

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 61.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Anson Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is
2 hereby annually appropriated for the term of two years to
3 Anson academy, an institution of learning in the town of
4 Anson, in the county of Somerset, provided, however, that the
5 appropriation is made on the express condition that the trustees
6 of said institution shall maintain and keep in operation a school
7 equal in rank and grade of teaching with a first class academy ;
8 and provided further, that the governor and council, and
9 superintendent of public schools shall have a right at all times
10 to visit said school when the same shall be in operation ; and
11 if in the opinion of the governor and council, said institution
12 at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfill the conditions con-
13 tained in this resolve, they may in their discretion, withhold
14 the appropriation herein granted,

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Anson academy asks the legislature for an annual increase of three hundred dollars on the appropriation of five hundred dollars which it now has, for the following reasons :

The present annual revenue for the academy is now insufficient to meet its annual expenses, and for the next two years and thereafter the revenue will be doubtless smaller than it is now. The revenue for the past year consists of the following sources : \$290, interest on the academy fund of \$4,500 ; \$500, state appropriation ; \$500 from the town of Anson ; \$100 from tuition of pupils residing beyond the limits of the town. The principal's salary is \$800 and the tuition, whatever it may be ; the salary of the preceptress is \$400 ; the annual expense for heating, janitor, advertising, and incidentals is \$150. The high standard of the institution will require an increase of salaries in order to secure such teachers as are needed. The town of Anson will not raise so much for the academy or for any of its schools the coming year, for the reason that the town is so heavily burdened with debt, the indebtedness of the town being \$80,000, and the rate of taxation is three per cent. Hitherto the town has raised \$2,000 annually for the support of schools, an excess of \$800 more than the amount required by law for common school purposes. The town appropriation of \$500 for the tuition of its high school scholars has been taken out of the sum of \$2,000 aforesaid. As it has been stated, the revenue for the academy from the town will doubtless be much smaller after this year. Moreover, the academy building needs repairs and scientific apparatus, and the trustees desire to use the interest on its fund for the next two years to supply these needs.

Of course the revenue from the state will be used exclusively for to pay for instruction. Anson academy was founded in 1823, and has regular graduating exercises every spring. The state superintendent usually attends the exercises and awards the diplomas. The academic year is divided into three terms of eleven weeks each. Both teachers are college graduates. There are two courses of study—the academic course and the college preparatory course. The average attendance each term is between fifty-five and sixty. No pupils of the grammar school grade are admitted to the academy. The academic or high school grade is carefully and strictly maintained.

Trustees of Anson Academy,

By A. SIMMONS, *President.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 7, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*