

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 115

STATE OF MAINE.

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

RESOLVE, in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Resolved: That the sum of three thousand dollars for the
2 years nineteen hundred and one and nineteen hundred and
3 two be and is hereby appropriated from the treasury for the
4 use of the Children's Aid Society of Maine at Belfast, to
5 aid in maintaining a home for friendless, destitute and needy
6 children.

Said sum to be expended for the following purposes under
8 the direction of the governor and council.

For the year nineteen hundred and one, for current
10 expenses, twelve hundred and fifty dollars; necessary repairs,
11 five hundred dollars. For the year nineteen hundred and
12 two, for current expenses, twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Children's Aid Society of Maine was incorporated by special act of the legislature in 1893 as an association for charitable and benevolent purposes, with full power to establish and maintain a home or homes in Maine for friendless, destitute and needy children, and for furnishing them with relief and assistance together with suitable mental and moral training. (Chapter 415 Special Laws of 1893.)

In 1895 the legislature appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars from the treasury of the state for the purpose of buying land and buildings for the use of the Children's Aid Society of Maine, at Belfast, for a home for friendless, destitute and needy children, said real estate to be held by said society in trust for said purpose, and to revert to the state when the home shall be abandoned or the real estate used for any other purpose. (Chapter 39, Resolves of 1895.)

On the twentieth day of August, 1895, a home consisting of buildings and four acres of land in Belfast was purchased by the state and conveyed to the Children's Aid Society of Maine in trust, for the purpose specified in said resolve of the legislature, the sum paid by the state being three thousand dollars.

Soon after the purchase of this property, the Girls' Home was established, and has been maintained ever since by voluntary contributions and the aid which it has received from the state.

Fifty-six girls have been received into the home since that time. The most of these girls have come from very needy and destitute families from all parts of the state, and most of them would have been town charges, had they not been taken into the home. There are ten girls now in the home. One weak minded girl is now cared for by the state in an institution at Waverley, Massachusetts; one has been sent to the industrial school for girls, and four have been placed with the shakers. The remainder of these girls have been placed in good homes where they now remain.

In 1897 the legislature appropriated the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars per year for two years towards the support

of the home, and in 1899 one thousand dollars per year for two years for the same purpose. These amounts with the voluntary contributions received, have not been sufficient to pay all of the necessary expenses of maintaining the home, and the society has been obliged to refuse to take some girls on account of lack of means.

In order to successfully carry on the work which the home is designed to accomplish, an appropriation of twelve hundred and fifty dollars per year for the next two years will be necessary. We also estimate that it will require at least five hundred dollars to put the buildings and foundation in good repair.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. BROOKS,

Acting President

M. J. GAMMANS, *Sec.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 8, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*