

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 4.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Education, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to the establishment of a State Industrial School for Girls, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of the Committee ask leave to report the accompanying bill and resolve.

Per order.

HENRY H. BURGESS,
L. A. EMERY,
W. J. CORTHELL,
IVORY LORD,
W. L. GUPTILL,
ADNA T. DENISON,
JAMES H. ROWELL.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to establish the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The Maine Industrial School for Girls
2 is hereby established in the city of Hallowell, to be
3 located on the lot of land in which Mrs. Almira C.
4 Dummer donates an interest of two thousand dollars,
5 and to be under the control and supervision of the
6 State, and to be endowed and supported by the State,
7 with the aid of ten thousand dollars offered by Mrs.
8 Mary H. Flagg, and such other donations as have been
9 or may be made by other benevolent persons. There
10 shall be six trustees of said school, to be appointed by
11 the governor, with the advice and consent of the
12 council ; two of those first appointed to hold office one
13 year, two of them two years, and the remainder three
14 years, and vacancies to be filled as they may occur.
15 The trustees shall have the powers and perform the

16 duties assigned to them by "an act relating to the
17 Maine Industrial School for Girls," passed February
18 twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three,
19 with power to employ from time to time, all necessary
20 assistants in establishing and conducting said school.

SECT. 2. Chapter one hundred and eighty-three of
2 the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and
3 seventy-two, "an act to incorporate the Maine In-
4 dustrial School for Girls," is hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Industrial School for
Girls.

Resolved, That the donations of twelve thousand five
2 hundred dollars made by Mrs. Mary H. Flagg, Mrs.
3 Almira C. Dummer and Hon. Abner Coburn, for the
4 purpose of founding a State Industrial School for Girls,
5 be accepted ; and that a like sum of twelve thousand
6 five hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated for
7 the endowment, establishment and support of said
8 school, to be expended by the trustees, under the
9 direction of the governor and council, and that the
10 governor, with the advice and consent of the council,
11 be authorized to draw warrants, from time to time, in
12 favor of said trustees, for the amount hereby appro-
13 priated.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The attention of the Legislature was called in 1867 to the necessity of the establishment of a reformatory institution for young girls, and a commissioner was appointed, who made a very elaborate report, showing the need of such an institution, and recommending the adoption of such measures as should bring about the desired result. In 1871, a commission of three was appointed to receive proposals from towns or cities desiring such an institution located within its limits, and also to secure, if possible, contributions from friends of such an enterprise. In 1872, an act of incorporation was granted for the purpose of establishing a Maine Industrial School for Girls; the corporators organized, chose Trustees, and in 1873 an act was passed giving authority for the commitment of girls between the ages of seven and fifteen, and for the general management of the institution, at the same time passing a resolve appropriating five thousand dollars, providing twenty thousand dollars should be raised by private subscriptions. The Trustees were not able to comply with the requirements, but report that three very liberal offers have been made, one from Mrs. Mary H. Flagg, of ten thousand dollars in cash; one from Mrs. Almira C. Dummer, of two thousand dollars in a farm well suited to the use of the school, situated in Hal- lowell; and the third from Hon. Abner Coburn, of five hundred dollars in cash. In order to secure these, however, it is necessary to have a sufficient sum raised by the first of February to put the school in operation; and at a meeting of the Trustees held on the seventh of January, it was voted to apply to the Legislature to be relieved of their trust, and ask the State to assume the manage- ment of affairs of such a school, believing that it is imperatively demanded for the good of the State. And a majority of your com- mitte coinciding in these views, recommend the passage of the act putting the Maine Industrial School for girls in operation, and also the passage of the resolve appropriating twelve thousand five hun- dred dollars to secure a like sum subscribed by private individuals, and insure the starting of the school.

AMENDMENT A.

The minority of Committee on Education, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire what progress has been made in providing for the establishment of a "State Industrial School for Girls," and whether any and what legislation is required for the establishment of such a school, having been unable to agree with the majority of said Committee upon the foregoing order, ask leave to report that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Per order.

ENOCH FOSTER, JR.,
WM. MOULTON,
MOSES S. MOULTON.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 23, 1874.

Submitted by Mr. BURGESS of Cumberland, from the Committee on Education, and pending the adoption of amendment "A," offered by Mr. FOSTER of Oxford, to amend the report of the majority by substituting therefor the report of the minority, laid on the table and ordered to be printed, with the proposed amendment and statement of facts.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*