

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 57

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum
2 of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to be paid to the Eastern
3 Maine General Hospital for the use of said institution for the
4 year 1907, and five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) for the use
5 of said institution for the year 1908.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated a fur-
7 ther sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be paid to
8 the Eastern Maine General Hospital for the purpose of erect-
9 ing and equipping a new building to be used mainly for a
10 Children's Ward, provided that said sum shall be payable only
11 if the Eastern Maine General Hospital has twenty-five thou-
12 sand dollars (\$25,000) actually in the hands of its treasurer
13 available for the purpose of erecting and equipping said
14 Children's Ward, at any time within four years from the date
15 when this Resolve is approved, and provided that not more
16 than seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500) of this appropria-
17 tion shall be payable in any one year.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Eastern Maine General Hospital, situate at Bangor Maine, is a charitable institution. It was opened June 7, 1892, and incorporated December 16, 1892, and in 1897 by a special act of the legislature, Chapter 388, the corporation received a special charter and its organization was ratified and confirmed.

The original lot and building were purchased through private subscriptions of citizens of Bangor on October 8, 1894, for eight thousand dollars (\$8000). This lot contains between two and three acres and extends from State street, on which it measures two hundred and six (206) feet, to the location of the European and North American Railway (now the Maine Central Railroad) along the bank of the Penobscot River.

The buildings consisted of a large stone house and ell, which is understood to have cost over \$40,000 when originally built. Since that time there has been added a new ell, a boiler house, laundry, contagious ward building (a separate building), and a large ward building constructed of brick, and a new heating apparatus has been installed. A lot adjoining the original lot and measuring 344 feet on State street and containing about five acres has also been purchased.

All this involves an outlay of over ninety-five thousand dollars, divided as follows:

Building and land	\$69,547 66
Furniture and equipment	18,191 96
Repairs	7,792 10
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	\$95,531 72

In order to show the growth of the institution, the following comparative table is given, viz :

Comparative table of the first and last years of the existence of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, showing the growth of the institution.

Year.	Cost of each patient per week.	Number of patients during the year.	Free patients.	Partly free patients.	Patients outside of Bangor.	Received from patients.	Expenditures.
1898	\$12 00	150	68		99	\$2,059 33	\$7,954 42
1906	9 34	1,075	177	694	903	24,213 06	29,496 34

We call especial attention to the cost per bed per week, to-wit : nine dollars and thirty-four cents (\$9.34) which we believe will compare very favorably with other Hospitals of much larger size.

We also call attention to the fact that one hundred seventy-seven (177) patients were treated absolutely free, and six hundred ninety-four (694) only paid part of the cost, and also that only one hundred seventy-two (172) patients came from Bangor, and that considerably over half came from outside of Penobscot County.

Previous legislatures have granted to this Hospital an annual appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5000) a year for two years, and without this annual appropriation the Eastern Maine General Hospital could not exist as a charitable institution.

Of the ninety-five thousand dollars named above expended on the plant of this Hospital, the state has paid only twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), and the rest of the amount has been raised by private subscriptions.

The endowment fund of the Hospital, which has been raised entirely by subscriptions and bequests, amounts to only thirty thousand, four hundred eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$30,483.33). In addition to that there is a fund amounting to eight thousand two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$8235) for the purpose of building a Children's Ward. The remarkable growth of the Hospital and its present crowded condition makes it necessary to either curtail our work or erect a new building. It has been determined wise to erect a Children's Ward which will

not only relieve the congestion in the general wards but will also give a separate building for children, which is a real necessity. The estimates for this building show that the total cost of the building and equipment will be at least forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), if we build such a building as would seem adequate for our purposes.

The Eastern Maine General Hospital asks the state for an appropriation, in addition to the usual appropriation of five thousand dollars for the running expenses each year, of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be used for the erection and equipment of this proposed building, but only asks for the appropriation on condition that the corporation in some other way raises twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The corporation also gives the land on which the building is to be erected, so that the corporation only asks the state aid for a comparatively small proportion of the cost of this building.

CHARLES HAMLIN, President.

JOHN STETSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 25, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MERRIMAN from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*