

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 195.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLUE in favor of the Augusta City Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of
2 two thousand dollars, to be paid to the Augusta City Hospital,
3 of which one thousand dollars shall be paid during the year
4 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and one thousand dollars dur-
5 ing the year nineteen hundred.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Augusta City Hospital has been in operation for the scientific treatment of diseases for ten months. During that time it has received 112 patients within its walls—which is at the rate of 134 a year. During the first year of its existence, with no other hospital in the state, the Maine General Hospital in Portland only treated 76 patients, showing a majority in favor of our institution of 58 patients, and that at a time when other districts of the state had good hospital facilities. If we subtract the number of 33 soldiers which were treated during the time mentioned as out of the ordinary course of events, there is still a majority in favor of our institution of 25 patients.

It will be found that Kennebec county stands third in the list of the counties in the state contributing patients to the Maine General Hospital, it is fourth in population in the state, and is the mathematical center of population. The Augusta City Hospital is the only hospital in the state where both schools of medicine meet on a basis of equal rights. While the majority of the physicians on the staff of the institution belong to the so-called regular school, yet the first free bed was established by a homœopathic physician. This institution is not exclusively a local charity, it has treated patients from thirteen of the counties of the state. It is in the center of a population of over 50,000; 26,000 of which is in four cities.

It is situated in a city where more strangers come during the course of the year than perhaps any other city in the state and is the only place where a case of sudden serious illness could be treated in a scientific way. It is within sight of the muster field where the National Guard of Maine gathers for its annual encampment and drill; and in view of its record during the past year when for a time it almost closed its local work to care for the sick soldiers which returned from Chickamauga; it has demonstrated its power and willingness to be of no small service to the state as well as the section in which it is located. It is conducting a training school for nurses which is of priceless value for every community in periods of sickness; and also a great uplifting force in creating an intelligent reverence for the laws which govern the human body. Teaching the sacredness of motherhood and thus most effectually guarding the best interests of the home.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 24, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*