

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 65

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 nine, and fifteen hundred dollars for
3 the year nineteen hundred ten be and hereby is appropriated
4 to be paid to the Children's Aid Society of Maine, to aid in
5 maintaining the home for friendless and destitute girls at
6 Belfast.

Be it further Resolved: That the sum of three thousand
8 dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be paid to the Chil-
9 dren's Aid Society of Maine for the purpose of remodeling,
10 repairing and enlarging the buildings of said home for
11 friendless and destitute girls.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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

The Home consists of a two-story dwelling house, ell and two barns and about forty acres of land finely located, overlooking Belfast Bay.

In 1895 the State appropriated three thousand dollars for the purchase of the buildings and about four and one-half acres of land. This property was conveyed to the Society in trust to be used as a home for friendless and destitute girls and to revert to the State if the Society should cease to use it for that purpose. The remainder of the land was purchased by the Society and conveyed to it absolutely.

The Home was opened September 20, 1895, and since that time has received and provided a good home for more than two hundred and twenty-five homeless and destitute girls from all counties in the State, ninety per cent. of whom have been placed in good homes, and fifty per cent. of them have been legally adopted.

The expenses of conducting the Home, in addition to food and clothing for the girls, are salaries of matron and farm overseer, fuel, kitchen help, travelling 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.

During the last year fifteen girls have been taken into the Home from ten counties of the State, and twelve have been placed out in good homes. There are now seventeen girls in the Home.

The Home has been supported by voluntary contributions and an annual appropriation by the State. The appropriation for 1907 and 1908 was fifteen hundred dollars a year.

The rooms have been furnished and hot water heating plant installed wholly by voluntary contributions.

In order to meet the requirements of the Home it is necessary that the house should be remodeled and repaired and that the ell

rebuilt and enlarged. A new bath room and better sanitary arrangements are much needed ; also a larger school room and a hospital room for inmates who have contagious diseases. More rooms for inmates are also required. There are now seven applicants for admission who cannot be accommodated for lack of room.

Three additional rooms can be made in the attic of the main house by putting in dormer windows and the other necessary rooms can be provided by rebuilding and enlarging the ell. A competent contractor and builder has examined the buildings and estimates that it will cost five thousand dollars to make the necessary changes and repairs.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, February 3, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*