

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 35.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORM SCHOOL.

Agreeably to an order of the Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School, have visited that institution, and herewith submit the following report, to wit :

On Thursday, January 28th, 1869, your Committee visited the Reform School at Cape Elizabeth. They took the utmost care during the short time spent at the institution, to make themselves familiar with the discipline to which the inmates are subjected, and to judge so far as possible of the practical operation of the influences which surround the scholars. They also examined all the buildings connected with this institution, brick-yard, farm, &c. They carefully inquired into the duties of all those who are connected with the institution, and judged so far as circumstances would permit of the fitness and adaptation of each to his particular sphere of action. They noticed with pleasure the high esteem with which the scholars regarded their teachers, showing plainly that their instructors are of the right stamp, maintaining as they do, the most perfect order by a skillful blending of firmness and kindness. In the opinion of your Committee, Maine has great reason to be proud of this institution. It is founded upon just and humane principles, and while it involves quite a large expenditure of money each year, your Committee feel that the State is paid more than ten-fold, in reclaiming these young wanderers from the paths of sin and ruin, by implanting in their minds and hearts, principles of justice and truth, which may develope in them a true manhood. Your Committee noticed with pleasure that the scholars were all neat and clean, and had the appearance of being in a remarkably good state of health, being cheerful and happy. The proposed improvements for which an appropriation is asked, were

carefully examined and your Committee are of the unanimous opinion that the following sums should be appropriated, to wit:

For painting buildings and improvement in laundry,	\$1,000 00
For reservoirs and sewers,	500 00
For support of school,	11,946 32
	\$13,446 32

This amount is \$3,096 28 less than the appropriation of 1868, and \$4,856 78 less than the sum appropriated in 1867. In closing your Committee feel to say most *emphatically* that the present Superintendent, E. W. Woodbury, is the right man in the right place.

M. D. L. LANE,	}	<i>of the Senate.</i>
J. A. BUCK,		
LUTHER H. WEBB,		
TOBIAS LORD,	}	<i>of the House.</i>
DANIEL W. SAWYER,		
W. B. FERGUSON,		
NELSON THOMPSON,		
STILLMAN NOYES, JR.,		
E. W. THOMPSON,		
ELIJAH WYMAN.		

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the state reform school.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars for
2 painting buildings and improvement in laundry, also
3 five hundred dollars for reservoirs and sewers, and
4 also eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-six dol-
5 lars and thirty-two cents for support of school, making
6 in all thirteen thousand four hundred and forty-six
7 dollars and thirty-two cents, (\$13,446.32,) be and
8 is hereby appropriated for the benefit of the state
9 reform school for the fiscal year ending April first, in
10 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
12 seventy.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 19, 1869.

Read, and on motion of Mr. WEBB, laid on the table and
ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*