

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 77

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

RESOLVE in favor Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for
2 the use of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in aid
3 of their work in behalf of homeless children, the sum of five
4 hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and one, and
5 the sum of five hundred dollars for the year nineteen
6 hundred and two.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The aims of this department is to place needy and dependent children in good homes by adoption wherever possible.

During the last eight years hundreds of such children have been cared for by this department. On an average, twenty-five each year have been placed in good homes by adoption. The work is largely sustained by the local unions and contributions from friends, but the offerings are inadequate to the demand. The \$500 annually granted by the State has been a great help and has been carefully applied in clothing the children, temporarily boarding them, etc., and making them fit to be received into good homes. For all the labor involved in this no one receives any compensation.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of the plan of placing children in homes where they can be brought up with the influence of the real home life.

We confidently believe that this small amount of money granted by the State, has been, and will be well used in the interest of this most pitiful class who are in a way dependent upon the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 6, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*