

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 26.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as related to the Orphans' Home at Bath, having visited that institution in compliance with an order of the Legislature, submit the following

REPORT:

The Committee, accompanied by Gov. Perham, Councillor Thompson, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings, visited the Home, January 31st, 1873, and examined it in detail, and can but express our satisfaction with the management of its internal affairs.

Mrs. Mayhew, (who has been Matron from the beginning of the institution) with assistance of Miss Baker, Assistant Matron, has succeeded in making the Home a pleasant asylum for the orphans in charge, and are entitled to the thanks of the State.

It gave us pleasure to observe the good behavior of the children, and to listen to their recitations, which they performed with credit to the institution; they attend the schools of Bath as heretofore.

We found the new cooking apparatus working finely, under the charge of an old soldier; and the clothing of the children neat without extravagance; the bedding sufficient, simple and clean.

The building is warmed by steam except the third story; in the hall of which there should be a radiator; and one room on the second floor should be furnished with outside windows. The outside of the house needs painting.

There are at this time in the Asylum sixty-four children; any pension money due to these, is by the Treasurer invested in the savings bank to accumulate for the benefit of the orphan to which it belongs.

The Report of the officers for 1872 will give the particulars relating to the affairs of the institution. Owing to a press of work

the printers have not been able to have it ready for distribution at this time.

The appropriation asked for, and unanimously recommended by the Trustees, for the present year, is ten thousand dollars, based on an average of sixty children to be provided for, for repairs needed on the building, and land to pay for as follows :

Six thousand dollars for clothing and support of family ; three thousand dollars for running expenses, viz.: washing, pay of seamstress, fuel, necessary help, and to pay balance of about eight hundred dollars, due on part of lot, which is used as a vegetable garden ; one thousand dollars for radiators, and necessary painting and repairs of buildings.

The Committee think ten thousand dollars the smallest sum the State ought to appropriate ; and recommend that the same be expended especially for the benefit of Military and Naval Orphans and half Orphans ; and that the Governor and Council request the Trustees to so amend article one of the By-Laws and General Regulations, as to conform strictly to the intentions of the State in maintaining the Asylum.

The Legislature, we have no doubt, will continue to appropriate what is necessary for the support of the wards of the State, whose fathers sacrificed their lives for the perpetuity of our free institutions.

We herewith present a Resolve to carry into effect the above recommendation, should the Legislature concur with us as to its propriety.

Per order.

WILLIAM E. HADLOCK.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 7, 1873.

Presented by Mr. HADLOCK of Hancock, and on motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Oxford, laid on the table and ordered to be printed with the accompanying resolve.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*