

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 31.

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 five thousand dollars to be paid to the Maine Eye
3 and Ear Infirmary, for the use of said institution for the
4 year 1895, and five thousand dollars to be paid to said insti-
5 tution for its use for the year 1896.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This Institution was incorporated according to the statute laws of Maine, February 15, 1886, for the treatment, free of charge, of the needy poor of our State, suffering from disease of the eye or ear.

Since that time 9,000 patients have been registered, over 3,000 operations performed, and there has been an attendance of over 60,000.

The Infirmary has not only relieved the sufferings of thousands of poor patients, free of charge, but has housed and fed hundreds who were unable to pay their board, 4,500 days of free board have been furnished, while all the time it has been enlarging its capacity to meet the demands made upon it by these unfortunate ones. During the past two years upwards of \$40,000 has been expended in furnishings and improvements until now the Infirmary can comfortably care for eighty in-patients and thousands of out-patients.

The medical officers receive no pay for their services from the poor who are unable to pay.

The total amount expended since November 1, 1892, for board and care of patients, furnishings, and improvements has been over \$60,000, and of this amount thus devoted to the poor, the Infirmary asks of the State an appropriation of only a small part.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1895.

Reported by Mr. HOUGHTON of Fort Fairfield, from Committee on
Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*