

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 86

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Bates College.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of fifteen thousand dollars for the use of the president and
3 trustees of Bates College to enable the college to complete
4 and equip a building distinctively for the use of women
5 students and that of said sum seven thousand five hundred
6 dollars be paid in the year nineteen hundred and five and
7 seven thousand five hundred dollars in nineteen hundred and
8 six.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Bates College respectfully asks your attention to the following considerations: In the forty-one years since she began her work as a college she has graduated one thousand ninety-seven students, nearly one-half that number in the last ten years. The reputation of her alumni as scholars, as citizens, as useful men and women is everywhere recognized. They have won eminence in every honorable calling. They have gained a unique distinction as educators. More than 43% of their entire number have become teachers,—a result without parallel, it is believed, among the colleges of America. More than fifty of her alumni have won positions in colleges and universities.

Especially has Bates contributed to the educational welfare of Maine. Upwards of one hundred of her students render efficient service annually in the public schools of Maine; while from her graduates are drawn a large and ever growing percentage of the superintendents, principals, and department teachers of Maine. How fully she is responding to the educational need of our State is shown in the fact that of her 353 students, (an increase of 188 in eleven years), 258 are from Maine, every county having representatives.

Of this last number more than 200 have chosen Bates as their college for the opportunities that she offers to students who must make their own way. By means of scholarships permanent and annual Bates is giving to worthy Maine young men and young women 10,000 annually and is rendering them assistance even more valuable by helping them to find remunerative work.

But remarkable as have been her services to education in Maine, there is one field in which she has been pre-eminent: The first college east of Ohio to open her doors to women, she has ceaselessly endeavored to place the higher education within the reach of the earnest and self-reliant young women of Maine. And it is for the 122 daughters of Maine now in Bates and for the scores that will compete for admission to her next entering class she asks your careful consideration.

Compelled to make provision for a need that would not permit longer delay, her trustees have begun the erection of a building

that when completed will require \$30,000 in addition to the \$15,000 that friends of the institution living in other states have contributed toward assuring to the women of Bates a worthy college home. With necessary expenses already so great that the president of the college must secure from \$3,000 to \$7,000 annually from friends outside of Maine, they turn with confidence to the guardians of the interests of our Commonwealth.

Of the amount represented by the buildings and funds of Bates more than two out of every three dollars have been given by citizens of other states for the promotion of popular intelligence, character, and prosperity in Maine. These generous benefactors ask the people of Maine, through their legislators, to provide the \$30,000 still required to ensure the health, comfort, and convenience of a body of students as earnest and deserving as can be found in America. The first eastern institution to offer higher education to women, Bates is the only college in the United States that receives women and owns no building distinctively for their use.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 15, 1905.

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table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*