

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 55

STATE OF MAINE.

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

Resolved, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the
2 year nineteen hundred and seven and fifteen hundred dollars
3 for the year nineteen hundred and eight be and hereby is
4 appropriated to be paid to the Children's Aid Society of
5 Maine, to aid in maintaining the Home for friendless and
6 destitute girls at Belfast.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Children's Aid Society of Maine was incorporated under a special act of the legislature approved March 7, 1893.

The state purchased the present home, consisting of a large two story dwelling house, ell and barns and about forty acres of land, finely located, overlooking Belfast Bay. It is one of the most pleasant homes in the City of Belfast.

This Home was opened September 20, 1895, and since that time has received and provided a good home for more than two hundred homeless and destitute girls from all parts of the state of Maine, ninety per cent of whom have been placed in good homes, fifty per cent. of them having been legally adopted.

The Home has accommodations for eighteen girls.

The expenses of conducting the home, in addition to food and clothing for the girls, are salaries of matron and farm overseer, kitchen help, traveling expenses in carrying girls to the Home, investigating homes of parties wishing to adopt or take girls from the Home, taking girls to new homes, and visiting these new homes to see that the girls are receiving proper care.

Last year the Home received children from nine different counties. Has had them from every county in the state.

There are fifteen children now in the Home; fifteen taken into the Home last year and twelve placed out. There has been an average of sixteen during the year.

The Home is supported by voluntary contributions and an appropriation by the state. The appropriation for 1905 and 1906 was \$1250.00 each year, and \$500 for repairs.

In view of the greatly increased cost of living, an appropriation of \$1500 a year for the next two years will be necessary to maintain the Home and do the work it has been doing in the past.

For the year ending May 15, 1906, the expenses were \$102.66 more than the receipts from all sources.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 25, 1907.

Reported by Mr. NEWCOMB from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*