

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 145

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Webber Hospital Association of
Biddeford.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to the Webber
3 Hospital Association of Biddeford, York County, Maine,
4 for the use of said association for the year nineteen hundred
5 nine and three thousand for the use of said association for
6 the year nineteen hundred ten, both said sums for mainte-
7 nance.

And be it further *Resolved,* That there be and is hereby
9 appropriated a further sum of ten thousand dollars to be
10 paid to said association in the year nineteen hundred nine
11 for the purpose of assisting in erecting, furnishing and
12 equipping a building for a hospital in said Biddeford.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Webber Hospital Association of Biddeford, was organized, as a charitable corporation, under the laws of this State, in November, 1899.

A few months before this, Moses W. Webber, a citizen of Biddeford, died, and by his will created a fund for the support of a hospital in Biddeford, where the "unfortunate might receive good care and skilful treatment."

It was for the purpose of carrying out the intentions of Mr. Webber that some of the public-spirited citizens of Biddeford and Saco, personal friends of Mr. Webber, organized this charitable association.

On the 18th of December, A. D. 1906, the association leased a commodious house in Biddeford, a modern structure, well situated for hospital purposes, and on January 22d, 1907, opened its doors for the admission of patients, and its patronage and success have amply demonstrated the great demand for a hospital in Biddeford, and justified those who have generously contributed by their unselfish labors and pecuniary means to its support, as the following statement abundantly proves:

Number of male patients admitted in 1907.....	71
Number of female patients admitted in 1907.....	73
Total	144
Number of male patients admitted in 1908.....	85
Number of female patients admitted in 1908.....	89
Total	174
Number of patients admitted free in 1907.....	71
Number of surgical operations in 1907.....	86
Total	157

Number of patients admitted free in 1908.....	68
Number of surgical operations in 1908.....	137
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Total	205

A staff of competent physicians serves the hospital without pay.

The business of the hospital is managed by some of the best business men and women in York County, and they neither ask nor receive any pay for their services. A training school for nurses is maintained in connection with the hospital.

The association has recently purchased a lot of land containing about two and one-half acres, admirably adapted for its use, at an expense of \$9,550, on which it proposes to erect a commodious hospital building and equip it with all modern appliances.

With such accommodations this association will be able to meet the growing demands for hospital services, not of Biddeford and Saco alone, but of the adjoining towns of York County.

In this connection, it is but proper to state, that the State has never established any public institution in York County, the oldest in the State, and third in population and wealth, but it has cheerfully contributed its full share for the support of public institutions in other counties, which has resulted in great material benefit to these counties.

It is under these conditions and for these reasons that the Webber Hospital Association solicits the aid specified in the foregoing resolve, in order that the citizens of York County may have a public hospital, within its borders, where its people, in sickness or through misfortune by accident, may receive "good care and skilful treatment."

THE WEBBER HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF BIDDEFORD.

By ROBERT MCARTHUR, *President.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*