

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 86.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Hampden Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars
2 is hereby appropriated annually out of the school
3 fund, for the term of five years, to Hampden
4 Academy, an institution of learning, located in the
5 town of Hampden, in the county of Penobscot;
6 *provided, however*, that this appropriation is made
7 on the express condition that the trustees of said
8 Institution shall maintain and keep in operation a
9 school equal in rank and grade of teaching with
10 a first-class academy; and *provided further* that
11 the Governor and Council, and Superintendent of
12 Common Schools, shall have a right at all times to
13 visit said school when the same shall be in opera-
14 tion, and if in the opinion of the Governor and
15 Council said Institution at any time hereafter shall

16 fail to fulfill the conditions contained in this re-
17 solve, they may in their discretion withhold the
18 appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Hampden Academy was incorporated in 1804, and endowed by the grant of a township of land and by subscription by the citizens of Hampden.

For about fifty years the school was one of the most important in the State, but the fund having become exhausted, its efficiency was impaired and when the civil war broke out, the attendance became so small that the school was discontinued.

For the past twenty-five years there have been a number of terms of private school in the building, but many of the trustees having died, and the rest becoming scattered, no sustained effort has been made until recently to place the school on its old basis.

Last August a meeting of the trustees was called, the first for twenty-five years, and the vacancies existing in the board filled by young and active men who are making an earnest effort to restore the institution to its former career of usefulness.

The present resources of the Academy are :

Balance of old fund remaining	\$700
Subscriptions by citizens.....	700
Library valued at.....	150
Building and grounds.....	5000

The attendance at the fall term was seventy-six pupils, and at the present winter term seventy.

The building and grounds have been put in good condition by the people of the town and the trustees have realized about two hundred and fifty dollars from a course of lectures given by generous friends of the institution.

The income derived from the present fund and the tuition are not sufficient to meet the running expenses, but the trustees feel confident that if the Legislature will grant assistance for a few years that they will be able to secure an endowment fund that will insure the permanent prosperity and success of the school.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on Education by Mr. CUSHING of Turner ;
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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.