

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 42.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Gorham State Normal School.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the  
2 year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the sum of  
3 thirteen thousand dollars for the year eighteen hundred and  
4 ninety-eight be, and hereby is appropriated for the com-  
5 pletion and furnishing of a boarding house for the Gorham  
6 State Normal School; for grading the grounds about said  
7 boarding house, and for putting in water service giving fire  
8 protection to said boarding house and the normal school  
9 buildings; said sums to be expended under the direction of  
10 the board of trustees of the State Normal School.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This statement shows that in January 1879, the trustees of Gorham Seminary, the town of Gorham and individuals in that town gave to the State of Maine to meet the conditions of the establishment of a State Normal school, property estimated by the Governor and Council—who on behalf of the State received said property—to be worth forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to wit, a new school building and five acres of land, costing in money at that time twenty-five thousand, five hundred eleven dollars and seventy cents (\$25,511.70) and a brick boarding house, with five acres of land, said boarding house being one hundred and twenty-seven feet long, forty-two feet wide and four stories high, having been previously repaired and heated by steam at an expense of about two thousand dollars, and having fifty rooms for students with dining rooms, parlors, kitchen, laundries and teachers' rooms ample for the accommodation of one hundred students and the teachers thereof.

Said boarding house was burned on the first day of October 1894.

That the trustees of the State Normal schools and citizens of Gorham, many of whom subscribed individually to the fund for the establishment of the school, asked of the legislature of 1895 an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to begin the rebuilding of a boarding house in place of the one burned as aforesaid; that the trustees were aware that such a boarding house as was needed for wants of the school could not be built and furnished for the aforesaid sum, but that thirty thousand was as much as could be well expended in the years 1895 and 1896.

The legislature of 1895 granted to the trustees fifteen thousand dollars, which sum has been carefully and judiciously expended in excavating the cellar, laying the foundation walls for the entire structure, and erecting the kitchen wing, which is complete in its outside walls and nearly finished inside.

To complete carpentry in wing is needed.....	\$600 00
Due architect on commission for wing.....	422 07
To erect the main building and furnish the same	

will cost, as per architect's estimate.....	18,095 22
To heat and plumb the building.....	6,783 33
To put in baggage elevator.....	250 00
To furnish building and wire for electricity.....	4,924 38
To grade about boarding house.....	600 00
To put in water service giving fire protection to boarding house and to the normal school build- ing now utterly unprotected.....	1,325 00
Making the sum of.....	<u>\$33,000 00</u>

In view of the fact that the town of Gorham and individuals of said town have given to the State forty thousand dollars in school property, the town and individuals aforesaid, as well as the trustees of the State normal schools urge that the above named appropriations be made by the present legislature, as the school is suffering greatly from the lack of a boarding house; and that the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be available for the year 1897 and the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) be available for the year 1898.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 4, 1897.

Reported by Mr. BURNS of Westbrook, from Committee on Education,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*