

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 85.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated for the term of two years to Potter Acad-
3 emy, an institution of learning in Sebago, county of Cumberland.
4 Provided, however, that the appropriation is made upon the ex-
5 press condition that the trustees of said institution shall maintain
6 and keep in operation a school equal in rank and grade of teach-
7 ing with a first-class academy of not less than three terms of ten
8 weeks each during each year; and, provided further, that the
9 governor and council and superintendent of common schools
10 shall 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 and
12 council, said institution at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfill

13 the conditions of this resolve, they may in their discretion,
14 withhold the appropriation herein granted. Provided however,
15 the town shall raise two hundred dollars for the support of said
16 school for each of the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine
17 and nineteen hundred.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Potter Academy is in the fourth year of its existence and is endowed with a fund, held in trust, of about thirty-one thousand dollars, the bequest of the late Dr. Joseph Fitch Potter of Cincinnati, Ohio, a former resident of Sebago. The fund is safely invested at about four per cent interest per annum. The town has erected and furnished suitable buildings for the school at considerable expense. By the terms of the will all pupils in the town are to receive instruction free of cost. On account of the numerous high schools in that portion of the county, the number of students outside the town has been small but is increasing. The school is non-sectarian, the only obligations are that each pupil shall participate in reading some portion of the New Testament each day.

The revenue from the fund and tuitions from scholars from out of town will be insufficient to provide first-class instructions and meet the current expenses of the school. This school had State aid amounting to three hundred dollars during each of the years 1897 and 1898.

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IN SENATE, March 2, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.