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To Earl Hutchinson, Director of Secondary Education
Re: Pennell Institute

. . . Chapter 43, P&SL 1887, An Act in Relation to the Pennell Institute in the town of Gray, provides in section 2 thereof as follows:

" . . . And said town shall be entitled to the same state aid on account of the money so expended, that it would be entitled to if the same were expended for a free high school."

"The money so expended" refers to money raised by the town for the support of Pennell. It thus appears that for purposes of distribution of state aid money to the Town of Gray as a result of money spent by the town for the support of Pennell Institute, such expenditure should be treated as an expenditure in connection with a free high school.

For all practical purposes the Institute is a public high school, although in an unusual position because of certain restrictions set up in the will of Henry Pennell.

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