

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 65.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Pennell Institute.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars for the year
2 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and the like sum of five hun-
3 dred dollars for the year nineteen hundred, be and hereby is
4 appropriated toward the payment of the general expenses of the
5 Pennell Institute, under the direction of its board of trustees.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Pennell Institute was founded by the late Henry Pennell, a citizen of Gray. It was endowed by him in his will to the extent of thirty thousand dollars aside from the institute building, a permanent brick structure which he erected before his decease. Of the endowment, five thousand dollars was to be used for library and for chemical and philosophical apparatus. The remainder, twenty-five thousand dollars to be kept in a permanent fund, the income only to be used for the maintenance of the school. The school has been in successful operation for thirteen years with an attendance of from sixty to ninety scholars. It is of academic grade, having three courses of study of four years each. The pupils are fitted for college or for business pursuits. Pupils resident of Gray are not required to pay tuition and others are admitted on payment of a small tuition.

The institution is much in need of a building for a laboratory to fulfill the requirements of modern instruction. The rate of interest is so much lower than at the time Mr. Pennell made provision for the school that the income of the fund is insufficient to pay the running expenses of the school. The building is kept in repair and insured at the expense of the town, and the town has appropriated annually towards the running expenses two hundred and fifty dollars.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 24, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*