

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 19

House of Representatives, Jan. 15, 1913.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. Boland and ordered printed.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in Favor of the Webber Hospital Ass'n. of
Biddeford.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is, appropriated the
2 sum of eighteen thousand, five hundred dollars, said sum to
3 be paid to The Webber Hospital Association of Biddeford,
4 Maine, for the use of said association for the year one thou-
5 sand nine hundred and thirteen, and the sum of eighteen
6 thousand, five hundred dollars for the use of said association
7 for the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

STATEMENT OF FACTS JANUARY, 1913.

The Webber Hospital Association, of Biddeford, was organized, as a charitable corporation, under the laws of this State, in November, 1899, but it did not begin to do business until December, 1906, when it leased a dwelling house, with modern conveniences, furnished it, and on January 22, 1907, opened its doors to patients, and continued to occupy this house until November 6, 1911, when it moved into a new, fireproof building, furnished and equipped with the latest and best appliances for surgical and medical work, at a cost of nearly \$100,000.

The building first used would accommodate only fifteen patients—the new building will accommodate about fifty-five.

The whole number of patients treated in 1907 was... 144

The whole number treated in 1912 was..... 625

And they may be classified as follows:

Surgical cases 480

Medical cases 124

Births 21

Male patients 325

Female patients 279

The total number of patients treated from January 22nd, 1907, to November 1st, 1912, was 1,981

The number of patients who were treated absolutely free, during the year 1912, was 83

The number treated who paid in part was..... 9

The number treated in free beds was..... 32

These statistics show the great demand for such a hospital, in this vicinity, and it is believed that it is of sufficient capacity to meet the demands of the public for some years to come, not only of Biddeford and Saco, but of adjoining towns in York County.

The people of Biddeford and Saco, in 1911, in nine days, raised, in cash and pledges, almost \$34,000, to aid in constructing and furnishing the new building, and of this sum over \$27,000 has been paid.

In 1907 the women of Biddeford and Saco organized the Women's Auxiliary Webber Hospital Association, since which

time, they have, alone, raised \$6,265.98 for the benefit of the hospital.

It is proper to state, in this connection, that the State has never established any public institution in York County, the oldest in the State, and third in population, but it has paid its full share for the support of public institutions, in other counties, which have received great benefit therefrom.

There is now due on two mortgages of the Association, \$40,000.

It is under these conditions, and for these reasons, that the Webber Hospital Association asks the amount specified in the foregoing Resolve, to the end that the citizens of York County may have a public hospital, where, in sickness or through misfortune by accident, they may receive good care and skilful treatment in a hospital near their homes and friends.

THE WEBBER HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

By ROBERT McARTHUR, President.