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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 26.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Wilton Academy.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Wilton Academy was incorporated in 1866. The school opened in 1867 and has been in active operation ever since.

The cost of establishing the school was something over \$8,000. This sum was raised largely by subscription which has been expended in enlarging the building; so that now we have a modern and convenient building for school purposes.

Wilton Academy has always exerted a powerful influence in the educational work of the State. Its situation is a point to be noticed. It is the only academy and is the leading college preparatory school in Franklin county; and with two exceptions is the only school in this county which furnishes complete preparation for college. The graduates from this course have always taken a high stand in all the colleges of Maine. The present year, there are fifteen of its graduates in our colleges.

The school also maintains a scientific, an English and a commercial course, in each of which the studies are carefully and systematically arranged.

Wilton Academy draws students from a large section of territory, from all parts of Franklin county, and from portions of Oxford and Androscoggin counties.

The board of instruction consists of the principal and three assistants. During the last four years, the average attendance has been from seventy-six to ninety-two.

The school is non-sectarian. It has no endowment, nor fund of any kind. It is absolutely impossible to carry on the work at its present high grade of efficiency without the assistance asked for. We feel that no institution in the State can make a better showing for the careful expenditure of money received from the State, or from individuals.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 6, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.