

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated out of the school fund, for the term of
3 two years, to Lee Normal Academy, an institution of learn-
4 ing, located in the town of Lee, in the county of Penobscot;
5 provided, however, that this appropriation is made on the
6 express conditions that the trustees of said institution shall
7 maintain and keep in operation a school equal in rank and
8 grade of teaching with a first-class academy, and in which
9 shall be given special and systematic instruction in the science
10 and art of teaching; that no part of this appropriation shall
11 be devoted to other purposes than the payment of instructors

12 in said institution; that the superintendent of common
13 schools shall be, ex-officio, a member of the board of direc-
14 tors thereof; and that, if in the opinion of the Governor and
15 Council, said institution at any time hereafter, shall fail to
16 fulfill the conditions contained in this resolve, they may, in
17 their discretion, withhold the appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Lee Normal Academy, chartered by the legislature of Maine in 1845, and the only chartered normal academy in the State, is situated in the town of Lee, sixty miles either way from Bangor or Calais. The school is situated in what may be termed a sparsely settled region, yet the territory from which pupils are drawn contains a population of over 13,000. The school is especially designed to prepare those attending for teaching, and the common schools in that section of the State are taught largely by the graduates and students of this institution. It employs a principal and two assistants, and a normal and a college preparatory course are maintained, giving two terms a year. It is now designed to add another term to the school year, and for that reason an increase in the appropriation is asked for.

In 1887 a resolve was passed granting \$600 a year for ten years, at the last session that amount was increased to \$750. It is impossible to maintain three terms a year unless additional aid is furnished by the State. The income of the school for the past year is as follows :

State appropriation	\$750 00
Tuition from students	300 00
Income from other sources	197 00

Making a total of	\$1,247 00

This amount was expended in support of two terms, thus making it absolutely necessary to have additional aid if three terms are maintained.

The number of students attending the institution during the past year was about 150, and over fifty per cent of that number were engaged in teaching during some part of the year. It is expected that an increase in the number of terms will largely increase the attendance.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 6, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.