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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 127.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum  
2 of five thousand dollars to be paid to the Eastern Maine Gen-  
3 eral Hospital for the use of said institution for the year  
4 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and five thousand dollars  
5 for the use of said institution for the year nineteen hundred.

*Resolved,* That the further sum of seven thousand five hun-  
7 dred dollars be and hereby is appropriated annually for the  
8 years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hun-  
9 dred, to be paid to said Eastern Maine General Hospital, to  
10 be used to assist in the completing, furnishing and equipping  
11 of the new ward building now in process of construction by  
12 said institution.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On December 16th, 1892, the hospital was incorporated under chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, "For the charitable and benevolent purposes of establishing and maintaining a hospital for the treatment of medical and surgical cases."

On October 8th, 1894, fourteen citizens of Bangor purchased the property comprising some three acres of land with the stone house and ell thereon, for the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.)

Since the hospital was opened to December, 1898, there has been expended for plant, permanent expenditures, furnishing, repairs and addition, more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.)

The location for the hospital is unsurpassed, and at the beginning the stone house did very well for a building not designed especially for hospital purposes. It soon became evident that this hospital was to be in the course of time the third large general hospital in the State of Maine, and as the patients began to increase, the hospital and citizens from all over the eastern part of the State, petitioned for an appropriation from the State, and in response thereto, for the last four years the hospital has received from the State an annual appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) The annual running expenses of the institution are now about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000,) and must be largely increased after the completion of the new ward building.

Without this regular appropriation from the State this hospital cannot be carried on.

The hospital in 1897, being much in need of a new ward building especially constructed for hospital purposes, and following the precedents of the Maine General and the Central Maine General Hospitals, applied to the State for an appropriation to aid in constructing such a building, but failed to obtain such an appropriation.

As such a building was a pressing necessity thirty-seven (37) of the citizens of Bangor and the Woman's Hospital Aid Society subscribed twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) towards the construction of such a building, and during the year 1898, the contract was made, the foundation begun, and a three

story brick building with a basement has been erected near the old building and with a corridor joining them together, the contracts for which require payments of some twenty-three thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$23,150,) so that the hospital has been forced to borrow the sum in excess beyond the subscriptions.

This new ward building completed will be large enough to easily accommodate sixty-five (65) patients, and if necessary probably seventy-five (75) or eighty (80) at a time, and being especially constructed and fitted for the purpose, will be in every way designed to best minister to their comforts and facilitate their recovery. One of the serious drawbacks in the old building has been the lack of a properly arranged surgery and adjoining rooms, which has received special attention in the new building, where the surgery is located in the basement with etherizing, sterilizing and recovery rooms, etc., all very conveniently located.

The expenditures for plant and permanent fixtures, repairs and improvements and furniture since the hospital opened, until December, 1898, are as follows:

Year ending in June, 1893.....	\$2,242 90
Year ending in June, 1894.....	396 95
Year ending in June, 1895.....	10,113 01
Year ending in June, 1896.....	894 65
Year ending in June, 1897.....	4,195 83
Six months ending December, 1898.....	18,559 57

Making a total actual expenditure on the permanent plant of .....	\$36,402 91
Amount in excess of this for existing contracts.	4,693 44

Making a grand total of..... \$41,096 35  
paid out and expended by the citizens of Bangor without aid from the State.

This hospital has never from the beginning been a local institution but its patients have come from all parts of the State and foreign countries.

## PATIENT.

Year ending June, 1893, total, 150; Bangor furnished 51; other places in Penobscot county 51; outside of Penobscot county 48; cost per bed per week, \$12.

Year ending June, 1894, total, 132; Bangor furnished 53; other places in Penobscot county 33; outside of Penobscot county 46; cost per bed per week, \$11.14.

Year ending June, 1895, total 216; Bangor furnished 97; other places in Penobscot county 68; outside of Penobscot county 51; cost per bed per week, \$10.78.

Year ending June, 1896, total 265; Bangor furnished 119; other places in Penobscot county 86; outside of Penobscot county 60; cost per bed per week, \$8.65.

Year ending June, 1897, total 357; Bangor furnished 88; other places in Penobscot county 139; outside of Penobscot county 130; cost per bed per week, \$8.71.

Year ending June, 1898, total 371; Bangor furnished 97; other places in Penobscot county 151; outside of Penobscot county 123; cost per bed per week, \$9.11.

The hospital management consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, thirteen trustees and sixteen directors. The hospital staff is composed of nine consulting physicians and surgeons, four visiting physicians, one adjunct, five visiting surgeons, one adjunct, one bacteriologist and pathologist, one ophthalmic and aural surgeon, one surgeon for the nose and throat and one dental surgeon, all of whose services are gratuitous, matron and superintendent of nurses, one assistant and head nurse and seven nurses.

The citizens of Bangor have contributed.....	\$36,402 91
The hospital owes, which we will pay.....	4,693 44
Amount needed in addition to above to make new building available .....	21,000 00

When completed the hospital will have cost..... \$62,096 35

We ask for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

Eastern Maine General Hospital,

By CHARLES HAMLIN, *President*,

and CHARLES H. BARTLETT, *Secretary*.

BANGOR, ME., January 16, 1899.









STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 16, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.