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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 85

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the Good Samaritan Home of Bangor.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200) to be paid to the
3 Good Samaritan Home Association of Bangor for the use of
4 said institution for the year 1909, and Twelve Hundred Dol-
5 lars (\$1200) for the year 1910.

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine:

The undersigned, being a majority of the Board of Managers of the Good Samaritan Home Association respectfully ask for the passage of the accompanying Resolve, believing that this appropriation is necessary for the proper maintenance of this institution, and for the continuance and extension of its work. The accompanying facts show briefly the object of the Association, and its present condition and needs.

Good Samaritan Home,

By

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Managers.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Good Samaritan Home was organized six years ago under the name of the Deaconess Home Association. For four years the Home was entirely supported by the citizens of Bangor, but at the last Legislature the name was changed to the "Good Samaritan Home," and an appropriation of \$600 for the year 1907, and \$600 for the year 1908 was granted.

The work has been continued and extended. Originally the purpose was only to care for unfortunate girls, but it has now developed so that at least half of its work is the care of children under three years of age. There is no institution in the eastern part of Maine to care for children under three years. At that age they can be admitted into the Children's Home of Bangor. At the present time there are seventeen children at the Home, many of whom are unable to pay any board.

The citizens of Bangor have recently contributed a fund to remove a mortgage on the building, but the present Home is inadequate in size for the work that the Association is doing, and it will soon be necessary to obtain larger quarters. The lack of funds prevents the institution from doing the most effective work. The donations from the citizens of Bangor during the last year amounted to about \$500, outside of the supplies that were sent to the Home which were a great financial saving. The expenses, in spite of the practice of the strictest economy, during the past year were about \$2500, and with the present number of inmates, regardless of moving into larger quarters, it would seem that at least \$3500 would be necessary during the coming year.

This is the only institution of its kind in eastern Maine, and there is no Endowment Fund at the present time for its support. Very few of the inmates of the institution come from Bangor, most of them coming from the smaller towns in the eastern part of the State, and for that reason it seems reasonable that the institution should receive state aid.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, February 4, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.