

fully report that in accordance with the requirements and provisions of said joint order, they performed the duties thus required and made the said visit of investigation on Monday, March 14th.

Your Committee respectfully report that after careful examination into all features of the management, that they find that the "Home" is conducted in the most economical and judicious manner.

The entire expense of the institution (outside of the maintenance of the inmates) for management and labor of all kinds, does not exceed ninety-six dollars per month.

The improvements to the buildings, both as to external and internal work, have been conducted on a scale of economy in keeping with the costs for management and labor; and though these improvements are in good taste, appropriate and durable, the cost of materials has been the only expense to the State, the work and labor having been done by the inmates of the "Home."

Many improvements have been made by private individuals who have furnished nearly all the rooms as a memorial to some friend who had died in the Confederate cause, or who had honorably served therein, and since died. The additions and improvements thus made, and those made by the management of the Home from the appropriations received and contributions of friends, have added probably not less than ten thousand dollars to the value of the property.

The management took charge of and began repairs of the buildings under very adverse circumstances, the buildings having been granted them in the Spring, and the first appropriation not having been available until the Autumn following.

At its opening it had sixteen inmates; it now has seventy-three, and as the soldiers of thirty years ago are now getting to be old men, it is reasonable to suppose that this number for sometime to come must be increased.

The discipline of the Home is unexcelled, the rules and regulations being strictly carried out; they are framed in a spirit of comradeship, but are also military in their exactions.