

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 655

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*House of Representatives, March 12, 1915.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, in favor of Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston,  
Maine.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of one thousand five hundred dollars for the year  
3 nineteen hundred fifteen and the sum of one thousand five  
4 hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred sixteen, to  
5 be paid to the Trustees of Higgins Classical Institute for  
6 building purposes.



## BRIEF STATEMENT.

Higgins Classical Institute, situated in Charleston, was established by an act of the Legislature, in 1891, on petition of John H. Higgins of Charleston and others. Until the time of his death in 1910 Mr. Higgins was chief benefactor and mainstay of the school. He gave an endowment of \$25,000, erected buildings costing approximately \$100,000 and each year made up any deficit in running expenses. At the time of his death there was a mortgage of \$10,000 on the school property, for money used in constructing the last building erected under his direction. This mortgage the trustees of the school assumed after the death of Mr. Higgins.

In January, 1914, the dormitory of the school was totally destroyed by fire, and the trustees were confronted with the problem of erecting a new dormitory or close the school. At the time of the fire there were ninety-five students attending the school, and the income was equal to the expenses. The building was insured for \$6000, which was demanded by the mortgagees, so that the school has no funds with which to rebuild. However, subscriptions were solicited, and every possible means resorted to in order to raise money to rebuild, as it was absolutely necessary to have a dormitory if the school was to run. A new heating plant was also imperative and this has been installed so that today the school has an equipment

School building proper, valued at.....	\$75,000
Dormitory (new) .....	20,000
Twenty acres of land.....	3,000
Endowment fund .....	20,000

The building and grounds are encumbered by a mortgage of \$4,000 balance due on previous mortgage, and there are outstanding bills due for building and repairs of \$16,000.

### EXPENSES.

For the year 1913-14..... \$13,428 67

### INCOME.

For the years 1913-14 ..... 13,286 97

## STUDENTS.

There are enrolled in the school at present time 105 students, both boys and girls. About 40 are from the town of Charleston and the rest are from all over Eastern Maine.

## TEACHERS.

The school has a corps of five teachers, all of whom are college graduates, except the teacher of the Normal course, who is a graduate of the State Normal School.

## COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

College preparatory, English, music, teacher training.

## GRADE OF SCHOOL.

## Class A.

The trustees of the school feel that the school is meeting a great demand in Eastern Maine. They are sure that the school, once freed from the unusual financial burden caused by the loss of the dormitory by fire, will be self-supporting, and they ask the Legislature to grant them the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be used in reducing the debt due to the rebuilding of the dormitory.