

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 341

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Girls' Orphanage of the city of Lewiston under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be paid to the Society of the Sisters of Charity of the city of Lewiston for the use of said orphanage for the year 1905, and two thousand five hundred dollars for the use of said orphanage for the year 1906.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Children's Orphanage was started under the direction of the Society of the Sisters of Charity twenty-six years ago on Walnut street, in the city of Lewiston, and they then had at this institution sixteen little girls. After their new hospital was built, the old buildings were used for an orphanage for little girls and since that time there has been an average of about one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and thirty-five yearly. There are now ninety inmates in attendance. The ages at which girls are received are between four and fourteen years of age. They are suitably clothed and fed and sheltered and at the present time of the ninety inmates thirty-six are without either father or mother. None of these children have any means of support. There have been over a thousand inmates in the last few years. Great care is taken in selecting homes for the children when they are able to leave the orphanage, and no child leaves it until they are able to be self-supporting. Up to this time this institution has not received any aid from the State, but owing to the large and increasing numbers it is necessary to ask some assistance to carry on the work. Unless aid is furnished in addition to what they have it will be necessary to limit the work done by the Sisters of Charity in this direction. There has been no expense to the State in securing the buildings which the children occupy and consist of the old hospital composed of the Golder house and a wing 40x90, three stories in height.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 3, 1905.

Reported by Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs,
"ought not to pass." Report refused acceptance. Resolve substituted
for report and resolve ordered printed on motion of Mr. GARCELON
of Lewiston.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*