

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 658

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 Westbrook Seminary for payment of
debt and furnishings for Alumni Hall.

Resolved, that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the year
3 year nineteen hundred fifteen and the sum of one thousand
4 two hundred and fifty dollars for the year nineteen hundred
5 sixteen for Westbrook Seminary for the payment of debt
6 on construction of Dormitory, and should there be any un-
7 expended balance the same may be used for the furnishings
8 in Alumni Hall at said Dormitory, said sums to be expended
9 and used under the supervision of the Board of Trustees of
10 said institution.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Westbrook Seminary was Chartered in 1831. Is located at Portland in the Deering District, about three miles from Portland proper, or City hall. While it is in a sense a denominational school, it receives pupils of all denominations and of both sexes. It has a scientific and commercial course also a college preparatory course, and confers degrees of Laureate of Arts upon young ladies. The institution has received from time to time small endowments, but depends almost solely upon tuition and board from the pupils which is not sufficient to maintain the school. It has a large and beautiful campus upon which are the following buildings, viz: Goddard Hall (or boys dormitory) and Hersey Hall (or girls' dormitory) are connected by dining room, Steward's house, Alumni Hall (or recitation building) with Moulton chapel annex and a gymnasium. These are at present heated by individual boilers which are old, out of date and practically worn out and useless.

During the present year the boys' dormitory and Steward's House have been remodelled at an expense of over six thousand dollars and the other buildings more or less repaired.

A large chimney has been erected sufficient for the purposes of a general or central heater, but the Seminary is without funds to construct the same. The location of the school is an ideal one, and the course of instruction is of the highest order, and not in conflict with any of the surrounding schools, as it draws its support from the towns in the State not having Free High Schools.

It has a deficit in its accounts each year, but is maintained for the public benefit, especially for those not otherwise accommodated.

It now has a fine corps of instructors, is in a happy and harmonious condition, and only lacks financial aid to make it one of the most prosperous schools in New England.

The management is contemplating the introduction of a course in domestic science at the commencement of next year, which will of course necessitate an additional teacher.