

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 299.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of West Lebanon Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is
2 hereby annually appropriated for the term of two years to
3 West Lebanon Academy, an institution of learning, in the
4 town of Lebanon, in the county of York, provided, however,
5 that the appropriation is made on the express condition that
6 the trustees of said institution shall maintain and keep in
7 operation a school equal in rank and grade of teaching with
8 a first-class academy; and provided further, that the gov-
9 ernor and council and superintendent of public schools shall
10 have a right at all times to visit said school when the same
11 shall be in operation; and if, in the opinion of the governor

12 and council, said institution at any time hereafter shall fail
13 to fulfill the conditions contained in this resolve, they may,
14 in their discretion, withhold the appropriation herein granted ;
15 and provided, that this appropriation is made with the express
16 understanding that the town of Lebanon shall appropriate
17 an equal sum for the years, 1899 and 1900.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

West Lebanon Academy was incorporated in the year 1850, the promoter and founder was the Rev. O. B. Cheney who was afterward the president of Bates College and the first principal of this academy. The school started from a small beginning, in a district school house. The citizens of the town, with some assistance from persons who were natives of the town, but had moved from it erected a substantial academy building and placed a bell upon it. The building has since been remodeled and is at the present time in good repair.

In 1887 the town at its annual meeting voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for free high schools and the same amount was raised and appropriated for the same purpose for each of the five succeeding years. The number of scholars who availed themselves of the high schools in 1887 was 167, in the year 1888, 174, in the year 1889, 149, in the year 1890, 148, in the year 1891, 146, in the year 1892 the school report failed to show anything except that we had a supervisor who had employed teachers satisfactory to her. Since that time we have been unable to get a vote for a free high school. The academy at one time had an attendance of more than one hundred scholars per term, but that amount of attendance cannot be reached at the present time.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*