

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 6.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is appropriated the sum of
2 seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid to the
3 Maine General Hospital for the use of said institution for
4 the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and
5 seven thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to said insti-
6 tution for its use for the year one thousand eight hundred
7 and ninety-six.

STATEMENT OF FACTS
TO ACCOMPANY RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF MAINE GENERAL
HOSPITAL.

Since the Hospital was opened for the treatment of patients in the fall of 1874, it has received and treated 6,257 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 or 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 1,632; 3,335 have been charged only seven dollars (\$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 16,193 weeks, equivalent to 311 21-52 years, at the average cost per week, amounting to an aggregate expense to be provided for of \$189,296.67.

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.

The above statement exhibited a summary of the work of the Hospital to January 1893. From that date to the close of the Hospital year, Sept. 30, 1894, there has been furnished free treatment of patients for 3,537 1-7 weeks, at a cost to the Hospital of \$37,605.89; 420 patients have been entirely free. In 1893, out of a total average of 85.50, the average of free patients was 33.49, and in 1894, it has been 34.34, out of a total of 89.47. The number of citizens of the State of Maine treated in 1893 was 873; in 1894 it was 921; and the number of non-residents in 1893 was 112, and in 1894, 123.

For the Directors

NATHAN WEBB,

President of the Board.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 16, 1895. }

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*