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# Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 212.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the State Normal Schools.

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*Resolved,* That there be appropriated for the  
2 year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven the fol-  
3 lowing sums for the benefit of State normal schools,  
4 to be expended under the direction of the trustees  
5 thereof : for sewerage of boarding house at Gor-  
6 ham, eighteen hundred and fifty dollars; for re-  
7 pairs of out-buildings and erection of dry earth  
8 closets for same, six hundred and fifty dollars; for  
9 painting, plastering, repairs of floors, etc., in same,  
10 one thousand dollars; for repair of black-boards  
11 and re-arrangement of water closets in school  
12 building at same, five hundred dollars; for enlarge-  
13 ment of school building at Farmington, eight thou-  
14 sand dollars; for sewerage and water closets in  
15 school building at Castine, five hundred dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

An examination by the State Board of Health of the sanitary condition of the boarding-house of the State Normal School at Gorham and the school building thereof, disclosed conditions such as to require immediate and radical remedy to remove danger of outbreak of disease. The amount first herein asked for, eighteen hundred and fifty dollars, is, by the estimate of Mr. Jordan, the engineer of said Board, the minimum sum necessary for such sewerage of the boarding-house as will render the sanitary condition safe beyond doubt. The repair of outbuildings and erection of dry earth closets is also in accordance with the recommendations of said Board of Health, and the sum called for, six hundred and fifty dollars, is the minimum estimate of the cost thereof, as based upon estimates of competent authorities. The painting, etc., for which one thousand dollars is asked, is necessary to the preservation of the building and to putting it into condition creditable to the State.

The change in arrangement of water-closets at the school-building is in accordance with recommendations of the State Board of Health. While repair of black-boards is rendered necessary by lack of any surplus from the regular appropriation for the maintenance of these schools to keep buildings in repair, and the sum stated, five hundred dollars, is barely sufficient for the purposes named. The rapid increase in attendance upon the School at Farmington renders necessary more room, not only in the general assembly room of the School, but for recitation purposes. The present building was erected over twenty years ago. It has capacity for not more than one hundred and twenty-five pupils. While the attendance during the last fall term was one hundred and sixty-five, and the prospect is that the attendance for the next year will be largely in excess of this number. The sum called for, eight thousand dollars, is based upon careful estimates of competent builders and is considered the smallest sum for

which the necessary enlargement can be secured. The school-building at Castine is without adequate sewerage. The urinals and privies are in the basement and are, with the greatest difficulty, kept from being a nuisance. The sanitary condition of the building is thereby rendered a matter of constant anxiety if not of positive danger. The sum provided in the resolve is the least possible for the purpose of remedying this condition.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 3, 1887.

Reported from Committee on Education by Mr. RYDER of Spring-  
field; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.