

**A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE THOMASVILLE
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.**

Facts Briefly Stated.
1927.

Thomasville, N. C.

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received.

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The last one enrolled February 1, 1927, runs the number up to 2,519.

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Present in 19 families, 596, of these 118 are in the Kennedy Memorial Home.

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The Kennedy Home is the Eastern branch of the Orphanage, located near Kinston, N. C. It is not an independent institution receiving and disbursing funds. It and Thomasville are under the same general management. At the present Mr. R. F. Hough is the superintendent of this eastern branch. It has been in operation since 1914.

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The Orphanage has had three General Managers: J. H. Mills, from 1885 to 1895; J. B. Boone, from 1895 to 1905; M. L. Kesler, from 1905 to 1927.

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For six years Mother's Aid work has been in operation. Miss Hattie Edwards has been in charge of this work for four years. We are now aiding in their own homes 392 children with 87 mothers. These added to the number now present in the Orphanage makes 988 children in the care of North Carolina Baptists.

So during the 42 years of our history, counting Mother's Aid and all, we have helped 3,266 children.

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Perhaps no other Orphanage in all the world is so bound up with the Sunday schools as ours. Almost from the beginning our chief support has come from the once a month collections from the Sunday schools. In more recent years the Thanksgiving offering has been of immense help. Out of more than 2,200 Sunday schools less than 600 contribute at all regularly.

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Charity and Children, as its organ, is the right arm of the institution. The work of the job department has grown until it is a big business enterprise within itself. It gives valuable training to quite a number of our boys. The circulation of the paper is now 27,537.

We ought to have a club in every Sunday school. The price to single subscribers is \$1.00, in clubs of 10 or more to one address, 60 cents a year. The plan in these clubs is to furnish a copy of the paper to each family represented in Sunday school, the paper to be paid for out of the once a month collections.

When remittances are sent for Charity and Children it should be so stated, or they will be credited to current fund, and the sender will not get credit on the books of the paper. Our printing department appeals to you for your patronage. It is the only department that makes any

money for the Orphanage. We do good work and guarantee satisfaction and at reasonable prices.

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Send all contributions to F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer, Thomasville, N. C.

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Children are received between the ages of 2 and 12, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

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We receive from 50 to 100 applications a month. Most of them are turned away for lack of room.

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There are 56 women and 22 men who devote all their time to the Orphanage. The expense bill averages near \$600 per day,—two barrels of flour a day, four bushels of meal, a whole beef when used all round, 12 bushels of sweet and six of Irish potatoes, when they are used and other things accordingly.

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Each cottage has its own dining room and kitchen.

The children go to school half the day and are on duty (those old enough) the other half.

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The sewing room has in charge about 20 girls in the morning and a like number in the afternoon. They learn to make their own clothes and look well in them.

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The laundry force consists of about forty girls, divided into morning and afternoon forces. At least ten thousand pieces are handled each week.

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The herd of Holstein cattle now numbers 55 good milkers. At the Kennedy Home 15 of the same type are being milked daily. Our herd is regularly tested for tuberculosis. It has been for several years free from disease and therefore an accredited herd.

We have milk sufficient to supply every child with a quart of milk a day.

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We have also made a good beginning in poultry on a large scale, one man giving practically all his time to this enterprise.

A large number of our children come to us undernourished and anaemic, hence the necessity for an adequate supply of dairy and poultry products to feed them back to robust health.

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The school work is on the graded system, from the kindergarten through the eleventh grade.

The work goes on regularly, with 48 weeks of actual work; twelve weeks school and one week vacation and so on through the year.

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Special effort is made to cultivate the finer tastes in the children,—drawing in school, fancy needle-work, basketry, cultivation of flowers of their own. Music is taught daily.