

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 36.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ON PETITION OF OXFORD NORMAL INSTITUTE, FOR STATE AID.

It appeared in evidence before the Committee, that this is one of the most flourishing schools in the State. In the fall term of last year, there was an attendance of one hundred and seventy scholars. It has an able corps of teachers, and is doing much for the general cause of education in that part of the State. It has a normal department, and the teachers coming therefrom are justly ranked among the best.

The school has no fund to rely upon, but has been sustained by the tuition of students, and an annual subscription of about four hundred dollars, made by the citizens of South Paris. With this, the pay of the teachers, from the necessities of the case, has been small.

The small sum contemplated by the accompanying resolve, to be annually paid under the supervision of the Governor and Council, is what the school needs at the present time.

We believe this small amount will accomplish much good, and bring very satisfactory results in this flourishing school, and we cheerfully recommend its appropriation.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Oxford Normal Institute.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be
2 and hereby is annually appropriated out of the state
3 treasury, for the term of five years, to the Oxford
4 Normal Institute, located at South Paris, in the county
5 of Oxford ; *provided however*, that this appropriation
6 is made on the express condition, that the trustees of
7 said school shall maintain and keep in operation a
8 school, equal in rank and grade of teaching, with a
9 first class academy ; and also maintain a normal de-
10 partment, equal in grade to that required by law of
11 the state normal schools ; *and provided further*, that
12 the governor and council, and superintendent of com-
13 mon schools, shall have a right at any and all times,
14 to visit said school, when the same shall be in opera-
15 tion; and if in the opinion of the governor and council,
16 said school at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfil the
17 conditions contained in this resolve, they may in their
18 discretion withhold the appropriation herein granted.

Resolved, That the county supervisor, together with

2 Alva Shurtleff, H. N. Bolster and D. B. Sawyer, con-
3 stitute a board of trust to receive and expend the
4 amount appropriated by the above resolve, agreeably
5 to the provisions and conditions therein contained.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 7, 1872. }

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. GODING,
and ordered printed with Statement of Facts, on motion of Mr.
PERRY, of Oxford.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*