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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 55

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of five thousand dollars to be paid to the Central Maine
3 General Hospital in Lewiston for the use of said institution
4 for the year one thousand nine hundred and one, and five
5 thousand dollars for the use of said institution for the year
6 one thousand nine hundred and two.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Central Maine General Hospital is a duly organized corporation located at Lewiston. The management of the institution is controlled by the board of directors elected by the corporators at the annual meeting of the corporation. The medical and surgical staff is elected by the board of directors and is composed of skillful physicians and surgeons, who give their services to the institution. In addition to the general wards of the hospital, there are private rooms for patients which, together with the operating rooms, are open to the use of all reputable physicians of Lewiston and Auburn for treatment of their private patients. The hospital corporation owns a large lot of land fronting upon Main street and extending through to a public street in the rear. Upon this land when purchased were two residences and in these buildings the work of the hospital was carried on until four years ago when a brick building, thoroughly constructed, fireproof throughout and equipped with medical and surgical appliances of the very highest order was completed. Both the original residences remain upon the lot and are used in connection with the new building for the work of the hospital. The total investment for land and buildings is about one hundred thousand dollars and the corporation has a debt of some twenty thousand dollars incurred for erection and equipment of the new building. In order that full benefit may be realized from the present accommodation for patients, a new kitchen and laundry are indispensable. There is but one boiler connected with the heating apparatus of the whole establishment and common prudence dictates that a duplicate should be added to the plant for use in case of emergency.

The present capacity of the hospital in all departments is eighty patients and it is able to reasonably accommodate all patients who offer themselves for treatment.

The work of the last two years has been successful and the number of patients treated each year is an increase over former years. The hospital maintains a free clinic for the treatment of the eye and ear and the work in these departments has increased very greatly. A training school for nurses is maintained which has graduated many capable and skillful nurses. The maternity

ward, established two years ago, has been maintained. The number of charity patients treated in all departments has shown a large percentage of increase during the past year.

The appropriation called for by this resolve is five thousand dollars per year toward the running expenses which is the usual donation which the state has made. The further appropriation toward the building fund is for the purpose of assisting the corporation in providing the kitchen and laundry and adding a boiler to the heating apparatus. The directors believe that, with the aid from the state granted by this resolve, they will be able during the coming year to raise enough by private subscription to accomplish this work.

SETH M. CARTER,

President of Board of Directors.

LEWISTON, January 17, 1901.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1901.

Reported by Mr. BRYANT from Committee on Financial Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.