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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 759

House of Representatives, March 16, 1915.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of York County Children's Aid Society,
Saco.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of five hundred dollars for the use of the York County
3 Children's Aid Society, Saco, for the year nineteen hundred
4 and fifteen, and five hundred dollars for the year nineteen
5 hundred and sixteen, for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The York County Children's Aid Society, located in Saco, is doing an excellent work in the reclaiming of neglected children in the county of York and procuring homes for them. Eighty-two children are in their care at the present time. Ninety-nine children have been in their care during the year; 23 placed in free homes and 6 in permanent homes. Five hundred fifty-five visits were made and 15 children discharged. None have died. The average number during the year was 77. Received from state, reimbursement for care, collections, sale of clothing and donations, \$4,985.41, and paid for salaries, clothing, medicines, care and supervision, \$4,708.43.

GENERAL AGENT'S FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT FROM OCT. 1, 1913, TO OCT. 1, 1914.

We have 78 children in our care; 41 boys and 37 girls. Of this number 3 boys and 3 girls are 17 years and over and 40 boys and 32 girls are 16 years and under. Twenty-four children, 12 boys and 12 girls, are in boarding homes, and 54 children, 29 boys and 25 girls, are in free homes. Three of our wards are self-supporting, feeble-minded girls over 20 years of age.

Thirteen children have been admitted during the year; 1 each from Kennebunk, Shapleigh and Sanford, 2 each from Newfield and Saco, and 3 each from Biddeford and York Village.

Fifteen children have been dismissed. Of this number 2 were sent to Catholic institutions and 3 given to parents on probation. Eight children have been changed from free to boarding homes, 23 from boarding to free homes, 2 have been sent to the Eye and Ear Infirmary for free treatment, 1 to the Webber Hospital and 1 to the Trull Hospital. Six children have been adopted and 7 adoptions are pending. During the past year our little ones have been unusually healthy and we are very glad not to have any deaths to report. We have 51 free homes and 67 boarding homes on our list.

We have received \$206.44 from our salesroom, and our office supplies have been \$33.13.

We have visited in Saco 154 times, Biddeford 81, Kennebunk 36, Springvale 17, Portland 23, Old Orchard 21, Kennebunkport 6, North Berwick 2, Biddeford Pool 2, Kittery 3, Goodwin's Mills 4, Shapleigh 1, Eliot 1, Lebanon 7, Sanford 9, Lyman 2, York Village 2, York 1, Limerick 1, West Newfield 1, Newfield 1, Cumberland Mills 3, Berwick 1, Farmington 1, Buxton 1, Parsonsfield 1, South Berwick 2, West Scarboro 1, Boston 2, and Dover, N. H., once.

We have made 555 calls involving 258 families and 470 children. Have written 1468 letters and sent out and distributed over 2000 reports of the previous year's work.

Have delivered addresses at Kittery and York. Three auxiliaries have been formed; one at Kittery, one at Kennebunk known as the "West Side Star Club," and a Junior Auxiliary at Berwick. Since our last annual meeting our office has been equipped with electric lights, telephone, filing cabinet and new office furniture; all of which are gifts we appreciate more than we can express.

Our cash donations, received at this office and turned over to the treasurer, have been \$175.63. Our donations of clothing, boots, hats, sewing, gloves, cloth, office furniture, filing cabinet, photographs, toys, labels, etc., are from 83 people and organizations; 27 towns represented.

We have been in co-operation with the Boston Children's Aid Society, the Refuge and State Board of Charity of Boston, State School for Girls at Hallowell, Associated Charities of Portland, county agent of Cumberland county, Maine Children's Home and State Board of Charities and Corrections of Augusta.

We are indebted to Drs. Stickney, Cochrane, Graves, Thompson and Robert Maybury of Saco, Traynor, Small, Webber Hospital and Trull Hospital of Biddeford, Dr. Abbott of Goodwin's Mills and Eye and Ear Infirmary of Portland for free services.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA W. RICE, Agent.

1913-1914.

60 children admitted in two years.

136 children cared for in two years.

15 children adopted.

44 children dismissed. (Of this number 1 was sent to Industrial School, 1 to Insane Hospital, 2 to West Pownal, 2 became of age; others given or returned to relatives.)

Made 1203 calls.

61 complaints.

84 children at present time, as follows: 5 mos., 3; 6 mos., 2; 1 yr., 3; 2 yrs., 2; 3 yrs., 3; 4 yrs., 3; 5 yrs., 3; 6 yrs., 3; 7 yrs., 8; 8 yrs., 7; 9 yrs., 6; 10 yrs., 3; 11 yrs., 7; 12 yrs., 5; 13 yrs., 4; 14 yrs., 3; 15 yrs., 3; 16 yrs., 5; 17 yrs., 6; 18 yrs., 2; 20 yrs., 1; 24 yrs., 1; 31 yrs., 1.

Society paying entire board for 5 children and one-half board for 1 child.