

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 86

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital  
of Lewiston.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of six thousand five hundred dol-  
2 lars be and is hereby appropriated for the benefit of the  
3 Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston for the year  
4 one thousand nine hundred and nine, and the sum of six  
5 thousand five hundred dollars for the year one thousand  
6 nine hundred and ten, for maintenance.

Also the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars for  
8 the year one thousand nine hundred and nine, and seven  
9 thousand five hundred dollars for the year one thousand  
10 nine hundred and ten, for the purpose of aiding in construct-  
11 ing an addition to the present buildings to be known as the  
12 Central Building of the Central Maine General Hospital  
13 Buildings at Lewiston, Maine.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Central Maine General Hospital located at Lewiston, Maine, has been given by the State an annual appropriation of \$5,000 every year for a number of years for maintenance. The cost of supplies, and in fact everything that enters into the running expenses of the institution has increased to such an extent it has become necessary for the officials of the Hospital to ask the Legislature to increase the appropriation from \$5,000 to \$6,500, in order that they may maintain the high standard of efficiency which has characterized the work of the institution and they most respectfully ask that the above named sum may be appropriated for the ensuing two years.

The demand for accommodations at the Hospital has increased so rapidly it is utterly impossible to accommodate those who desire admission. There are accommodations for about 63 patients, although we have had in a crowded condition 70, and many who have applied for admission and treatment have been unable to secure what they desired by reason of insufficient room. At a recent meeting of the directors and members of the staff, it was voted unanimously to ask the Legislature for an appropriation of \$20,000 per annum, for the ensuing two years, in order that they may be permitted to construct an addition to the present easterly wing, which building shall be known as the central building. It being the intention to eventually have, if conditions demand it, another wing similar to the one already constructed on the westerly side of this proposed new central building. In maintaining the work at the Hospital, it is absolutely necessary to employ a large corps of nurses. The accommodations for nurses at present are entirely inadequate. The construction of this central building will not only provide for addition of accommodations for patients, but also make it possible for very much better accommodations for the nurses, which are so essential in carrying on hospital work.

The Central Maine General Hospital has been doing a splendid work. It has established an enviable reputation and it has not been accomplished without earnest efforts on the part of its officials. It is imperative that something be done immediately as there are deserving people turned away constantly, and it is to be hoped the present Legislature may find it convenient and agreeable to grant the appropriation above mentioned.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

January 29, 1909.

Reported by Mr. OSGOOD from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.