notwithstanding a paralysis of the left side, a promising young type-setter. He was a high-spirited, ambitious lad, apt to forget that he had not full use of his limbs, and finally incurred a fatal internal injury through losing control of his sled in a coasting frolic. He survived the accident only three days, and met his sudden summons with manly Christian fortitude. Another death, that of an old man long under our care, completes our bill of mortality, which considering the impaired physical condition of many of our charge is a very small one. We have to give thanks once again to the Giver of all good for a perfect immunity from diphtheria, typhoid fever, and other malarious diseases by which many districts are so scourged. The salubrity of the place remains unquestioned.

Among the twenty-seven boys and girls mentioned as having been turned out of the St. Johnland nest this year, were three sets of brothers and sisters whose widowed mothers, relieved from the care of their children for a few years, have been enabled to re-establish themselves in a little home and once more to gather their offspring around them. The lively expressions of gratitude of these good

mothers were pleasant to hear, and of others of the band sent out facts no less satisfactory might be told.

St. Johnland was created to elevate family life among the poor, and countenances nothing, therefore, that would be subversive of family ties. There is no legal surrender of parental rights, nor impediments to the intercourse, whether by letters or visits, of relatives with each other. Neither would we feel it right to separate, during their childhood, the orphan brothers and sisters of the same family, of whom we have several companies. Among these, as the latest comers, may be named four Italian children, three sisters and a little brother, deprived, in one day, of both parents by small-pox. They are very bright, warm-hearted children, and the eldest has a motherly, wistful watchfulness over the others touching to see. Except for St. Johnland this little flock would probably have been scattered north or south, east or west, without perhaps any further intercourse with, or even knowledge of, one another. Such an experience has come under our observation in the case of the young brother and sister of one of our orphan girls, who were separated from her before she came to us.

The God-given relations of parent and child, brother and sister, with as much as possible of home-like life are sedulously cherished among the little people of St. Johnland. The children are not huddled together in one vast building like so many pieces of a great machine, knowing nothing, each one, beyond its own groove or niche. They are divided according to circumstances into households num-

bering from thirty to forty each. Their houses are not alike, but each in different ways pleasant and picturesque. The children are not dressed alike, nor in any other manner ground into an artificial uniformity by unnecessary routine or cold repression. They have room for spontaneity. They have their own little possessions and predilections, take pride, the little girls especially, in the care and ornamentation of their home and in the cultivation of their gardens; while the hardier divisions, in true boy fashion, find only too much scope, sometimes, for their free development, in their wide, out-of-door range, and nothing is more commonly remarked by strangers visiting the settlement than the natural, open manners of our young people.*

St. Johnland is a work of manifold benevolence, but it is no *mere institution*, or congeries of institutions. It is, in its measure, a living exemplification of that Gospel Brotherhood which its Founder has so yearned to see permeating the Church. "Brotherhood in Christ" was the foundation and corner-stone of the ideal, and Brotherhood in Christ is, it may be thankfully affirmed, the key-note of the daily life of the actual St. Johnland. The name alone is a power among them, and to warn a wrong-doer that such and such conduct is unbecoming a St. Johnlander, is often to use the most powerful argument for his amendment.

* Quite recently, a member of the State Charities' Aid Society, after a somewhat close inspection of the work, spoke with warm admiration of this feature of it, adding, "Your children all look as though they had mothers."

And there are other links of Brotherhood formed of St. Johnland principles reaching thither from without. Thus, the leading members of a *Presbyterian* church contribute to the maintenance of an aged *Methodist* brother in our St. Johnland Old Man's (*Episcopal*) Home. Nor is this a solitary instance of such commingling of differing Christian names in the support of such labors of love among us.

It remains to speak of the Receipts of the year. These have not been adequate to the maintenance of the place by more than six thousand dollars. This is not surprising, taking into account the universal money pressure, with the remoteness of the field from the city—"out of sight, out of mind"; and further, the loss, owing to his weight of years, of Dr. Muhlenberg's powerful personal influence in obtaining funds for this, his most cherished work. But St. Johnland, with its wide and beautiful territory and the substantial foundations already laid, is too valuable a gift to the Church to be suffered to languish for want of money. We already possess, by means of the interest of the John David Wolfe Memorial Fund, by the labor returns of the place, and by reliable subscriptions, etc., a reasonably assured income of one half of what is necessary for our current expenses. Through an agency recently established for making the work better known in the city, and of which the present amplified report is designed to be an adjunct, it is hoped in the coming year to bring our outlay and income nearer together.

As time goes on the undertaking cannot but advance, in many ways, towards *self-support*, but there will always

need a charity fund, in some permanent form, for the helpless and non-producing members of the settlement—comprehending at this time the aged inmates of St. John's Inn, and the feeble, crippled, or destitute children of the "Spencer and Wolfe Home." Miss Wolfe's devoted filial piety and generosity have made a very handsome advance towards an endowment of the Home erected by her father for the old men, but for the poor little children we have no settled provision. An endowment of their Home by means of berths, analogous to the charity beds of St. Luke's Hospital but less costly, would be a very valuable aid. The sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) would endow such berth or bed *in perpetuity*—the right of nomination to a vacancy being with the donor, subject to the ordinary regulations of the charity. May it not occur to bereaved parents to find some solace in keeping alive the name of a departed child in a Memorial Bed of this kind?

Or again, such berths or beds can be maintained from year to year by Annual Subscriptions of One Hundred Dollars each, and Churches and Sunday-schools by combining to support a stated number of these Beds, would both assist our income and be themselves gainers in the use of the charity, to which their patronage would entitle them.

Our Report again closes with the record of a great loss. In common with numerous other charitable and benevolent corporations we have to mourn the removal by death this year of Mr. W. H. Aspinwall, a valued member of the

Board and warm friend of St. Johnland, to whose generosity we are indebted for that addition to our estate known as the "Summer Rest-awhile," by means of which the benefits of the place are extended beyond its original design.

Signed,

ADAM NORRIE,

PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM ALEX. SMITH,

SECRETARY.

THE TRUSTEES OF ST. JOHN LAND, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOWARD POTTER, TREASURER.

ANNUAL ACCOUNT (1875).		CR.
DR.		
To balance, December 31st, 1874	\$2,067 35	By cash from Superintendent, being donations, subscriptions, and other receipts
" paid Superintendent on account of current expenses, improvements, etc.	25,300 00	" Sundry donations received by Treasurer including donations and subscriptions, through Rev. John McNamara
" paid for interest to December 31st, 1875	185 00	" interest from John David Wolfe Memorial Fund
" balance	521 00	" borrowed from Treasurer
	\$28,073 90	
To amount of loan due to Treasurer	\$7,400 00	By balance, December 31st, 1875
		\$28,073 90
		521 05

E. & O. E.

NEW YORK, December 31st, 1875.

Examined and found correct,

ANSON W. HARD,
C. VANDERBILT, JR., } *Auditing Committee.*

(Signed)

HOWARD POTTER, *Treasurer.*

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

(PARTICULARIZED.)

CURRENT EXPENSES.

In provisions, including soap, starch, etc.	\$6,999 34
“ coal	1,027 78
“ kerosene oil, candles, and matches	152 56
“ personal expenses of beneficiaries, viz., clothing, shoes, school material, medicines, etc.	2,169 87
“ salaries and wages, exclusive of farm and garden	4,658 85
“ farm and garden, including fertilizers	3,499 36
“ furniture, linen, crockery, hardware	623 18
“ transportation, viz., railroad, freight, etc.	1,385 65
“ small repairs and other incidental expenses par- ticularized in journal	361 31
“ Christmas expenses	78 80
“ interest	49 00
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	\$21,005 70

EXPENSES OF SUMMER REST-AWHILE.

(Specially provided.)

In board of beneficiaries and some travelling ex- penses	\$1,268 00
“ furniture and other outfit	280 00
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	\$1,548 00

OUTLAY IN REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS, OUTFIT, ETC.

In raising barn, repairing winter damages, painting cottages, and enlarging out-houses, etc., particularized in journal	\$1,628 23
“ mason and carpenter work and machinery for stationary earth-closets, etc.	202 05
“ repainting roofs of several houses	143 60
“ additional seats for Church and Hall	144 00
“ printing, advertising, etc.	166 00
“ services of Agent and attendant expenses	368 77
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	\$2,652 65

RECEIPTS.

(Including Donations and Subscriptions paid immediately to Treasurer.)

By donations, annual subscriptions and other payments of patrons	\$9,776 67
“ special contribution for summer beneficiaries . .	1,548 00
“ collections in Churches and Sunday-schools . . .	935 70
“ board paid by relatives for beneficiaries	1,612 50
“ net returns of stereotyping	1,301 03
“ Dr. Muhlenberg	1,000 00
“ interest on John David Wolfe Memorial Fund .	4,500 00
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	\$20,673 90

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Chisolm	\$500 00
Mr. F. Winston	150 00
Mr. James M. Brown	200 00
Mrs. R. M. Stewart	250 00
Church of the Holy Communion, Epiphany Offering	200 00
Miss C. L. Wolfe	3,000 00
Miss Mary S. Jones	50 00
Mr. Alex. H. Brown	200 00
Mrs. Sarah B. Brown	100 00
Mr. J. V. Onativia	100 00
Mr. J. P. Farris	200 00
Mr. Percy R. Pyne	100 00
Mr. L. F. Therassin (Treas.)	175 00
Mrs. C. L. Spencer	500 00
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan	100 00
Mrs. Mary W. Roosevelt	100 00
Mr. Stewart Brown	100 00
Mr. Woodbury G. Langdon	100 00
Mr. R. S. Holt	50 00
Messrs. Fabbri & Chauncey	100 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. Alex. Smith	100 00
Mr. Cyrus Curtiss	100 00
E. V. C., Easter Offering	20 00
H. C. W.	10 00
Miss Julia Delafield	5 00
S. S. Christ Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Bancroft . .	348 27
Mrs. Daniel Parish for "Rest-awhile"	50 00
Mr. Thomas McMullen "	25 00
Miss Wolfe "	500 00
Mrs. J. J. Astor "	50 00
Mrs. M. A. Minturn "	50 00

Mrs. Barthold Schlesinger for "Rest-awhile"	\$25 00
E. V. C. "	25 00
Mr. Egisto P. Fabbri	35 00
Mrs. E. P. Fabbri	15 00
Mr. Ernesto G. Fabbri	15 00
Mrs. F. K. Gracie	10 00
Mrs. Courtland Palmer	100 00
S. S. of Church of the Nativity, Rev. Caleb Clapp	20 00
Miss H. A. Clark for "Rest-awhile"	22 00
Mrs. S. K. Satterlee "	10 00
Mr. Archibald Morrison, Phila., "	50 00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Metcalfe "	15 00
Mr. J. H. Earle "	25 00
Mr. Fred N. Betts "	25 00
L. P. W. "	10 00
Mr. J. Fisher Sheafe "	100 00
A. Friend "	6 00
Mrs. M. H. Caswell	50 00
H. S. M., Christ Church, Brooklyn	10 00
Mr. E. V. Clark	10 00
Mr. Hugh Auchincloss	10 00
Mr. J. F. Chamberlain	10 00
Mrs. J. R. Broadhead	10 00
Mr. Benj. B. Sherman	10 00
Cash	5 00
Mr. W. Waldron, Thanksgiving Offering	100 00
Miss M. S. Roussel for Thanksgiving	5 00
Mr. J. Fisher Sheafe	100 00
Mr. Cyrus Curtiss for Christmas	25 00
Miss Norrie " "	25 00
Mr. Earle " "	25 00
Mrs. Chisolm " "	20 00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Henry Chauncey	\$250 00
Mrs. H. B. Renwick	100 00
Mrs. W. E. Chisolm	125 00

Mrs. Mason Gallagher	\$100 00
Miss Anne McLane	100 00
Mrs. P. J. Mills	120 00
Miss Annie F. Osborne	50 00
Mrs. J. W. Munro	100 00
Masters Fred and Duncan Chauncey	250 00
Miss Ferguson	150 00
Mrs. and Miss Burcklé	100 00
Miss Marie S. Roussel	50 00
Church of the Incarnation Hosp. Asso.	200 00
Mrs. Matilda White	100 00
Mr. John H. Earle	100 00
Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg	100 00
Mr. A. Norrie	100 00
Mr. W. E. Chisolm	100 00
Mr. E. P. Fabbri	100 00
Mr. Howard Potter	100 00
Mr. J. M. Brown	100 00
Miss C. L. Wolfe	100 00
Mr. Frederick Barnard	10 00
Cash	10 00
Miss Mary Ayres	10 00
Mr. Wm. Hall Penfold	10 00
Mr. Thos. McMullen	10 00
Mrs. Daniel Parish	10 00
Miss E. V. Clark	10 00
Mrs. Barthold Schlesinger	10 00
Miss H. A. Clark	10 00
Mrs. W. E. Dodge, Jr.	10 00
Mrs. R. I. Livingston	10 00
Miss Julia Norrie	10 00
Mr. J. A. Perry	10 00
Lazell, Marsh & Gardner	10 00
Miss Alice Van Ingen	10 00
Morris K. Jesup	10 00
Mr. Wm. H. Tailer	10 00
Mrs. Jessie Stevens	10 00
Miss Jessie Francis	10 00

Mr. Wm. F. Coles	\$10 00
Mr. Richard L. Schieffelin	10 00
Mrs. Lispenard Stewart	10 00
L. P. Morton	10 00
Mrs. A. M. Ward	10 00
David Stewart	10 00
Master James Stewart	10 00
Mr. Ambrose Kingsland, Jr.	10 00
Mr. Wm. P. Douglas	10 00
Mr. J. T. Metcalfe	10 00
Mrs. Keese	10 00
Mrs. Joseph Ogden	10 00
Miss Lyde	10 00
Mrs. E. P. Dutton	10 00
Mrs. J. H. Hewson	10 00
Mrs. R. T. Auchmuty	10 00
Mrs. Alden	10 00

GIFTS OF ARTICLES.

- From Miss Auchincloss, outfit of clothing for a little boy.
- " Mrs. Chisolm, bundle of under wear.
 - " R. M., Two chromos for Children's Home.
 - " Miss Ferguson, two coats and four pairs of pantaloons.
 - " Mrs. Rogers, a dozen knitted mufflers.
 - " Miss Elinor V. Boynton, St. Nicholas Magazine for 1875, monthly.
 - " Mrs. N. A. Taylor, suit of boys' clothes.
 - " Mr. J. Harnet, sack of apples.
 - " Mrs. Hugh Allen, two coats, two pairs pantaloons, one vest, one polonaise, two dresses, magazines, etc.
 - " Miss Van Ingen, three coats, one pair pantaloons, four vests.
 - " Mrs. R. Centre, one overcoat, one waterproof, two vests, shoes, drawers, and furs.
 - " Rev. Dr. McNamara, a box of oranges.
 - " Sister Amelia, thirty-six books for children's library.
 - " Mrs. Dr. A. A. Davis, package of valuable clothing.
 - " Messrs. B. K. Bliss & Sons, barrel of seed potatoes.
 - " Mrs. T. Dwight, package of men's clothing.
 - " Messrs. Lewis & Conger, parcel of little knives and forks.
 - " Mr. P. W. Bedford, bundle of children's clothing.
 - " Mr. Henry J. Scudder, 28 bound vols. Congressional Records, for Library.
 - " Mrs. E. P. Fabbri, fifty-nine garments and a girl's dress.
 - " A Friend, fireworks for Fourth of July.
 - " Mr. Newton Perkins, some worn clothing.
 - " A Lady, an outfit for a girl.
 - " Mrs. M. A. C. Rogers, twenty-four knitted mufflers.
 - " Mrs. Smith, a bundle of useful things.
 - " A Friend, a package of clothing.

- From Dr. A. A. Davis, an overcoat for an old man.
- “ Mrs. Pierrepont, clothing for a girl.
 - “ Miss A. F. Osborne, five pairs night drawers.
 - “ Dr. Geo. A. Spalding, pair of pantaloons.
 - “ Dr. Robert Abbé, two pairs pantaloons.
 - “ Mrs. Schilling, bundle of clothing.
 - “ Mrs. Little, children's clothing.
 - “ Mr. J. A. Prigge, box of cranberries for Thanksgiving.
- Through Miss Margaret L. Meade, five coats, four vests, one wrapper, ten pairs pantaloons, a shawl, and other articles.
- “ Miss Annie Earle, from “Young Ladies Sewing Society,” thirteen flannel skirts, nine chemises, two pairs canton flannel drawers.
 - “ A Friend, a number of books for the children.
- From Mrs. Smith, six night gowns, several pairs stockings.
- “ Miss Sarah Burcklé, bundle of clothing.
 - “ Mrs. Rogers, periodicals, monthly, for 1875.
 - “ Mrs. Matilda White, an iron crib, child's chair, two velocipedes, magic lantern, and other games.
 - “ A mother, *In Memoriam* J. P. L., toys for Christmas.
 - “ Dudley and Paul Van Ingen, box of mottoes for Christmas trees.
 - “ Christ Church, Brooklyn, a piece of red flannel.
 - “ Employés of St. Johnland, a fine Christmas doll for the little ones.
 - “ Mrs. Clark, seven pairs knitted suspenders.
 - “ Mrs. Barthold Schlesinger, piece of red flannel.
 - “ C. L. P., packet of books and cards.
- Through Miss Alice Van Ingen from S. S. of Christ Church, Brooklyn, a huge packing case and barrel filled with useful and beautiful Christmas gifts of all sorts, dolls, books, games, candies, a magic lantern, boxes of assorted toys, some excellent clothing, a quantity of farina, corn starch, cocoa, etc., and a missionary box containing \$3 in five-cent pieces.

INFORMATION.

St. Johnland is situated on Long Island Sound, forty-five miles east of New York.

THE ESTATE comprises five hundred and sixty-five (565) acres, two hundred and twenty-five of which are arable land, the remainder woodland and salt meadow.

The principal buildings, at this time, are as follows:

I. THE CHURCH OF THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS—a neat rural sanctuary in the midst of the settlement, the gift of Mr. Adam Norrie. It seats about three hundred and fifty persons, has a fine organ, font, silver communion set, bell, etc.

II. ST. JOHN'S INN, OR THE OLD MAN'S HOME—built by Mr. John David Wolfe. This is in fact three large houses, connected by enclosed passages, and forming a handsome front of a hundred and fifty feet. It is designed to accommodate forty aged men, with commodious centre building for Superintendent's family, and business offices. The West Wing of this house is temporarily used as a home for forty little boys, and an extension northward makes the residence of twenty of the older girls.

III. THE BOYS' HOUSE—given by Mrs. W. E. Chisolm as a memorial of her son, John R. Chisolm. Thirty-six of the older boys, with the schoolmaster and his wife live here, and under the same roof is also the general school of the settlement.

IV. THE SPENCER AND WOLFE HOME for crippled, feeble, or destitute little girls, given by the ladies whose name it bears. From thirty-six to forty children occupy this house. Increased accommodations are needed for this class of beneficiaries.

V. THE LIBRARY AND VILLAGE HALL—erected by a number of gentlemen, and intended for the double purpose implied in its designation. The Hall alone is at present in use.

VI. THE PRINTING-OFFICE AND STEREOTYPE FOUNDRY—originally the gift of the late Mr. F. F. Randolph, but since enlarged so as to double its business capacity.

VII. THE REST-AWHILE—or Summer Retreat for poor women and children, given by the late Mr. W. H. Aspinwall. It accommodates from thirty-five to forty guests at one time.

The other buildings are the Mansion or original homestead; a new two-story dwelling-house west of this; another two-story house south; a cottage built by Mr. E. P. Fabbri; another by the late Mr. John Caswell, and the Gate Cottage, at the entrance of the domain. There are also extensive farm buildings, a work-shop, stable, store-house, dairy and ice-house.

The present value of the land, building, stock, furniture, business apparatus, implements, and other material, is computed, at a low estimate, to be one hundred and fifty-five thousand (\$155,000) dollars.

The property is unencumbered by debt, but the Society has fallen into arrears to its Treasurer for current expenses during the year, and additional funds are urgently needed.

This Church Village is the latest work of the venerable Dr. Muhlenberg, being a practical illustration of those Evangelical and Catholic principles for which he has so long and earnestly contended. The purposes of the Foundation are set forth in an abstract of the act of Incorporation on the fourth page of this pamphlet.

The dependence for carrying on the several charities is on voluntary contributions, which are solicited from all who would favor an enterprise of manifold benevolence, actuated by the Spirit of Brotherhood in Christ.

\$10 per annum is an ordinary subscription.

\$100 per annum maintains and educates a child.

\$150 per annum supports an old man.

\$150, in full, apprentices a boy to a trade on the place.

\$1,500 endows a berth in perpetuity for a destitute child.

\$2,000 endows an alcove in perpetuity for an old man.

Donations in money can be sent to Howard Potter, Esq., Treasurer, 59 Wall street, or to Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, or the Sister-Superintendent at St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

The Rev. J. McNamara is the authorized agent of the Board, to solicit Subscriptions and Donations. Address St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y.

St. Johnland is reached by the Port Jefferson Branch of the Long Island Railroad, from Hunter's Point, opposite East 34th street, New York. There are two trains each way daily, stopping at St. Johnland Station, distant about a mile and a half from the settlement.

The St. Johnland stage meets the mid-day train regularly on *Thursdays*, for the convenience of visitors, conveying them back to the depot for the return train. This arrangement is suspended in the months of December, January, and February.

The Post-office address at present is, St. Johnland, Smithtown, Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Communications on matters of business should be addressed to the Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, or Anne Ayres, Sister-Superintendent, St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

Applications for the admission of beneficiaries of whatever kind must be made to Dr. Muhlenberg or the Sister-Superintendent, as above. In every case a personal interview with the candidate is required. This can be accomplished by bringing the applicant to the Hospital any Thursday morning, between 10 and 12 o'clock.

Letters concerning the Printing and Stereotyping departments should be directed to Mr. Thomas J. Hyatt, Superintendent of Printing-office, St. Johnland, Smithtown, Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Inquiries concerning the Sisterhood of St. Johnland, to Anne Ayres, Principal of the Sisterhood of St. Luke and St. John, at St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

N. B.—*Donations of articles of household use or consumption, stores, groceries, etc.; of clothing, new or half worn—the latter especially of men and boys; of suitable books for the library, juvenile or adult; stationery, sewing materials, games, and whatever else belongs to every-day life, can be turned to excellent account and will be gratefully received.*

Gifts of these kinds may be sent to St. Luke's Hospital, labelled "St. Johnland," whence they will be duly forwarded. Barrels, etc., can be sent direct, freight prepaid, by the Long Island Railroad, via Hunter's Point or James's Slip, directed, "St. Johnland, L. I."