

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 60.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Bath Military and Naval Orphan
Asylum.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated
2 out of the Treasury of the State, for the use of the Bath
3 Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, the sum of two thou-
4 sand two hundred eleven and sixty-four one-hundredths
5 dollars, (\$2,211.64) for the purpose of liquidating the
6 indebtedness of said institution to January 1st, 1889.
7 Also, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to be ex-
8 pended for drainage and repairs. Also, the sum of six-
9 teen thousand dollars (\$16,000), of which there shall be
10 paid eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for current ex-
11 penses in the year 1889, and eight thousand dollars
12 (\$8,000) for current expenses for 1890.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

When the present Board of Managers of this Institution assumed charge of its affairs there was an indebtedness of about \$1,600, and the appropriations from year to year since that date have been only sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Institution.

The actual expenses of the Institution for the year 1888 have been \$8,492.62. Their receipts have been as follows :

From State Treasury.....	\$7,000 00
Interest on invested fund.....	740 00
Sale of grass, etc.....	12 50
	\$7,752 50

leaving a deficit for the year 1888 of \$740.12, which, with former deficits, make a total deficit of \$2,211.64.

The drainage of this Institution is very bad, and the health of the children, the matron and other employes imperatively demands quite a large expenditure to secure proper drainage, which, with the ordinary repairs upon so large and valuable a building, and the extensive grounds surrounding the same, will require at least an appropriation of \$1,000.

The average number of children in the Institution is as follows :

In 1883.....	56
1884.....	60
1885.....	62
1886.....	71
1887.....	76
1888.....	74

The average expense of maintaining the children from
 1872 to 1877—Av. No. Children, 61 ; per capita, \$143 09.
 1878 to 1882— “ 58 ; “ 119 24.
 1883 to 1887— “ 65 ; “ 107 69.
 1888— “ 74 ; “ 94 59.

It will be noticed that the average expenses per capita of children the past year is lower than at any previous period.

The actual cost of maintaining the Institution for the year 1888 is \$115.11 per capita, being the smallest amount as cost of maintenance, per capita, since the State took charge of the Asylum in 1869.

At the last session of the Legislature the trustees asked for an appropriation of \$16,000, but, in their wisdom, they granted an appropriation of but \$14,000 for the two years. The cost for the two years was \$18,087.78, to which was applied the interest on the invested funds of the Asylum, amounting to \$1,876.14, which included quite an amount of back interest.

The trustees were unable to admit all applicants, owing to the meagre appropriation.

Allowing there is no larger number of children in the Home during the coming two years than in the past year, it will be noticed that the cost per capita, \$115.11 for 1888, will amount to \$8,518.14 per year, less \$740 interest on invested funds, making an actual appropriation required of \$15,656.28 ; therefore, the trustees most respectfully ask that there may be appropriated \$8,000 per year for the years 1889 and 1890.

The increase over the actual expenses, as above, will no more than make good the actual increase of maintenance by their increase in age.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 30, 1889.

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*