

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 245

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Society of the Sisters of Charity
for the use of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars be and
2 is hereby appropriated to be paid to the society of the Sis-
3 ters of Charity for the use of the Healy Asylum in Lewis-
4 ton, of which two thousand dollars shall be paid during the
5 year nineteen hundred and three and two thousand dollars
6 during the year nineteen hundred and four.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Me., was founded in 1893, and placed under the management of the Sisters of Charity.

The principal aim of this institution is to provide a home for young boys who have been left orphans, or who have been forsaken by their parents, and to enable them to become, by instruction and advice, honest and respectable citizens.

The institution is practically non-sectarian. Its doors are open to all, regardless of creed or race, and the religious opinions of each child's family are scrupulously respected.

As regards locality, the site of the asylum is as pleasant and healthful as could be found in the city. The house itself is a large, spacious brick building, well ventilated; it is surrounded by fine galleries and extensive playgrounds, thus assuring a healthful and pleasant home for the boys.

All boys under the age of fifteen years receive daily instruction at the home. The course of studies is the same as that pursued in the public schools of Lewiston. At the age of fifteen, the boys pass into a department of the asylum, separated from that occupied by the younger ones. Here, unless prevented by some physical infirmity, they are allowed and encouraged to obtain employment outside of the house, or to learn a trade, still continuing to make their home at the asylum, until such time as they can enter some respectable family, or are able to take care of themselves.

One of the objects of this institution is to aid, advise, and encourage to lead a better life, such boys as have, thoughtlessly or intentionally, been guilty of some petty offence whereby they have become amendable to the law. Owing to the kindness of the public authorities, the Sisters, during the last few years, have been allowed to take charge of several young boys, guilty of misdemeanors. They hold themselves responsible for all such entrusted to their charge. In this

way, the public has been relieved of the expense, and the boys of the evil influences, which must inevitably have followed from their confinement with older and confirmed criminals.

The result has, so far, been quite satisfactory. From the opening of the asylum in September, 1893, up to the close of the year 1902, about 1,000 boys have been admitted, and of these more than 100 are now resident.

Only a small portion of these boys have their board paid by the municipalities or by relatives, whilst a large number are received gratuitously or for a mere nominal sum. It is in favor of these children that the Sisters appeal to the State for assistance in this work to which they have consecrated their lives.

In consideration of the further fact, that the state never has been called upon to contribute toward the establishment of this institution, the same having cost some seventy-five thousand dollars, it is not only our earnest hope, but our fervent prayer that the state will grant to us the annual appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars.

The following statistics taken from the annual report of the asylum for the year 1902, will be found interesting and instructive :

Boys who have been in the asylum during the year 1902 :

Born in the United States	148
Born in Canada.....	18
Born in Nova Scotia.....	1
Born in Ireland, Europe	1
Born in Italy, Europe	1
Total.....	169

Residences of the families are as follows :

Auburn, Me.....	5
Augusta, Me.....	2

Bangor, Me.....	2
Bath, Me.....	3
Berlin Falls, N. H.....	1
Biddeford, Me.....	2
Brunswick, Me.....	5
Chisolm, Me.....	4
Concord, N. H.....	1
East Poland, Me.....	2
Gardiner, Me.....	1
Lewiston, Me.....	95
Lisbon, Me.....	1
Lisbon Center, Me.....	
Lisbon Falls, Me.....	1
Livermore Falls, Me.....	2
Manchaug, Mass.....	1
Mechanic Falls, Me.....	1
North Jay, Me.....	2
Oxford, Me.....	3
Pittsfield, N. H.....	1
Portland, Me.....	14
Rumford Falls, Me.....	5
Saco, Me.....	2
Salmon Falls, Me.....	2
Waterville, Me.....	10
Total.....	<hr/> 169

The ages of the children are as follows:

From 4 to 6 years of age.....	36
From 6 to 9 years of age.....	26
From 9 to 12 years of age.....	89
Over 12 years of age.....	18
Total.....	<hr/> 169

EXPENDITURES.

Financial statement for 1902 :

For food for children.....	\$3,814 08
Services of help	523 81
Medicine	120 84
Clothing and shoes.....	1,040 65
Lighting and fuel	827 52
School books, postage	118 69
Furniture.....	564 06
Laundry.....	237 14
Repairs of buildings.....	903 21
Insurance.....	144 00
Incidentals.....	719 00
Interest on debt for building asylum...	1,713 00
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Total	\$10,726 00

Receipts :

Received from board for children	\$4,994 15
Rent.....	251 00
State appropriation	2,000 00
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Total	\$7,245 15

The difference between the receipts and the disbursements is \$3,480.85, and must be covered by donations and public charities.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 4, 1903.

Reported by Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*