

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 57.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Leavitt Institute.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars  
2 is hereby annually appropriated for the term of two years  
3 to the Leavitt Institute, an institution of learning in the town  
4 of Turner, in the county of Androscoggin; provided, how-  
5 ever, that the appropriation is made on the express condi-  
6 tion that the trustees of said institution shall maintain and  
7 keep in operation a school equal in rank and grade of teach-  
8 ing with a first-class academy; and provide further, that the  
9 governor and council, and superintendent of public schools  
10 shall have a right at all times to visit said school when the  
11 same shall be in operation; and if, in the opinion of the  
12 governor and council, said institution shall at any time here-  
13 after fail to fulfill the conditions contained in this resolve,  
14 they may in their discretion, withhold the appropriation  
15 herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS REGARDING LEAVITT  
INSTITUTE, OF TURNER, ME.

The Leavitt Institute is located at Turner Center, Me., and has been in operation two years, having begun its work in the spring of 1897. The curriculum offers three courses of study, namely, college preparatory, classical, and English. The first prepares students for admission to any Maine academic college. The classical omits Greek, and in its place allows French or the sciences. The English course requires no foreign language, but presents French as optional, and is devoted to English, mathematics and the natural sciences. The mathematical requirements are the same in all courses.

There is, in addition to these courses, a normal department, where students are trained for teaching in the public schools of Maine. Pupils entering this department are required to complete two years of the English course of the high school, or its equivalent, in some other school.

A very efficient corps of teachers has been secured for this school, consisting of a principal and two assistants, all college graduates, and a normal school graduate, who has charge of the training department. The attendance during the last term was ninety-three, the number comprising pupils from Greene, Leeds, Livermore, Buckfield, Oxford, Auburn and Turner. There are ten taking the normal work at present. The school is well supplied with physical and chemical apparatus. And a specially fine chemical laboratory has recently been fitted up through the generosity of the Bradford family, adapted to individual work. The school also has a library and a reading room, both in prosperous condition.

From its location, the school draws from several towns which are not supplied with high schools. The nearest school of corresponding grade on the south is at Auburn, twelve miles distant. On the west is Hebron, fifteen miles distant; on the north, Kent's Hill, twenty miles; and on the east, Monmouth, twelve miles distant, so that it is the center of a large district, from which it draws its pupils.

The school has received a special appropriation from the State during the last two years of five hundred dollars per annum.

The amount asked for now is \$800 per annum, for two years. It is believed that the normal work done entitles the school to receive the extra \$300. Pupils coming from adjacent towns, entering this department, pay no tuition, and are supplied with text-books free of charge, and have the use of all the apparatus of the school without any charge whatever.

The citizens of the town have responded promptly to several demands which have been made upon them for subscriptions, in order that the grounds surrounding the building might be beautified, and considerable work has been done in this direction. The town has raised a liberal amount each year for the support of the school, and it is in general in a very flourishing condition. It is the only school in Androscoggin county asking for a special appropriation. Please see catalogue of school.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 7, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*