

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 85

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Deaconess Home Association of  
Bangor.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of four hundred dollars be and is  
2 hereby appropriated to the treasurer of the Deaconess Home  
3 Association of Bangor for the year 1905, and a like amount  
4 for the year 1906.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Deaconess Home was started in May, 1902. From then to the present time we have worked on in a small way, but it has seemed to the board of managers that the time has now come to extend the work and that we could honestly ask for State aid.

The Home aims to keep girls who have fallen once and who need a helping hand in their hour of trial and encouragement to try once more to lead a good life. Without that help many would not have the strength to resolutely put their past behind them.

All money given to the Home goes directly to its maintenance, the deaconesses receiving only the nominal salary of \$2.00 a week.

The Home is small and inadequate and the number that can be helped is strictly limited. The greater number of the girls are very young, many being 16 and 17 years old, and they come from all parts of the State. At present the family consists of three deaconesses, seven girls and five babies. The girls are taken only with the understanding that they remain a year, and they are encouraged to keep their babies. They are taught elementary housework and many become excellent servants.

We are glad to stand on our record of work done. Of the 43 girls who have left the Home, 7 have been married, 1 has died, 18 are in service, 13 have gone to their homes, 1 was returned to Belfast, 3 have fallen again.

We appeal to your generosity to help us. The work is not local; it takes girls from the whole eastern half of the State, and we feel that our record of 40 girls saved out of 43 girls who have left the Home is one that should justify State help and aid.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1905.

Reported by Mr. PUTNAM from Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*