

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 55.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Oak Grove Seminary.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of six hundred dollars is  
2 hereby annually appropriated out of the State treas-  
3 ury, for the term of four years, to Oak Grove Sem-  
4 inary, an institution of learning located in the town  
5 of Vassalboro', in the county of Kennebec; *pro-*  
6 *vided, however,* that this appropriation is made on  
7 the express conditions that the trustees of said in-  
8 stitution 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  
13 to visit said school when the same shall be in oper-  
14 ation, and if, in the opinion of the Governor and

15 Council, or if in the opinion of the Superintendent  
16 of Common Schools, said institution at any time  
17 hereafter shall use any part of the amount hereby  
18 appropriated for any other purpose except to pay  
19 for instruction or shall fail to fulfil the conditions  
20 contained in this resolve, they may, in their discre-  
21 tion, withhold the appropriation herein granted.

## OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This Institution was first opened in 1850, being established by the private liberality of a few individuals.

In 1856 it passed into the hands of an Association of Friends, and in 1857 a fine Boarding House was erected and the Institution was opened to the public. In 1883, after nearly twenty-six years of usefulness, the Seminary building was destroyed by fire, a loss that the Association was unable to repair and the school was discontinued. In 1884 the property was offered to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held and used for school purposes. The offer was accepted and the property transferred. Subscriptions were at once solicited, and a fine Seminary building erected in 1885, and the school was once more ready for the public. It now offers four distinct and complete courses of study: a Normal course of three years, a Literary and Scientific course of four years, a College Preparatory of four years, and a Business course of from four to six months. The school has no endowment, and no property from which it derives an income.

All its running expenses have to be met from the income derived from tuition supplemented by the aid the State has so kindly granted in the past. The new building and repairs upon the old (the Boarding House) together with the equipments for both, have drawn very severely upon the liberality of those interested in the institution. The school at the present time has eighty-eight pupils from different parts of this State, and from other States. While the school is owned by the Society of Friends, it is not sectarian in its character, but open to all, and at the present time two thirds of its pupils are in no way connected with the Society.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 24, 1887.

Reported by Mr. LORD, from Committee on Education, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CHARLES W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*