

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 114

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated annually
2 the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to the treasurer of
3 the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for the use of said institu-
4 tion for the years 1907 and 1908.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary was organized under the laws of this state for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an institution for the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear. It has maintained a daily free clinic for the treatment of disease of the eye and ear of the poor for the past twenty-one years. It has also added other clinics during these years, so that, now free treatment may be obtained daily by the worthy poor for all ailments of the body. The only requirement necessary to obtain this free treatment is proof from the person applying, or his friends, that he is poor and without means to pay for the treatment needed.

The records show that over thirty thousand persons have been treated at the infirmary; that the attendance in the out-patient department has been over a hundred and seventy thousand, and that eight thousand operations have been performed upon the eye and ear for the preservation or restoration of sight and hearing.

The medical and surgical staff now consists of about a score of physicians and surgeons who give their professional services free to the worthy poor, daily, during their term of services.

During these twenty-one years there has been expended for buildings, equipments, repairs, renewals, current expenses, and free beds over half a million dollars.

For further particulars reference should be made to the annual report for the year ending November 1, 1906.

The amount asked for in the resolve is the sum appropriated at six of the past biennial sessions of the legislature of the state and is absolutely needed in order to meet the current expenses of this charity, and have it, in the future as it has in the past, extend its benefits to the poor of our commonwealth.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 6, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.