

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 230

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolved, That the sum of forty-three thousand four hundred sixty-two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$43,462.31) be and hereby is appropriated for and in behalf of the State Reform School for the year nineteen hundred and one and twenty-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$22,250) for the year nineteen hundred and two as follows: For the year nineteen hundred and one:

8	For current expenses.....	\$20,000 00
9	For ordinary repairs and coal pocket.....	3,000 00
10	For construction of new cottage and furnishing	
11	same	18,000 00
12	For providing homes for boys and visiting boys	
13	out on probation.....	250 00

14	For deficit in construction of new steam and elec-	
15	tric plant	2,212 31
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		\$43,462 31

For the year nineteen hundred and two:

18	For current expenses.....	\$20,000 00
19	For ordinary repairs	2,000 00
20	For providing homes for boys, visiting boys out	
21	on probation	250 00
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		\$22,250 00

Per order of committee,

S. T. JACKSON, *Secretary*.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 26, 1901.

Reported by Mr. JACKSON of Jefferson, from Committee on Reform
School, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE
DOCUMENT No. 230.

The State Reform School was established fifty years ago, on the congregate plan. In 1893 the cottage plan was introduced by the erection and occupancy of the first family cottage. In 1898 the second family cottage was opened. The cottage or family plan has proved far superior to the congregate plan, and it is the desire of the trustees and of many of the friends of the school, including many State officials who have visited the institution, that a third family cottage be built as soon as practicable. For the construction and furnishing of such a cottage the committee recommend an appropriation of \$18,000.

For current expenses the committee recommend \$20,000 per year as formerly.

A coal pocket is greatly needed and many repairs should be made during the next two years upon the main building, barn, etc. For the coal pocket and repairs for 1901 the committee recommend an appropriation of \$3,000; and for repairs in 1902, \$2,000.

The trustees release many boys on probation. Some of the boys having no homes of their own must be provided with homes by the trustees, and they should be visited from time to time for the purpose of ascertaining their conduct, health and condition. No funds are now available for this purpose, and an appropriation of \$250 each year is recommended by the committee.

The sudden and extraordinary rise in the price of building material, and especially of steam pipes, valves and fittings, copper wire and electrical appliances and other metal work, in the year 1889, made the new power house and steam heating plant cost more than was anticipated when the original estimates were made. To defray this necessary expense the committee recommend an appropriation of \$2,212.31.