

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. III.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of Bluehill Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars yearly, for
2 two years, be and hereby is appropriated to Bluehill Acad-
3 emy, an institution of learning located in the town of Blue-
4 hill, in the county of Hancock.

Provided, however, that this appropriation is made upon
6 the express condition that the trustees of said institution
7 shall maintain and keep in operation a school equal in rank
8 and grade of teaching with a first class academy, of not less
9 than three terms of ten weeks each during each year; and
10 provided further, that the governor and council and super-
11 intendent of common schools shall have the right at all
12 times to visit said school when the same shall be in opera-
13 tion; and if in the opinion of the governor and council said
14 institution shall at any time hereafter fail to fulfill the con-
15 dition of this resolve, they may in their discretion withhold
16 the appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

For more than ninety years Bluehill Academy has been a strong educational force in Eastern Maine, having been incorporated in 1803. During all the years that the school has been maintained there have been more or less pupils in attendance from surrounding towns. A grant of a half township of land from the commonwealth of Massachusetts, was the nucleus of a fund, which by careful investment reached at one time the amount of about \$12,000, but within a few years some \$4,000 has been lost by insecure investments. At the present time the school is maintained by uniting with the free high school, by the interest of the fund invested and by the tuition of non-resident scholars.

The school building is in fairly good condition having been repaired from time to time, and remodeled to some extent, furnished with modern combination desks, and heated by a furnace. There is an average attendance of seventy-five pupils, and thirty weeks constitute the school year. Pupils satisfactorily completing the four year's academic course receive diplomas at their graduation. In order that the school may maintain and increase its usefulness and become a suitable fitting school for higher institutions of learning, it is actually necessary that it should receive aid from the State. It cannot much longer continue its work without such help.

EBEN W. MAYO, Trustee.

Blue Hill, Me., February 20, 1897.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 25, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*