

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 48.

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 Maine
3 General Hospital for the use of the said institution for the
4 year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, 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-eight.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The hospital was opened for the reception of patients 1874. Since that time it has extended its care to 9,891 patients, a great majority of whom have been surgical patients. All sections of the State have shared in the benefit of the institution, as will appear by the following distribution of patients by counties: Androscoggin, 308; Aroostook, 276; Cumberland, 3,165; Franklin, 283; Hancock, 446; Kennebec, 688; Knox, 525; Lincoln, 346; Oxford, 530; Penobscot, 573; Piscataquis, 265; Sagadahoc, 343; Somerset, 396; Waldo, 380; Washington, 395; York, 972.

Nearly one-half of the whole service has been rendered to free patients. During the last year 1,625 2-7 weeks relief was furnished to free patients at a cost to the hospital of \$18,766.30. The year's accounts show that the income for the year including the aid received from the State, fell \$582.11 short of the running expenses. The superintendent in his report says: "In order to bring about this result, we have been obliged to refuse admission to a great number of applications for free beds. I estimate that we are compelled to refuse more than four-fifths of the applications, solely for want of means. These applicants are the people of Maine. For special information the members of the legislature are respectfully asked to examine the annual report of the hospital, copies of which have been distributed to them. They are assured that this latest report is not more favorable or more calculated to secure their good will, than every one which has preceded it."

For the directors,

NATHAN WEBB,
President of the Board.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 4, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*