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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 83

In Senate, Feb. 14, 1919.

Reported by Senator Walker from Committee on Education
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Deering of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, in Favor of Lydia M. Chadwick of Saco.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the ap-
2 propriation for teachers' pensions to Lydia M. Chadwick
3 of Saco in the county of York, the sum of two hundred and
4 fifty dollars per annum, during the lifetime of the said
5 Chadwick, the sum to be paid in quarterly installments.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Facts in this case are that Lydia M. Chadwick taught school in the Saco High School from eighteen hundred sixty-seven to eighteen hundred eighty-nine continuously. At that time Thornton Academy of Saco took the place of the Saco High School, and Lydia M. Chadwick taught in the Thornton Academy from eighteen hundred eighty-nine to nineteen hundred nine, teaching in all a period of forty-two years. Miss Chadwick is in straitened circumstances and is not in good health, and is partly supported by her relatives. By a peculiar provision of the School Teachers' Pension Law, teachers in schools which are not three-fifths supported by the public cannot receive a school teacher's pension. The Thornton Academy has a contract with the city of Saco to teach the students of Saco for sixty dollars per student year. All the students of the city of Saco eligible to go to a high school go to the Thornton Academy under contract with the city. Miss Chadwick taught twenty-one years in a so-called public school and twenty years in the Thornton Academy, and although teaching the same class of students and the same studies as teachers in any other public school teach, she cannot receive the pension as the general law is now written.