

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 344

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Saint Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum 2 of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to the Saint Elizabeth's 3 Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland for the use of 4 said institution for the year nineteen hundred and three and 5 fifteen hundred dollars for the use of said institution for the 6 year nineteen hundred and four. `

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The expenses of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum have to be met in a measure by board paid in by the parents, if they are able, by contributions from the city for orphans, by donations from private individuals, lawn-parties, excursions, collections made in the parishes of the cathedral, St. Dominic and the Sacred Heart parishes, Portland, and from such aid as the State allows.

These sources vary yearly and yield no fixed income outside of the money furnished by the State.

This year, by reason of the largely increased number of inmates taxing the institution to near its total capacity, (80) by reason of the marked advance in the price of fuel and the necessaries of life, the actual running expenses are much larger than in previous years.

Were it not for the fact that the sisters in charge give their services for practically nothing and manage the asylum with the most rigid economy, it would be impossible to keep the institution open, for while the expenses are much increased, the sources of income have remained stationary or decreased.

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In House of Representatives, Augusta, March 12, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.