

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 5.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of ten thousand dollars of which five thousand dollars
3 shall be paid during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
4 three and five thousand dollars during the year eighteen
5 hundred and ninety-four for the use of said institution.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The object of the corporation of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, as stated in the constitution, shall be the establishment and maintenance of an Infirmary in Portland, Maine, where a daily clinic may be held for the treatment, free of charge, of poor persons throughout the State, suffering from diseases of the eye and ear. It is a public charitable institution supported by voluntary contributions. All the money received from the State and city of Portland together with many more thousand from benevolent people in and out of the State has been put into the land and the building which has been completed during the past year at a cost of over sixty thousand dollars, and is in successful operation, thus enlarging its capacity to do good many folds.

It was incorporated according to the Statute laws of Maine, February 15, 1886, and opened for the reception and treatment of patients April 22, 1886. Since that time the attendance has been over forty thousand (40,000), five thousand (5,000) patients have been registered, and over two thousand (2,000) operations have been performed. Thus hundreds have had their sight or hearing preserved or restored and have returned to the walks of life self-dependent.

The medical staff receive no pay for their services to the poor who seek its benefits.

The amount named in the Resolve is the sum appropriated at each session of the Legislature for the benefit of the Institution since its establishment. The completion of the new building which was dedicated last year more than thrifles its capacity to minister to the poor but industrious people of our State and the Trustees ask that this sum now be appropriated annually for the years 1893 and 1894. For further information in regard to the work done at this Institution, reference should be made to the Annual Reports of its officers.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 23, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. SHAW of Portland, from Committee on Financial
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*