

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 605

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of Girls' Orphanage of Lewiston.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to the
3 Girls' Orphanage of Lewiston for the year nineteen hun-
4 dred and thirteen, and two thousand five hundred dollars
5 for the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, for mainte-
6 nance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This orphanage was opened in 1878, and has grown from the keeping of 15 little girls in that year to the keeping of 114 girls from 3 to 15 years of age in 1913.

These children are instructed in the elementary branches, as in the lower grades of our public schools; the greater number possessing both the English and French languages.

They are taught the duties of housekeeping, cooking and sewing. At the age of 15 they are placed in suitable homes, under the supervision of the Sisters as far as possible. The cost of board is from \$2.50 to \$6.25 per month.

The expenses for 1912 were \$8,225.48, while the receipts were \$6,252.15.

Of the 114 orphans 61 have been kept gratis, 40 have paid part board.

The expense of keeping the gratis orphans was \$4,575.00, and the part board \$1,240.00. This item weighs heavily each year on an institution which has no invested funds.

The Orphanage is at all times filled to its utmost capacity. As many as 20 children have had to be refused admission in a single week, owing to lack of room to accommodate them.