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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 93.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of one thousand dollars for the use of the Women's Chris-
3 tian Temperance Union for use in their work in aid of home-
4 less children. Five hundred dollars of this sum to be paid
5 in the year 1899 and like sum in the year 1900.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

During the last six years, through the efforts of this department, upwards of one hundred and fifty needy and dependent children have been placed in permanent homes, mostly by adoption. This method of caring for dependent children is the most approved by the National Conference of Charities and Correction and those who give most attention to child-saving work. A family home for a child is better than any institutional home, as necessary as institutions are at the present time.

There is no paid service in connection with the work of this department. The work is supported by voluntary subscriptions and the small amount which the State has appropriated. This amount is used sometimes in boarding temporarily the children while homes are being secured, and in clothing them when they are taken from the almshouses, etc.

Victor Hugo says: "All the vagabondage of the world begins in neglected childhood." Seeking to relieve this neglect, we confidently hope that the small appropriation asked for may be granted.

Very respectfully,
L. M. N. STEVENS.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 10, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*