

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 26.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars per annum  
2 for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and eight-  
3 een hundred and ninety-eight be, and is hereby appropri-  
4 ated in aid of the Bangor Children's Home, to be paid by  
5 the State treasurer from any funds not otherwise appro-  
6 priated.





STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 3, 1897.

Reported by Mr. STETSON of Bangor, from the Committee on  
Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE  
DOCUMENT No. 26.

THE BANGOR CHILDREN'S HOME.

This institution was founded by charitable ladies in 1835 and was chartered under the name of the "Bangor Female Orphan Asylum" in 1839. It was sustained by the women of Bangor and their friends, without any considerable endowment, until 1865, when its name was changed to that borne by it at present "The Bangor Children's Home," its scope was enlarged so as to receive children of both sexes. At this time, by the generosity of a friend, its present Home was constructed, at a cost of not less than \$30,000, and an endowment fund now reaching nearly \$50,000 has been provided by charitably disposed citizens. Its constitution provides:

1st. This society shall be called the Bangor Children's Home, "and being strictly a charitable institution, no article shall be admitted to this Constitution which shall recognize the peculiar sentiments of any particular denomination of Christians, but all shall be considered as enjoying equal rights and privileges."

2nd. The objects of this Institution shall be to provide and carry into effect, means for the support, instruction and employment of destitute children, especially of orphans."

The care of the Institution is under a board of twenty-five ladies of Bangor, whose management will readily be recognized as exceptionally conservative when it is known that the entire cost of maintaining fifty-one children in the year 1895 was \$4,345, including pay of matron and assistants, fuel, repairs on building and expense of every kind.

As is stated in the memorial before the committee the total revenue received by the Home in the same year was \$4,646,

including \$1,000 from the State, so that that appropriation could not have been spared without seriously restricting the work. For twenty years the State has allowed an annual sum, varying from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Children are received from all parts of the State on the same terms as those in Penobscot county or the city of Bangor, viz.: gratuitously, unless they are paupers, in which case a charge, often not realized, of \$100 for entrance fee is made to the town sending them. Children are also sometimes committed to the care of the Home by parents who for various reasons find it desirable, and who pay a small stipend towards cost of support. But the entire amount thus received did not reach \$600 in the year above mentioned, and that is a part of the income referred to.

In the year 1896 fifty-six children received the care of the Home, of whom thirty were from Bangor, twelve from other towns of Penobscot county, fourteen from other counties.

It is respectfully submitted, that this institution is purely charitable and non-sectarian; that it is conducted with the strictest economy; that its benefits are enjoyed in at least eight of the counties of the State; that it affords a comfortable home for many who otherwise would grow up in poverty, if not in crime, and that its present needs make its call upon the State justifiable.

For the Children's Home,

JOHN L. CROSBY,

Trustee.

February 2, 1897.