

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 44.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Monson Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars
2 is hereby appropriated for the term of ten years to
3 Monson Academy, an institution of learning in the
4 town of Monson, in the county of Piscataquis,
5 provided, however, that this appropriation is made
6 on the express condition that the trustees of said
7 institution shall maintain and keep in operation a
8 school equal in rank and grade of teaching with a
9 first class academy; and provided further, that the
10 governor and council and superintendent of com-
11 mon schools shall have a right at all times to visit
12 said school when the same shall be in operation,

13 and if in the opinion of the governor and council
14 said institution, at any time hereafter, shall fail to
15 fulfill the conditions contained in this resolve, they
16 may, in their discretion, withhold the appropriation
17 herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS OF MONSON ACADEMY.

The Monson Academy situated in Monson was incorporated in 1849. Its building was entirely destroyed by fire in 1860. There was only \$700 insurance. It was rebuilt in 1861 at a cost of \$2,000. At present this Academy has a fund of nearly \$4,000, the interest on which at six per cent is all the resources, except what is received for tuition which will not exceed fifty dollars annually.

The town of Monson has a population of 1,241, and 403 scholars; of the 385 tax payers, 211 pay only a poll tax. The large amount of money that the real estate owners are obliged to raise to support the schools of the town is already burdensome and they are unable to make the Academy what it ought to be and what is needed in that section of the State. As the town is obliged to support seven district schools of twenty weeks each annually, and a Primary and Intermediate school in the village, of twenty-four weeks each annually, it has been obliged to sacrifice the Grammar school and take the money that should sustain a Grammar school and donate it to the Academy.

This Academy has a regular course of study, from which the students may graduate after an attendance of four years. This is not a denominational school.

There are only two academies in Piscataquis county with a population of over 16,000 inhabitants. The other one is at Foxcroft, twenty miles from Monson. This school is greatly needed and demanded, not only by the population of Monson, but by the surrounding towns, and plantations, and the people in the Moosehead lake region, a region extending some eighty miles to the north of Monson and settled somewhat sparsely above Greenville.

Scholars in the past have attended the Academy from the Chesuncook lake settlement.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 5, 1891.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*