

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 627

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium Association.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to
3 the Maine State Sanatorium Association, Hebron, for the
4 year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and twelve thousand
5 five hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and four-
6 teen, the same to be used in the discretion of the trustees
7 of said association for the assistance of needy patients who
8 attend said institution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO MAINE
STATE SANATORIUM ASSOCIATION, JANUARY,
1913.

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 Legislature of 1911 appropriated \$12,500 for each of the years 1911-12 for the assistance of needy patients to be used

in the discretion of the Trustees of the Association. The money thus appropriated has been applied strictly in accordance with the terms of the resolve.

The trustees of the institution are glad to come to the present Legislature asking for an appropriation for the assistance of needy patients only.

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 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, cheritable and educational work to be done in the most effective way and be of the greatest assistance possible to needy patients.

We ask the Legislature to appropriate for this purpose the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred and forty dollars for the year 1913, and the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred and forty dollars for the year 1914.

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