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Educational.

(From the Pennsylvania School Journal.)
Soldiers' Orphan School.
(Continued.)

1. Two infirmary rooms shall be set
apart in each school, one for the boys and
the other for the girls; and each shall be
provided with the furniture and appli-
cances necessary.

2. A Nurse shall be employed to take
charge of all new pupils and keep them
apart from the others, till examined by
the Physician and pronounced free from
all cutaneous and other contagious dis-
eases; and also to have the care of all
sick pupils.

3. It shall be her duty to attend upon
all diseased pupils, and administer to
them such medicines and remedies as
shall be prescribed by the Physician; and
also to see that their rooms are kept well
ventilated and clean and their garments
often changed; and that the inmates
have such food as their cases may re-
quire.

4. No pupil, either newly arrived or
previously in the school, shall be dis-
charged from the infirmary till so direct-
ed by the Physician.

Religious Instruction and Worship.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.
I. It is the right of these orphans as
it is of every child, separated from home
training, to receive, and it is the duty of
the teacher to impart, regular instruction
in the principles of Religion, as an in-
dispensable element in a proper Educa-
tion. And, in this State in which Chris-
tianity is a part of the law of the land,—
the laws themselves being based upon
and conformed to its principles,—the
Christian religion is to be made a part of
the course of instruction.

By this it is not meant merely that
these children are to be taught those
great principles of morality which are
found to conform to the Christian sys-
tem; but that the Christian system it-
self, as found in the Scriptures, is to be
taught, accompanied with a knowledge of
the origin of that system and due rever-
ence for its Divine Author.

II. As there is no religious belief or
observance without preference for some
one or other of the creeds and forms of
worship prevailing amongst the various
Christian sects,—that creed is to be
taught and that form of worship prefer-
red for each of these orphans, as far as
practicable, which the father himself
would have designated were he alive, or
which the mother in his stead shall in-
dicate.

This principle cannot, from the nature
of the case, be fully observed in every
instance. For, though the schools have
been placed in charge of religious men
and care has been taken to have all the
prominent sects represented in the corps
of Principals,—yet, as the institutions
are so scattered over the whole State that
in most cases it would remove the child
too far from the mother to send it to a
school of its own denomination,—Secta-
rian religious training must therefore be
mainly provided for otherwise; There-
fore—

III. The assistance of the Christian
clergy, resident in the vicinity, is relied
on, in this part of the training of the
children of their respective denomina-
tions, in the schools.

To effect this object, a list of the or-
phans whose parents were of his church,
is sent to each clergyman, with a request
that, subject to the rules of the school,
he will supervise and guide their relig-
ious training, and, as far as convenient,
have them attend public worship at his
church. But, as there are several schools
having no churches or clergy of some of
the denominations near them, this renders
it unavoidable, that—

IV. In all cases in which there is
neither clergyman nor church of the par-
ent's denomination near the school, the
orphans thus circumstanced shall, for the
time, attend the church of the Principal,
and be instructed in religious matters
with the body of the school;—due re-
specting preference of the deceased father
and no attempts made to proselyte his
child.

No other expedient than this is gener-
ally practicable in such cases. It is true
there may be, in the variety of teachers
in a school, some one agreeing with pu-
pils thus removed from church privileges
of their own denomination. These, of
course, may and ought to take charge of
such pupils, as catechumens of their own
church; but in the absence of such in-
struction, this class of pupils are to ac-
company the Principal.

RULES FOR RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND IN- STRUCTION.

1. There shall be, morning and eve-

ning worship and grace before meat dai-
ly, at the times specified; the worship to
be in the study-hall and conducted by
the Principal, or such of the teachers as
he shall designate, and to consist at the
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2. All the pupils of the same denomi-
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their parents belong, if there be one
within convenient distance; *Provided*,
that the minister or others furnish them
with seats and have an oversight of them
while in attendance. But no pupils of
these schools are to attend night meetings
in any church.

3. Each clergyman resident in the vic-
inity of such school shall have the priv-
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4. That there shall be a Sunday-School
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that in the formation of the classes, if
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5. That the habit of reading the Scrip-
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6. That the practice of individual
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7. That all the pupils be taught to
sing psalms and hymns, and encouraged
to join in this delightful portion of pub-
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8. That no undue means be resorted to
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