

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 39.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Home for Friendless Boys in
Deering.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and
2 the same hereby is appropriated for the use of the Home for
3 Friendless Boys in Deering; one thousand dollars of which
4 shall be paid in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,
5 and one thousand dollars in the year nineteen hundred.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE AND BOARD OF TRADE,
 PORTLAND, ME., January 23, 1899.

Members of the Finance Committee, Senators and Representatives, Assembled:

DEAR SIR: I want to bring to your particular attention the bill now before the legislature calling for an appropriation for the Maine Home for Friendless Boys at Deering.

The points which recommend most the passage of the bill are first: Great need of such a home as caring for a large number of unfortunate boys who can be taken from evil influences and surroundings, and with proper environments start them on the road to making men of themselves.

This home temporarily cares for such boys and gives special attention to their mental and physical needs that they may be made fit subjects to be placed in family homes. This home for friendless boys is the only place in the State intermediate between street influence and the reform school, where, if it were not for the influence of such a home, such boys would eventually drift.

From personal observation of the work, I can testify to the faithful manner in which the officers of the society perform their duties, and the present need of money is to supply clothing, traveling expenses, board at the home, and to replace the wear and tear of the furnishings. Also to purchase suitable books and other material for the improvement of their minds.

1897.

Number of boys received at the home.....	25
Under care of the society temporarily and returned to parents	30
Received from almshouses, (Cumberland county, 4; York county, 4)	8

1898.

Number of boys received at the home	30
Under care of the society temporarily and returned to parents	8

Present number at home.	12
Under care of society.	15
Number received from almshouses, (Cumberland, 4; Aroostook, 3; Washington, 1; York, 1; Androscoggin, 2)	11
Received from chairman of overseers of poor, Lisbon Falls,	3
Received from chairman of overseers of poor, Saco.	2
Received from chairman of overseers of poor, Auburn.	2
Number of homes provided for boys.	48

I beg to recommend the home and its work to the finance committee, knowing that whatever assistance you are pleased to give will not only be appreciated but judiciously and economically expended.

Respectfully,

F. E. BOOTHBY, *President.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 2, 1899.

Reported by Mr. BURNS of Westbrook, from Committee on Financial
Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*