

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 135.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Bangor children's home.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be
2 and hereby is appropriated for the benefit of the Ban-
3 gor children's home.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Legislature of Maine :

The undersigned officers of the Bangor Children's Home, respectfully represent that the last Legislature reduced the usual annual State appropriation of \$2,000 to the sum of \$1,000. As a result we find the institution will fail to be self-sustaining this year in about that sum. We are furnishing homes for over forty homeless ones, fourteen of whom are the destitute orphans of our dead soldiers, to whom the public faith was pledged, and who died with the State's promise ringing in their ears to care for their helpless children. Can the State afford to let such an institution languish or be crippled in its means to effectually fulfil its mission of mercy, by withholding so small a pittance as is necessary for its successful working ?

We respectfully ask an appropriation of \$3,000 to cover the past year's deficiency, and meet the wants of the coming one, and that intelligent action may be had, we invite a visit by a committee of your body, that you may have full knowledge of the work, condition and wants of the institution.

Mrs. Walter Brown, President ; Mrs. Horatio G. Pitcher, Vice President ; Mary L. Patten, Secretary ; Mrs. Geo. W. Merrill, Mrs. Lewis Barker, Mrs. Leonard March, Mrs. Wm. H. Strickland, Mrs. C. G. Sterns, Mrs. J. S. Wheelwright, Mrs. A. H. Thaxter, Mrs. G. H. Nichubr, Mrs. A. K. P. Leighton, Mrs. Josiah Towle, Mrs. S. H. Dale, Mrs. S. B. Morison.

Bangor, January 7, 1878.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 8, 1878. }

Reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, by Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and ordered printed, with Statement of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*