

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 219.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Industrial School
for Girls.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated from the funds in the State treasury the sum of seven thousand dollars, for the use of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, to meet the current expenses for the year eighteen hundred ninety-one; and seven thousand dollars to meet the current expenses for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 7, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. PENLEY of Auburn, from Committee on Reform
School, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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The Maine Industrial School for Girls is not a house of correction, but is designed as a refuge for girls between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who, by force of circumstances or associations, are in manifest danger of becoming outcasts of society. It is not a place of punishment, to which its inmates are sent as criminals by criminal process—but a home for the friendless, neglected and vagrant children of the State, where, under the genial influences of kind treatment and physical and moral training, they may be won back to ways of virtue and respectability, and fitted for positions of honorable self-support and lives of usefulness.

The institution is a corporation composed of the original incorporators and associate subscribers. By them its affairs are committed to a Board of Managers. The State is represented on the Board by the Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Common Schools. It has provided by statute law for the custody and education of wayward and exposed girls therein, and aids in their material support.

The school has been full during the past year; yet vacancies are frequently occurring, as girls are sent to places provided for them elsewhere.

Persons interested in sending girls to the school, should promptly notify the superintendent, and they will be served in their turn.

In receiving girls “preference will be given to those towns or cities not represented, or but slightly represented in the school.”

Girls convicted of light crimes may be sent to the school as an “alternative;” but those who are confirmed in criminal habits, imbecile or idiotic, are not proper subjects for the school.

Blank forms of Complaint, Warrant and Mittimus, will be sent on application to the Superintendent.