

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 657

House of Representatives, March 12, 1915..

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of Ricker Classical Institute.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated to be
2 paid to the Trustees of Ricker Classical Institute at Houl-
3 ton for the use and benefit of that institution for the year
4 nineteen hundred and fifteen the sum of five hundred dol-
5 lars, and for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen the sum
6 of five hundred dollars, the same to be expended for the
7 repair and improvement of the buildings and fixtures of
8 said institution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE
IN FAVOR OF RICKER CLASSICAL INSTITUTE AT
HOULTON.

Ricker Classical Institute of Houlton is one of the four schools established as preparatory schools for Colby College and was endowed by that College about thirty-five years ago when the expense of running a school of this character was less than half what it is today. It has every year from one hundred twenty-five to one hundred fifty pupils and is doing a very important work for the young population of Aroostook County on a very small endowment. It has the use of \$800 or \$900 per year from its invested funds and on account of the large increase of the cost of everything has difficulty in meeting its annual expenses. We are limited in the tuition charge as a large number of its students are from surrounding towns whose tuition is paid by the town.

In fact after the ordinary expenses are paid there is not enough money left to keep the buildings in proper repair. Two years ago there was a fire in the dormitory which necessitated the expenditure of about three hundred dollars in excess of what insurance was collected and one year ago the boiler in the school building on account of age collapsed and a new one cost the school about nine hundred dollars.

The deficiency occasioned by the collapse of the boiler has never been made good and cannot be out of the usual income without crippling the work of the school for the time being at least.

The school hired the money to make repairs after the fire and to purchase a new boiler and these loans have not yet been paid.

In addition to its debts to Colby College the school is paying interest on loans amounting to about \$5600.