

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 117

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Augusta City Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of four thousand dollars to be paid to the Augusta
3 City Hospital for the use of said institution for the year
4 nineteen hundred nine, and four thousand dollars for the
5 use of said institution for the year nineteen hundred ten.

Be it further *Resolved*, That there be and is hereby appro-
7 priated the further sum of two thousand dollars for the year
8 nineteen hundred nine and two thousand dollars for the
9 year nineteen hundred ten for the building fund of said
10 institution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Augusta City Hospital was incorporated by an act of the legislature approved February 20, 1891. It was not until April 9, 1898, however, that the hospital was able to open its doors to the general public in a building rented and equipped for the purpose. At the same time a training school for nurses was established whose splendid record during the past decade has been a source of pride and satisfaction to all who have been connected with the institution.

In 1899 the Hospital secured a permanent home through the purchase and remodeling of the St. Catherine's Hall property which had previously been used as a school for girls. It was a beautiful old colonial building of forty-four rooms overlooking the Kennebec river and carrying with it four and one-half acres of land. This property was put in thorough repair and remodeled to fit it for hospital uses. The expense of this work was met by public subscription with the exception of \$5000, \$2000 of which still remains a part of the Hospital indebtedness. Since the Hospital opened its doors to the public it has treated patients from every county in Maine, and its nurses have been in demand in all parts of the State. It has also done a very large amount of charitable work. No one in need of its ministrations has ever been turned from its doors. It was the first hospital in Maine to institute the system of district nurses which has placed trained service within reach of the poor. In 1908 a beautiful new nurses' home, costing about \$24,000 and known as the J. Manchester Haynes home for nurses was built and presented to the hospital as his gift, by Mrs. Haynes. During the year 1908 there was also constructed for the Hospital a central building plant which heats both the Hospital proper and the new nurses' home. This was rendered absolutely necessary by the wear-

ing out of the system formerly in use, by a due care for the safety of the patients, and by the requirements of the home for nurses. Upon this plant there still remains a debt of \$4500.

The number of patients at the hospital has grown steadily from year to year, 355 being treated there in the year 1908, as against 304 in 1907. With the same ratio of increase the number for 1909 will exceed 400.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 3, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.