

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 384

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*House of Representatives, March 2, 1911.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium  
Association.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated to be  
2 paid to the Maine State Sanatorium Association for the year  
3 nineteen hundred and eleven the sum of twelve thousand  
4 five hundred dollars, and a like sum for the year nineteen  
5 hundred and twelve, for assistance to needy patients, to be  
6 used in the discretion of the trustees of said association for  
7 charitable purposes in the treatment of patients at said insti-  
8 tution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO MAINE  
STATE SANATORIUM ASSOCIATION. JANUARY,  
1911.

The objects of the Maine State Sanatorium Association are, as its constitution declares, "to establish and maintain a public institution or institutions for the isolation, treatment and cure of persons afflicted with pulmonary disease, and to extend its influence towards the lessening of the prevalence of tuberculosis."

The methods of treatment at this institution are in line with those which are carried out in all the sanatoriums in America and abroad which are well equipped for this special line of work.

Under this treatment, the patient has the advantage of the constant care of the physician; the possibilities of the fullest out-of-door life under congenial and safe conditions; and especially nutritious diet; exercise or rest regulated to the special needs of each patient; medical treatment, local or systemic, with drugs or special apparatus as needed.

The physical plant of the Maine State Sanatorium Association is located at Hebron, in the county of Oxford, and is one of the finest in America.

The real estate, buildings and equipment have cost in the vicinity of \$200,000 and are now sufficient to accommodate about 85 patients.

The Legislature of 1909 appropriated for the different purposes of the institution, the sum of \$60,000, of which \$15,000 was for the assistance of needy patients who could not pay the full board; \$20,000 was for payment of debts; \$15,000 for a new cottage and \$10,000 for a water system. These different sums have all been expended in strict accordance with the terms of the appropriation, the payments for the assistance of the needy patients having been submitted to and approved by the State Auditor.

The trustees of the institution are glad to come to the present Legislature asking for only \$2,000 for each of the years 1911 and 1912, for the purposes of completing the water and sewage systems and the new cottage which has recently been

under construction and is now in use by patients, but partially incomplete.

Beyond this small sum, nothing is asked for excepting an appropriation for the assistance of needy patients.

The institution is out of debt, and has been and is doing a splendid work.

Early in January, 1910, the institution had a debt of approximately \$60,000, and Mr. E. D. Chamberlin, of Boston, who had already donated to the institution about \$65,000, proposed to the trustees to pay one-quarter of this debt provided the balance was raised and paid on or before March 1, 1910, and in the event of this being done, offered to give to the institution the sum of \$200,000 as an endowment fund, its income to be used exclusively for its running expenses, and upon the conditions only that it should, in the future, keep out of debt and, as rapidly as was consistent, reduce the cost of board to patients.

This magnificent offer was accepted by the trustees, and thanks to the generosity of the people of Maine and elsewhere, the necessary amount for the payment of the debts was raised, and the sum of \$200,000 in cash was placed in the hands of the three trustees for the benefit of the sanatorium.

It will thus be seen that \$280,000 of the funds for the construction and endowment of this institution have come from one man, not a resident of the State, and it would seem to be the duty and pleasure of the State now to do everything necessary to meet the requirements of this gift, and to enable this great benevolent, charitable and educational work to be done in the most effective way and be of the greatest assistance possible to needy patients.

It is believed that the average number of patients to be treated for the coming two years will be not less than 80, many of whom cannot have the benefits of the treatment unless receiving a part, or all of the cost of board; and we ask the Legislature to appropriate for this purpose the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the year 1911, and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the year 1912.

Any additional facts which this Legislature may ask for will be very gladly furnished at the hearing on this resolve.