

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 397

House of Representatives, Mar. 2, 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 the Children's Aid Society of Maine,
located at Belfast.

Resolved: That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the
2 year nineteen hundred and eleven, and fifteen hundred dol-
3 lars for the year nineteen hundred and twelve be and hereby
4 is 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 passed in 1893, as "An Association for Charitable and Benevolent Purposes, with full power to establish and maintain a home or homes in Maine for friendless, destitute and needy children and for furnishing them with relief and assistance, together with suitable mental and moral training.

In 1895 the Home for Destitute and Friendless Girls was established in Belfast. The State purchased four acres of land, with buildings thereon, at an expense of three thousand dollars, and the society purchased thirty-six acres of land adjoining, for which one thousand dollars was paid.

Since the establishment of the Home about two hundred and fifty friendless and destitute girls received into the Home have been placed in good homes in different parts of the State, many of them having been legally adopted.

The Home has good accommodations for twenty girls with one matron. The average number of girls in the Home has been about fifteen. The present number is sixteen. The expense of maintaining the Home in 1909 was twenty-five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2577.63) and in 1910 thirty-one hundred eighty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$3187.97). These expenses have been borne by a yearly appropriation by the state of fifteen hundred dollars, and the remainder has been raised by voluntary contributions, income from the farm and other sources.

In 1909 the State made a special appropriation of three thousand dollars for the purpose of remodeling, repairing and enlarging the buildings. These improvements were completed in 1909 at an expense of six thousand sixty-six dollars and fifty-one cents (\$6066.51) and the society now owes three thousand dollars for money hired for this purpose.