

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 112

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 two thousand 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 five and 5 two thousand dollars for the use of said institution for the 6 year nineteen hundred and six. • .

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.

In 1902 the Legislature appropriated \$1,500 for the asylum. During the last two years the number of inmates of the institution has largely increased so that more money is required to run the institution.

In the years 1903-4 there were eighty-six more inmates than in 1901-2.

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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House of Representatives, Augusta, February 10, 1905.

Reported by Mr. SWETT from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk