

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 147

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of Young Women's Home at Lewiston.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum  
2 of one thousand dollars to be paid to the Young Women's  
3 Home of Lewiston, for the use of said institution for the year  
4 one thousand nine hundred and one, and one thousand dollars  
5 for the use of said institution for the year one thousand nine  
6 hundred and two.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the year 1892 a few of the good women of Lewiston, seeing the urgent need of protecting homeless girls, formed themselves into a society and resolved to purchase a home for these unfortunates. They set themselves to work for this purpose, and by soliciting, begging and holding fairs, they succeeded in collecting together the sum of \$4,000, and in 1893 they purchased a house for a home for the amount of \$8,500, paying their \$4,000 down and mortgaging it for \$4,500, and since that time by a continual struggle they have succeeded in paying the entire mortgage, besides making quite extensive repairs and purchasing a library of more than one thousand well selected books, and today do not owe a dollar.

Every effort is used to make this home useful and attractive, having a piano, sewing machine, games, etc. Also the girls are taught sewing, cooking, and such practical things. The object of this home is to help poor young, friendless working girls, most of whom come from remote towns, many from respectable farm homes, but wholly unsophisticated and unacquainted with the ways and wiles of the world. This home is not a reformatory, but an institution to prevent the need of a reformatory; it is a home where poor girls have as much care and protection as they would have under the roof of their own parents. Being entirely unsectarian, no creed or religion receives any partiality. Connected with this home is an employment bureau where girls are furnished employment free of charge. In short, it is an ideal home for penniless girls who are among entire strangers. The location is among the best in the city, being on the corner of Bates and Pine streets, opposite the park.

This aid is asked for the purpose of building an addition to the present building, which covers less than one-half of the lot; the present building not having the capacity of one-half of the present requirements. These brave, energetic, never-tiring, self-sacrificing women in addition to the money paid for this home, have in a single year spent as high as \$3,000 to shelter, protect and care for poor, unprotected, friendless girls, and by their untiring efforts they have saved many girls from utter ruin, and made them happy and useful wives.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 13, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*