

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 14

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and  
Children at Portland.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of seven thousand dollars be and  
2 hereby is appropriated for the use of the Temporary Home  
3 for Women and Children at Portland, of which three thou-  
4 sand five hundred dollars shall be paid to said institution  
5 during the year nineteen hundred and nine, and three thou-  
6 sand five hundred dollars during the year nineteen hundred  
7 and ten.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Temporary Home for Women and Children is a refuge for the homeless, and no one who is happy and prosperous ever asks admission there. As its name implies, this institution was founded to give temporary shelter to any woman or child whom misfortune had made homeless. To such its doors are never closed.

Since January, 1908, 34 women have been admitted. They have come from every section of Maine. Twenty-nine of these have been unmarried, and five married women. Beside these 47 children have been cared for under the direction of a competent physician and nurses. Of this number 17 have been born in the Home, and 20 others have been brought there by parents or parent, these last paying from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week as their circumstances admitted. At present, 16 women and 28 children are living at the Home, which taxes nearly its capacity.

During the year closed, 21 women have left the Home, the majority of them returning to friends or relatives, and now leading useful lives. Others have been sent by the Managers into domestic service in private homes, and were thus helped to become self-supporting.

Several children have been adopted into good homes, homes which the Placing Out Committee has most carefully investigated and visited before sending the children to them. Other children too old now to be cared for in the Home are boarded in private families in the country until other arrangements can be made for them.

In addition to the running expenses the past year, extensive repairs have been made on the inside of the building, to make it sanitary and comfortable, the wear and tear of 25 years' occupancy making this very necessary.

These repairs, together with increased cost of living, increased wages demanded by workers, and more numerous demands

than ever for the help of the Home, which it can give, have made its income this year entirely inadequate.

The Temporary Home has developed to such an extent that at the present time, it is called upon to do the work of a lying-in hospital, a reformatory prison, a home for feeble-minded, a refuge for young girls, a placing-out agency and a home for foundlings and needy children.

Such a work means increased expenses, and although funds are administered with care and economy, the Home is in unusual need of its appropriation.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 22, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*