

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 343

House of Representatives, March 1, 1911.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of Maine Institution for the Blind.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for the
2 use of the Maine Institution for the Blind the sum of ten
3 thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and eleven
4 and ten thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and
5 twelve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Institution for the Blind, located at Portland, was established for the purpose of teaching the adult blind industrial trades that they might become self-supporting. At the present time there are twenty-six blind apprentices in attendance. Instruction is given in broom making, caning of chairs, upholstering, weaving and mattress making. The institution has been in operation only fourteen months and the indications are that at least thirty-five apprentices will be in attendance during the coming year. The institution is in great need of a dormitory for the proper housing and boarding of the apprentices owing to the difficulty of obtaining proper boarding places for the apprentices. A generous friend has donated five thousand dollars for that purpose, but the Directors feel that this year is not an opportune time to ask the Legislature for additional aid in erecting the dormitory. We therefore only ask for such a sum as will by strict economy maintain the institution for two years. The last Legislature granted us \$15,000 for each year.