

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 343

House of Representatives, Feb. 26, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Cook from Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE making specific appropriations for buildings at the
University of Maine.

*Resolved, That, from any moneys in the treasury not other-
2 wise appropriated, there is hereby specifically appropriated
3 for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting a physical-
4 chemical laboratory at the University of Maine, the sum
5 of seventy-five thousand dollars; for the purpose of the
6 partial erection of a dormitory for women, the sum of
7 twenty thousand dollars.*

Payment of one-half of the amount of each of said appro-
9 priations shall be made to the University during the year
10 of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and of the
11 remainder during the year of one thousand nine hundred
12 and fourteen.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The University of Maine is asking from the state three specific appropriations for buildings. These are asked because imperative needs exist for each.

I. PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL LABORATORY.

At present the facilities for instruction in chemistry are entirely inadequate. At the opening of the fall semester of 1912, nearly 100 students desiring chemistry could not be accommodated. In order to accommodate the almost 700 students who are enrolled in chemistry, classes are held in attic and basement rooms entirely unfitted for the purpose.

The department of physics has quarters that are crowded and unsuited in the civil engineering building. The space occupied by physics is needed by civil engineering.

The building now used by chemistry is needed for recitation rooms for other departments. Recitations are now held in attic rooms and basements never intended for class room use.

The appropriation of \$100,000 will provide a good, modern laboratory for the two departments mentioned.

2. A WOMAN'S DORMITORY.

A state university must necessarily be as open and free to women as it is to men. The Mt. Vernon House, the dormitory for girls at the University of Maine, accommodates, by crowding, 27 girls. This year the enrollment of girls is 77. The University has been compelled to take care of a number of these girls at the University Inn. This is done at an actual loss to the institution. It is very necessary that the University have proper dormitory equipment so as to be able to take care of the girls who wish to enter the institution.

The appropriation asked, forty thousand dollars, will, it is estimated, build a modern dormitory which will care for 80 girls, and equip a gymnasium in the buildings.

3. COLLEGE OF LAW BUILDING.

Following the Bangor fire, it was necessary that the University of Maine make some provision to care for the College of Law. After very careful investigation, the only thing that seemed feasible was the purchase of the Merrill estate on Union Street, in that city. This was purchased at a very advantageous price, namely, \$33,750.00. In order to pay for the property, the University should have an appropriation covering the cost.