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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 379

House of Representatives, March 2, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Shea 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 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, Maine, for the use of
4 said association for the year nineteen hundred eleven and
5 three thousand dollars for the use of said association for the
6 year nineteen hundred twelve, both of said sums to be ex-
7 pended for the maintenance of said hospital association.

STATEMENT OF FACTS, JANUARY, A. D. 1911.

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

Some months before this, Moses W. Webber, a resident 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 day of December, A. D. 1906, the association leased a commodious house in Biddeford, a modern structure, well situated for hospital purposes, and on January 22nd, 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 their unselfish labors and pecuniary means to its support, as the following statement abundantly proves:

Number of patients admitted in 1907.....	144
Number of patients admitted in 1908.....	174
Number of patients admitted in 1909.....	240
Number of patients admitted in 1910.....	300

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.

This corporation now owns a lot of land containing some over two acres, admirably adapted for hospital purposes, on which it is erecting a fireproof building, to be equipped with modern appliances, of a capacity to accommodate fifty patients.

It is expected that this building will be completed and ready for use, on or before April 1st, next. With such accommodations as this building will afford, this association will be able to meet the increasing demands for hospital services in 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, but it has cheerfully contributed its full share for the support of public institutions in other counties, which have been of great benefit to these counties.

Under these conditions and for these reasons, the Webber Hospital Association asks for the amount specified in the foregoing resolve, so that the people of York county may have a charitable, public hospital within its borders, where they may, in sickness or through misfortune, by accident, receive good care and skilful treatment, near their homes.

THE WEBBER HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,

By ROBERT McARTHUR, President.