

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 323.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Pennell Institute.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars for the year
2 eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and the like sum of five
3 hundred dollars for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
4 eight be and hereby is appropriated toward the payment
5 of the general expenses of the institute under the direction
6 of its board of trustees.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Pennell Institute, located at Gray was built by the Hon. Henry Pennell late of Gray, who at his death endowed the same with a fund of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), five thousand (\$5,000) of which should be used in the discretion of the trustees of said school for the purchase of books for a library and mechanical, chemical and philosophical apparatus leaving twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) for the school purposes proper, the income of which, only, can be devoted to such purposes.

This school has been in operation ten years. By the terms of the will of said Henry Pennell all persons between the ages of ten and twenty-five were to be admitted to its benefits free of tuition or other expense. From seventy to eighty scholars are in attendance thirty-six weeks in the year. The very best instruction is afforded them in classical, scientific and mercantile courses. Four teachers are permanently employed.

The town has aided liberally in the support of this institution, it makes all repairs upon the buildings and grounds, pays the insurance and makes an appropriation annually for its support. But from business depression and low rate of all investments it finds itself unable to continue the school at its present standard of excellence and prays for the small sum in its aid asked for in the accompanying petition.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 18, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*