

NEW DRAFT.

# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

#### HOUSE.

No. 195

## STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Augusta City Hospital.

*Resolved*, That there be and is hereby appropriated the 2 sum of three thousand dollars, to be paid to the Augusta 3 City Hospital for the use of said institution for the year 4 nineteen hundred and seven and three thousand dollars for 5 the use of said institution for the year nineteen hundred and 6 eight, and that there be and is hereby appropriated the 7 further sum of one thousand dollars for the year nineteen 8 hundred and seven and one thousand dollars for the year 9 nineteen hundred and eight for repairs and improvements.

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### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Augusta City Hospital was incorporated by the legislature of Maine February 20, 1891. It first opened its doors to the public on April 9, 1898, in a rented building. At the same time it established the training school for nurses which it has since maintained. In 1900 through the generosity of its friends it was able to purchase and remodel for its uses, the beautiful St. Catherine's Hall property, where its work is still carried on. It cordially invites members of the legislature to call and see the work it is doing for suffering humanity and the manner in which it is doing it. The present City Hospital is a large and noble looking structure, built in the beautiful old Colonial style of architecture and situated upon an elevation which not only secures the sanitary advantages that come from perfect drainage but also an openness to sunlight and an abundance of pure air. It commands a superb view of the river and the hills upon its western shore. There are forty rooms in this building, exclusive of four finished attic rooms, which have been utilized for storage purposes. Surrounding the hospital are about four and one-half acres of land which affords ample opportunity for convalescents to secure outdoor rest and recreation in the proper season, and also provides for any growth of the institution which the conditions of the future might render necessary.

The Augusta City Hospital, unlike other general hospitals in Maine, has never asked the state to construct any buildings. All money received by it from the public treasury has been applied to operating expenses. Owing to the large amount of free work which it has been necessary to do, some of the important needs of the institution are yet to be met. The most pressing of these is a new heating system. That now in use is the one formerly used by the St. Catherine's Hall, and is practically worn out. It was with difficulty that it was patched up to last through the present winter, and it must be replaced before another one. The directors, therefore, have asked the state to assist them in this work, and feel that the modest sum asked for, in addition to the usual appropriation, will appeal to members of the legislature as fully justified and for the public interests.

## STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives,

Augusta, February 15, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON. Clerk.