

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 624

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 the Maine School for the Deaf, Port-
land.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of twenty-two thousand dollars to be paid to the Maine
3 School for the Deaf for the year nineteen hundred and thir-
4 teen, and twenty-two thousand dollars for the year nineteen
5 hundred and fourteen, for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

THE MAINE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

The Maine School for the Deaf is a public school for the education of children, who by reason of deafness, cannot be educated in their home schools. It is the duty and safeguard of the State to educate all of her children and no better investment can be made than to include the deaf among the number. We take pride in stating that the pupils of our school go out prepared to take up life's duties and are almost invariably law-abiding, self-supporting citizens. In talking with a group of deaf men it was gratifying to find that they had been in the same employ for 25, 27, 28, 32 and 35 years respectively.

At the present time there are in attendance 114 pupils, representing every section of the State and every class of society; two coming from the families of former governors and several are the children of representative men of the State. Parents prefer to have their young children educated at home and it is a deprivation indeed to send the best loved and most indulged child of the family to be cared for by strangers. The least we can do is to assure them of the same watchful care which the child would receive at home. This cannot be done in our present overcrowded condition. Additional dormitory accommodations are an imperative necessity. Thirty-one girls and four adults are crowded into a house which was formerly occupied by five persons. Attic rooms, reached by a narrow, dangerous stairway, are used as dormitories.

A hospital, where effective quarantine may be maintained, is a demand which it is criminal longer to ignore. The conditions during the epidemic of diphtheria, through which we have just passed, cannot be publicly stated without causing alarm to parents and the grave responsibility attendant is a burden which should no longer be borne.

At this time there are four sick children—two girls with suspicious sore throats, one boy with chicken-pox and another with measles, with but one room available for their use. The need of hospital facilities is too urgent to be longer neglected.

A laundry properly equipped and adequate to the needs of

this large household should be immediately installed. We are now dependent on a public laundry to which, for reasons apparent, clothing cannot be sent during an epidemic. The sources of our contagious diseases are often a query and the solution may possibly be found in the public laundry.

It is hoped that our request for \$1,500 to install a laundry and \$16,000 for additional land and buildings for dormitory and hospital accommodations may be granted, as all are *real* needs which will be appreciated by any member of your committee who may visit the school.

Appended is a financial statement of the receipts and expenditures for the years 1911 and 1912 and estimates of expenditures for the years 1913 and 1914.

MAINE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

	Am't Req. 1913	Am't Req. 1914	Expenses 1911	Expenses 1912
Services & Expenses Trustees.....	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$337.90	\$310.10
Salaries Teachers Lit. Dept.....	8,600.00	8,600.00	9,235.00	8,340.00
Salaries Teachers Indus. Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,910.00	1,797.99
Wages of Employees	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,832.79	3,682.90
Fuel and Light	2,600.00	2,600.00	1,956.31	2,563.78
Water and Ice	300.00	300.00	326.53	282.95
Groceries and Provisions	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,054.83	2,248.19
Butter, Eggs and Milk	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,332.79	1,345.54
Meats and Fish	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,283.91	1,337.42
Laundry	600.00	600.00	411.70	327.30
Books, Period., School Sup.	350.00	350.00	231.96	156.71
Medicine and Attendance	400.00	400.00	244.33	254.08
Manual Train., and Misc. Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,202.39	1,181.28
Household Furnishings	700.00	700.00	437.88	1,062.15
Repairs Buildings and Grounds	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,377.79	1,583.38
Insurance	600.00	150.00	385.95	
Tel., Postage, Stationery and Print.	300.00	300.00	175.96	125.14
Trav. Expenses and Sundries	200.00	200.00	112.87	74.46
Total	\$28,000.00	\$27,550.00	\$26,850.29	\$26,676.48
Balance				\$53,526.17
				21.25
				\$53,548.02

Treasurer's Report for two years, December 26, 1910, to December 26, 1912.

Debit:

Cash on hand Dec. 26, 1910..... \$111 03

Received from State of Maine:

Apr. 12, 1911..... \$4,375 00

Apr. 29, 1911..... 2,000 00

May 24, 1911..... 2,000 00

June 23, 1911..... 1,000 00

July 18, 1911..... 2,000 00

Sept. 15, 1911.....	1,000 00	
Oct. 14, 1911.....	2,000 00	
Nov. 24, 1911.....	1,000 00	
Dec. 15, 1911.....	2,000 00	
Jan. 15, 1912.....	3,023 67	
Feb. 14, 1912.....	2,026 83	
Mar. 12, 1912.....	2,067 50	
Apr. 12, 1912.....	2,261 58	
May 7, 1912.....	2,047 17	
July 15, 1912.....	966 74	
Aug. 16, 1912.....	247 72	
Oct. 16, 1912.....	2,555 18	
Nov. 14, 1912.....	2,692 73	
Dec. 13, 1912.....	2,759 53	
Dec. 30, 1912.....	2,726 09	40,749 74
Received from State of New Hampshire:		
Jan. 4, 1911.....	3,150 00	
Mar. 10, 1911.....	3,150 00	
May 20, 1912.....	6,300 00	12,600 00
Miscellaneous	87 25	87 25
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