

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 124

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to
3 the Maine General Hospital for the use of said institution
4 for the year one thousand nine hundred and seven, and eight
5 thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to said institution
6 for its use for the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of
Maine:*

The Maine General Hospital again asks your honorable bodies for an appropriation to aid it in carrying on its charitable work of relieving the suffering citizens of this state who have not the necessary means to provide themselves with the medical or surgical attention and the nursing and food required by them. In continuing to donate the funds of the state, the Legislature has a right to ask of the Hospital an account of its stewardship showing how the moneys given to this institution have been expended, and what the scope of its operations has been.

During the hospital year 1904-05, out of a total of 1,139 patients, 264 were absolutely free. One hundred and seventeen other patients paid their board a portion of the time only. The free patients received board, nursing and treatment for a total of 1,945 weeks at a cost to the hospital, estimated at the average cost per week, of \$25,285. Out of a daily average of 97.49 patients, 37.30 paid nothing.

During the hospital year 1905-06, out of a total of 1,283 patients, 297 were absolutely free, while 186 paid board for a portion of the time only. The free patients received board, nursing and treatment for a total of 1,750 weeks at a cost to the Hospital of \$22,393.01. Out of a daily average of 98.41, 33.56 paid nothing.

During both these years the entire net income of the Hospital, consisting of sundry gifts, annual free bed subscriptions, appropriations by the state, income from invested funds and Hospital Sunday gifts, was devoted to the charitable work of the Hospital. During both the years above mentioned, the income of the Hospital failed to equal its expenditures, the deficit for the former year being \$3,603.96, for the latter \$932.84. It thus appears that during both of the two years a sum practically three times as large as the state appropriation was expended for the gratuitous treatment of worthy poor patients. It should be also borne in mind that inasmuch as the weekly average cost of maintaining patients was nearly thirteen dollars per week, the ward patients paying at the rate of \$1.50 per day are in part free patients.

As showing that the patients of the Hospital come from all parts of the state, a table of their residences is submitted:

	1904-05	1905-06
Androscoggin	6	9
Aroostook	27	36
Cumberland	527	607
Franklin	29	24
Hancock	58	48
Kennebec	29	62
Knox	41	59
Lincoln	37	33
Oxford	80	61
Penobscot	22	28
Piscataquis	8	15
Sagadahoc	40	57
Somerset	26	36
Waldo	15	18
Washington	53	46
York	141	144
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	1,139	1,283

During the year 1904-05 there was expended for extension of the hospital kitchen \$6,892.26, and for ordinary repairs \$2,627.94. For the year 1905-06, \$3,415.28 was expended for ordinary repairs, and no new construction was entered upon.

MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL,

By F. R. BASSETT,

Treasurer.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 7, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*