

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 341

House of Representatives, Mar. 1, 1911.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated annually the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to the treasurer of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for the use of the institution for the years nineteen hundred and eleven and nineteen hundred and twelve for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary was organized under the laws of this state for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an institution for the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear. It has maintained a daily free clinic for the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear of the poor for the past twenty-five years. It has also added other clinics during these years, so that now, free treatment may be obtained daily by the worthy poor for all ailments of the body. The only requirement necessary to obtain this free treatment is proof from the person applying, or his friends, that he is poor and without means to pay for treatment needed.

The records show that over thirty-one thousand persons have been treated at the infirmary; that the attendance in the outpatient department has been over a hundred and ninety-six thousand, and over eight thousand nine hundred operations have been performed upon the eye and ear for the preservation or restoration of sight or hearing.

The medical and surgical staff now consists of about a score of physicians and surgeons who give their professional services free to the worthy poor, daily, during their terms of service.

During these twenty-five years there has been expended for buildings, equipments, repairs, renewals, current expenses, and free beds over seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For further particulars reference should be made to the annual report for the year ending October 1, 1910.

The amount asked for in the resolve is the sum appropriated at ten of the biennial sessions of the Legislature of the State and is absolutely needed in order to meet the current expenses of this charity and have it, in the future as it has done in the past, extend its benefits to the poor of our commonwealth.