

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 127

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium Association.

Resolved: That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the
2 same is hereby appropriated to be paid to the Maine State
3 Sanatorium Association for the year nineteen hundred and
4 seven, and ten thousand dollars for the year nineteen hun-
5 dred and eight.

Resolved: That the further sum of five thousand dollars is
7 hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seven,
8 and five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and
9 eight, to be used in the discretion of the trustees of said asso-
10 ciation for charitable purposes in the treatment of patients
11 at said institution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The purpose of the *Maine State Sanatorium Association* is to establish an institution that persons in the earlier stages of consumption may, within their own state, receive the very best of treatment and in accordance with those methods which are the world over, recognized as the most trustworthy and efficacious. To aid it in its work the association has received in private donations, large and small, \$84,445. It has paid for three hundred and twenty acres of land and has equipped the farm with teams and machinery, and has built an up-to-date barn, and has stocked the place for the production of milk, cream and eggs for the use of the patients. The sanatorium buildings, thus far completed are: a permanent administration building (\$65,000), power house (\$24,200), two pavilions for the use of patients (about \$15,000 each), water works and sewerage, and the reconstruction of the farm cottage. Just now there are accommodations for fifty-five patients. The need and the economy to the state of having the sanatorium plant completed so as to accommodate one hundred patients is shown by the following facts.

While in the years 1892-1905 inclusive, typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough and smallpox caused 7,508 deaths in the state of Maine, tuberculosis in the same years destroyed 18,014 persons, or an average of 1,285 yearly. With the destruction of over one thousand of our people every year by tuberculosis, mostly of our young men and young women, the state is incurring a loss of at least \$2,000,000, counting the money value of these lives and the loss due to prolonged partial and total disability before death, the loss of the labor of relatives, cost of medical attendance, and of travel, and other expenses in seeking climatic cures.

Tuberculosis is not an hereditary disease; it is infectious, and under favorable conditions is preventable and curable in an eminent degree.

The results obtained in the treatment of one hundred patients at The Maine Sanatorium show that we may expect to cure nearly all cases of tuberculosis in the strictly incipient stage, that we may also hope to cure 50 per cent of the moderately advanced

cases, and that an additional 30 per cent. or 40 per cent. of this moderately advanced class of cases may be sent out much improved.

The average gain in weight of 82 patients in The Maine Sanatorium was 20 pounds and 15 ounces.

In view of what has already been accomplished by the association with so little cost to the treasury of the state, and in view of the fact that a large number of the donations to aid the association have come from outside the state, the *Maine State Sanatorium Association* begs the legislature to aid it in enlarging its sphere of usefulness and in extending help to a greater number of young men and young women in all parts of the state, who should have a helping hand to save them from a disease which is curable under favoring conditions but pretty surely fatal under the ordinary conditions of life and of treatment.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 21, 1907.

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Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*