

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 105

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Education and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Charles of Lovell.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE in favor of Gould's Academy, at Bethel, Oxford
County.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars for each of the years 1917 and
3 1918 to assist in maintaining the Teachers' Training Course
4 in Gould's Academy, at Bethel, in Oxford county, said sum
5 being in addition to what is already paid to said academy,
6 under the general law, for said purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF GOULD'S ACADEMY.

Following are the specific grounds on which aid is asked for the 'Teachers' Training Course of Gould's Academy.

1. Gould's Academy is the only school of its grade in the whole northern part of Oxford county, and the only school in the county maintaining a 'Teachers' Training Course.

2. Gould's Academy supplies a large proportion of the teachers for the rural schools of northern Oxford, and being remote from normal schools, few of these teachers are able to secure any training for teaching other than that offered by the academy.

3. That the course is of great value is evidenced by the success of its graduates, and by the hearty endorsement of school officials under whose supervision these graduates have taught.

4. The increasing number taking the course (38 at the present time), and the broadening of the work of the course, under the direction of the State Department of Education, make it necessary for much more time to be given by the teachers of the school to the work of this course, especially in superintending the practice and observation work in the village and rural schools.

5. The academy, being practically without endowment, is not financially able to meet this added expense, and, unless financial aid can be secured, will be obliged to abandon the course. (Gould's Academy has less than \$16,000.00 of endowment, and is able to meet its running expenses from year to year only by gifts from loyal alumni and interested friends.)

6. We believe that no other like expenditure for education would meet with larger returns in increasing the efficiency of rural school teaching in a large section little reached by the normal schools of the state.