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# THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 13.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSANE HOSPITAL.

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The Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, Steward and Superintendent of the same, ask leave to report, that they have examined the documents submitted to them, they have also visited the Hospital and examined into its interior arrangement and the situation of the patients therein, they take pleasure in reporting that this Institution is well managed. The Trustees visit the Hospital every month in the year and examine minutely the situation of each patient in reference to food, clothing, bed and bedding and other comforts, and to aid the officers of the Institution by their advice and council if desired. Under the superintending care of Dr. Harlow, and the efficient services of Mr. Allan, the Steward and Treasurer, and untiring exertions of Mrs. Johnson, the Matron, this noble Institution, has outlived the prejudices of its enemies and silenced the voice of detraction and calumny, and has become a monument of the munificence of individuals and the liberality of the State.

Your Committee regret to state that the expense of building the north wing of the Hospital will considerably exceed the estimate of last year. This may be traced to various causes. The high price of labor and materials; the difficulty in obtaining a permanent foundation which exceeded the estimate very largely. In addition, the Legislature of last year contrary to the advice and recommendation of their Committee, preferred to entrust the expenditure of the money granted. to the Governor and Council, rather than to the

Trustees, (under whose direction the south wing was built,) thereby, as your Committee think, increasing the amount of expenditure very materially.

Your Committee would further state that there is due on the contract for brick, stone and lumber necessary to complete the north wing, as follows :

To Davenport for brick, . . . . .	\$582 19
“ Amount due Lambert, for materials, . . . . .	233 47
“ “ “ Pierce, for stone, . . . . .	3,200 00
“ “ “ Sturgess, for lumber, . . . . .	216 00
We herewith furnish the estimate of Sawyer, the master workman, employed by the Governor and Council, . . . . .	18,789 97

Estimated amount necessary to complete the North Wing, . . . . .	\$23,021 63
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In addition, we herewith submit the estimate, of T. C.

Allen, Steward and Treasurer of Hospital as to the whole expense of furniture for North Wing being \$2,485 75 for three galleries. We have deducted one third of the amount upon the supposition that it may and probably will not be necessary to furnish more than the two galleries this fall, as follows :

Whole amount necessary to be raised, . . . . .	\$24,678 80
Add expense of superintending, . . . . .	321 20

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\$25,000 00

Your Committee would therefore report that twenty-five thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of completing the North Wing of the Hospital and for the furniture necessary for two galleries for the same, and herewith submit a resolve therefor. Should the amount recommended by this resolve meet our expectations the

actual cost of completing said Wing will be \$43,000, or about \$13,000 more than the estimate of last year, and about \$12,000 more than the cost of the South Wing. The reasons for this increase have already been sufficiently alluded to.

Your Committee would further state that it appears from Report of the Trustees that they have engaged the services of Rev. J. H. Ingraham, to officiate as Chaplain for the past year at one hundred dollars per annum, and that his services have proved very acceptable to the officers and attendants, and have had a very happy effect upon the unfortunate inmates of the Hospital.

It also appears by the Report of the Trustees that they have engaged the services of Jerome C. Smith, M. D., as assistant physician, with a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.

Your Committee submit a Resolve herewith to pay for the services of the chaplain and assistant physician for the current year.

GEORGE DOWNES,

*Per order of Committee.*

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IN SENATE, February 21, 1855.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*

## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE making an appropriation for the Insane  
Hospital.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of twenty-five thousand  
2 dollars be appropriated and paid out of the Treasury  
3 of the State, out of any money not otherwise appro-  
4 priated, to be expended under the direction of the  
5 Trustees of the Insane Hospital, to complete the  
6 building of the north wing of the same, and furniture  
6 for two galleries in said north wing.

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IN SENATE, February 23, 1855.

This Resolve having had two several readings, passed to be engross-  
ed. Sent down for concurrence.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 24, 1855. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Report and Resolve  
be printed for the use of the Legislature.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*