

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 101

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Lewiston and Auburn Children's  
Home.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated the  
2 sum of one thousand dollars to be paid to the Lewiston and  
3 Auburn Children's Home, a corporation existing in Lewis-  
4 ton, to be used by said corporation for the maintenance of  
5 said home.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Lewiston and Auburn Children's Home was organized three years ago. For a time the "Home" found shelter, here and there, in hired houses. But a little more than a year ago, the Directors purchased the house, Number 700 Maine Street, Lewiston, the price being \$2500, of which amount \$400 was paid in, and the balance, \$2100, being obtained on mortgage.

As will be seen, the house itself is not an expensive one, but for the purposes of a children's home it does very well for the present. The location is very desirable, being directly on the line of the electric cars, and yet also being at one side of the more thickly settled part of the city.

The doors of the home are open to all deserving children without reference to nationality or religious creed. Since its organization there have been, on the average, about twenty-five children in the home each year, while for the year 1908 there was an enrollment of twenty-nine. At the present time there are children in the home from South Portland, New Gloucester, Lewiston and Auburn. The cost of maintenance is about \$80.00 per month.

In Lewiston and Auburn, the Children's Home occupies a field all by itself; with the same object and aim there is no other institution like it. The population of the two cities is probably more than forty thousand, and including adjacent towns it is much larger. Now for all of this area and for all of these people, there can be no question that there is an imperative demand for some place for the care of children without parents living, and without homes otherwise suitable.

In my judgment, after nearly eleven years residence in Auburn, I am free to say that the Children's Home of Lewiston and Auburn, is, in every way, most worthy and most needy of the helpful interest and of the financial support of all people with broad sympathies and generous hearts.

F. M. PREBLE.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 5, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*