

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 66.

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*To the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives :*

The members of the "Committee on Military Affairs," agreeably to the instructions of the Legislature, visited "The Military and Naval Orphan Asylum" at Bath, on Monday, the 6th of February, and were kindly received and hospitably entertained by the Managers and Trustees of that institution. The Committee examined the large and commodious building which has been thoroughly and elegantly fitted up for the comfort and wants of the orphan children of the deceased soldiers of our State. The building, grounds and surroundings are everything that such an institution can demand. We were introduced to the inmates of the institution, and listened to some very interesting exercises, and were highly entertained by the singing of a series of pieces of selected music. The inmates were all neatly dressed, and looked cheerful and healthy, and their general deportment showed that they had been under good discipline.

We submit the following Report of the Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, just published, which sets forth, among other matters, information of a financial character, which may be desirable for the members of the Legislature to understand :

*To the Honorable the Governor and Council of the State of Maine :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum beg leave to submit the following Annual Report :

During the year which has just passed the number of children receiving the benefits of this institution has averaged forty, while sixty-eight in all have been inmates, and the present number is fifty-seven, with many applications pending. In our judgment the house may soon be filled to its capacity of one hundred and fifty children, all taken from the utmost destitution and placed in comfort, where they are fitted with care to become a source of pride and strength to the State, whose honorable wards they are. Receiving the benefits of the public schools of the city, and a careful moral training among the beau-

tiful surroundings, so generously furnished them, and the assiduous care of those ladies who are making the prosecution of their interests a life work, the intentions of the people bid fair to be accomplished; and in the future many good citizens saved from wretchedness will amply repay the original outlay,—now to be looked upon as a sacred debt.

The money appropriated by the last Legislature has been devoted to the purposes for which it was granted,—for finishing the buildings, furnishing them, grading and fencing the lot, etc. For particulars of this expenditure we beg leave to refer to the report of the Treasurer, Charles Davenport, Esq., from which it will be seen that the following is the financial condition of the Home :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received appropriation by the State for construction, repairs, furnishing, etc. ....	\$15,000 00
appropriation by the State on account of support of orphans. ....	1,500 00
other sources besides donations, etc., collected by the lady managers .....	262 83
Balance on hand per last year's report.....	<u>2,056 15</u>
	\$18,818 98
Paid construction account, for completing buildings, iron fence, repairs, grading, etc. ....	\$12,915 21
for running expenses, including provisions, clothing, boots and shoes, man and women's services, fuel and miscellaneous charges.....	4,689 41
Balance on hand.....	<u>1,214 36</u>
	\$18,818 98

This, it may be remembered, is exclusive of some receipts yet in the hands of the Lady Managers, in whose annexed report further information upon the children and the internal economy of the Home may be found.

In conclusion, we would desire to express our high confidence in the ladies who have the more immediate management of the institution, and the hope that frequent examination may be made into its affairs by those who are responsible to the people for the execution of their behests.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PATTEN, *President.*

THOMAS W. HYDE, *Secretary.*

Bath, January 23, 1871.

The Committee are happy to learn that the late Horatio Ward of London, deceased, has left a large bequest, of several thousand dollars, for the benefit of this institution, which will be realized in a few months.

In view of the statements herein named the Committee would recommend that the Legislature appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars, to be expended for the wants of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum under the direction of the Governor and Council.

Per order,

FREDERICK ROBIE.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Bath Naval and Military  
Orphan Asylum.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated,  
2 the sum of three thousand dollars, for the benefit of  
3 the inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan  
4 Asylum; the same to be expended under the direction  
5 of the governor and council.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 18, 1871. }

Read once, laid on the table and ordered to be printed, together  
with the report accompanying, on motion of Mr. ROBIE.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*