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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 87

In Senate, Feb. 2, 1917.

Presented by Mr. Chick of Kennebec and on motion by same senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Chick of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE in favor of Monmouth Academy for Repairing and Remodeling Its Main Building.

Resolved, That there be appropriated for the use of the

- 2 trustees of Monmouth Academy the sum of fifteen hundred
- 3 dollars for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen for the
- 4 purpose of repairing and remodeling the present main school
- 5 building.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN GENERAL TO RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF MONMOUTH ACADEMY.

Monmouth Academy is one of the oldest educational institutions in this state, having been founded in 1803. It has graduated a United States Senator, several members of Congress, a Governor, Major General, Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, and a large number of distinguished professional and business men.

Its present main building was crected in 1855, a brick structure, to which was attached a wooden addition containing recitation rooms, etc. In 1913 the Legislature appropriated fifteen hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and fifteen hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and fourteen for remodeling the building and installing a heating plant. The academy asked for ten thousand dollars at that time. It actually expended over seven thousand dollars in erecting a brick addition to the main building, which contains three recitation rooms, a modern laboratory and steam heating plant, an artesian well, and dressing and toilet rooms.

The deficiency of over four thousand dollars was met partly by appropriation by the town of Monmouth and partly by subscriptions, and the remainder from the permanent fund of the institution, which is now so small that any extensive repairs on the main building are out of the question.

The exterior of the main building is in very good condition. The interior is very largely in the same condition as when originally built in 1855. It needs a new ceiling, new hardwood floors, new plastering, new windows, and slate blackboards. The ante-rooms also are badly in need of repair. It is estimated that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars would put the entire building in good modern condition.

The school at the present time has an average attendance of about sixty, nearly a third of whom are from other towns than Monmouth, and the need of these repairs is very urgent.