

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid to the
3 Maine General Hospital for use of said institution for the
4 year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and seven thousand
5 five hundred dollars, to be paid to said institution for its use
6 for the year eighteen hundred ninety-four.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Since the Hospital was opened for the treatment of patients in the fall of 1874, it has received and treated 6257 residents of this State, and 748 persons whose homes were in other states and countries, compelled in emergency to seek its assistance, or attracted hither by the high reputation of the medical and surgical staffs.

Of the treatment and support given by the Hospital, a large amount has been wholly without charge to the patients.

The average cost of the support of patients for the whole time the Hospital has been in operation has been \$11.69 per week, and for this they have been furnished board, nursing and medical and surgical treatment, and all medical and surgical supplies, and washing.

The whole number of those who have been treated without any charge, entirely free patients has been 1632, 3335 have been charged only (\$7.00) per week, for such time as they were able to pay anything, and many of those received free treatment for a portion of the time they remained at the Hospital.

The total amount of free service rendered equals 16193 weeks equivalent to 311 21-52 years, at the average cost per week, amounting to an aggregate expense to be provided for of \$189,296.17.

To meet this tax, the Hospital has been dependent on the income of gifts from generous benefactors, profits on the board of wealthy patients, who were able and willing to pay for special accommodations, annual collections in the churches throughout the State, and annual contributions for free beds, but principally the appropriations of the State.

Since the last session of the Legislature, the capacity of the buildings has been nearly doubled, and the number of inmates under treatment very largely increased, and is still increasing.

To make this addition to the ability of the institution the directors have been compelled to use a portion of their

invested funds, which were under no restrictions as to the use that might be made of the same.

Thus the directors are confronted with the two-fold responsibility of providing for a larger number of patients than ever before, with the income of the corporation reduced. They believe they can accomplish this work, and not suffer the standard of excellence hitherto maintained to be impaired, if they can receive from the State the appropriation of \$7,500 a year for the years 1893 and 1894, for which they ask, being the same aid extended to them during the past two years. Without this aid, they doubt their ability to do so much.

For an exhibition of last year's work in detail, see annual report of directors.

For the Directors,

NATHAN WEBB, *President.*

**ADDITIONAL FACTS REGARDING THE MAINE
GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

No. of weeks care of patients paying only \$7,00 per week, from opening to January 25, 1893, 12,435 1-7, at a cost to the hospital over the amount paid of \$58,320.84.

No. of weeks to free patients October 1, 1892, to January 25, 1893, 442 3-7, at average cost \$11.69, amounts to \$5,177.99.

Cost of free patients to October 1, 1892—already stated,	\$189,296 17
Cost of free patients since October 1, 1892,	5,177 99
Cost of \$7.00 patients since above amount paid,	58,320 84

Total of unpaid service since opening,	\$252,795 00
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The State has given in sundry appropriations,	
To aid the original construction,	\$47,500 00
To aid operating and maintaining,	101,250 00

Besides a lot of land for site, value unknown, a total of	\$148,750 00
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The citizens of Portland have contributed, by way of special gifts, legacies, subscriptions for free beds and church contributions,

For construction, besides land for grounds,	\$80,782 64
For maintaining and operating,	71,015 01

A total of	\$151,797 65
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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1893. }

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.