

III. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and Home

On March 28, 1906, we purchased the eighty-five acre farm at Centre Valley, Pa., which the Committee of 1905 had agreed in the fall to purchase this spring. The farm is nicely located on a rolling plain in close proximity to the P. & R. Railroad Station and the Philadelphia Division of the Lehigh Valley Transit Line. A never failing spring or springs from which a large volume of water flows even through drought are found on the premises, which greatly add to the beauty and value of the farm, and to the comfort of both man and beast.

A few very important repairs were made last fall, but soon after possession was taken in spring repairs were resumed on a larger scale. The farm house was papered, and painted inside and outside at quite an expense, which adds to the comfort of the farmer's family, and an iron fence was erected along the front of the yard

We sawed the small piece of woodland on the premises and realized about Three Hundred Dollars worth of lumber, which will be used for building purposes. We built an overshoot to the barn, completely changed the stabling, cemented the entries and gutters, and somewhat renovated the upper portion of the barn, also pointed the east gable end. We built a milk house with cement floor and water trough, pig stable and chicken house with cement floors, roofs all joined together so that we can feed the live stock without getting into the weather. The barn and all the other out buildings were painted and now present an almost new appearance.

While trucking shall be the main occupation ultimately, yet we decided that for the present farming should be the principal industry. The farm is equipped with nearly all new, up-to-date implements and machinery. We have five excellent working horses, six nice cows, fifty-eight fine chickens and nine geese.

The crops were favorable so that we harvested 162 bushels of wheat, 158 bushels of rye, 605 bushels of oats, more than 600 bushels of potatoes, and about 35 tons of hay. A large crop of pears was sold for a neat sum of money.

The Lord has wondrously enlarged the hearts of His people in promptly contributing to this noble work even beyond our expectation so that the cash contributions amount to more than 9½ Thousand Dollars.

Geese valued at 18½ Dollars, white leghorn chickens valued at 13½ Dollars, and rose bushes and celery plants valued at 3 1-5 Dollars were donated.

The expenses were high, but we feel that the money has been