

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No 44.

Re-printed with Statement of Facts.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the female orphan asylum, Portland.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be
2 and hereby is appropriated for the benefit of female
3 orphan asylum, Portland.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine :

The memorial of the Female Orphan Asylum in Portland, humbly represents that this asylum was chartered by the Legislature of this State, in the year 1828. That it at once began and for forty-six years has continued its labors without receiving or asking aid from the State, while other similar institutions have been largely endowed by or received important appropriations, from your charity and liberality. Our income from funds gathered these forty-five years and carefully saved and invested, is about \$1,800. This is increased by subscriptions to about \$2,200 annually. By the closest economy and not without much troublesome friction, we are able to support our present family, consisting of thirty-three children and three assistants, a matron, assistant matron, teacher and cook.

By the kindness of a few citizens of Portland, we were enabled about four years since to purchase and fit up a new and commodious house, and if we had sufficient income, could receive nearly double our present number of inmates. We need hardly say, that we receive children from all parts of the State, and we will add, that though constantly straightened in our pecuniary circumstances, we are wholly free from debt.

We have received during the late rebellion, and since, children of deceased and disabled soldiers, whenever they have been offered. By our records we find sixteen of this class of beneficiaries, whose names we give, and so far as we are able to do so, the names of the fathers. We believe there are others whose history we have not known, or cannot now recall. These have been with us on an average more than two years ; one of them seven and a half years.

Ida M. Bowles ; Mary Jane Mathews, Elizabeth Mathews, Katharine Mathews—James Henry Mathews, father ; Harriet E. Brown, Celia Florence Brown—Isaiah Brown, Wells, Maine ; Marcia H. Clarke—Edward K. Clarke, navy ; Mary J. Spring,

Emily A. Spring—William P. J. Spring, 10th regiment; Nellie Babb; Carie Jordan; Katharine McDougal, Mary Jane McDougal—Archibald McDougal; Mabel L. Bailey—Alonzo B. Bailey, 12th regiment; Emma Lena Colby, Annie Florence Colby—Charles H. Colby. These last four children are still at the Asylum.

We notice His Excellency, the Governor, in his recent message to your honorable bodies upon the reduction of State expenditures, recommends a renewal of the appropriations of \$10,000 for the Bath Asylum and \$2,000 for the Bangor Asylum. We respectfully ask for an amount between these sums.

The names of the present Board of Managers, are the following: Mrs. John B. Brown, Mrs. Edward H. Burgin, Mrs. Colin E. Cross, Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Mrs. Charles E. Jose, Mrs. James T. McCobb, Miss Abby A. Steele, Mrs. Wm. J. Thom, Mrs. Chas. H. Barr, Miss Abby S. Barrett, Miss Mary J. E. Clapp, Mrs. James L. Farmer, Mrs. J. B. Mathews, Mrs. A. K. Shurtleff, Mrs. William W. Thomas.

We are women seeking to save and educate and provide for the fatherless and dependent of our own sex. We specially ask the State to grant us some compensation for and aid in supporting and training the soldiers' orphans—the State's own children.

By order of the Managers.

ABBY S. BARRETT, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 10, 1875. }

Reported from Committee on Military Affairs, by Mr. JOHN-
SON of Waterboro', and ordered printed under the Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*