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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1221**

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H. P. 853

House of Representatives, March 12, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Harrington of Patten.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Aid Construction of Dormitory  
at Higgins Classical Institute.**

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**Dormitory at Higgins Classical Institute; appropriation. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$40,000 in favor of Higgins Classical Institute to aid in construction of a boys' dormitory.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Charleston Academy was established in 1837. In 1891 it was incorporated as Higgins Classical Institute. Through all these years Higgins has served not only as a high school for the young people of Charleston but has also provided instruction for many boys and girls from all parts of Maine.

Tibbetts Hall was erected in 1901 to house the students from outside of the Town of Charleston. During April, 1956, Tibbetts Hall, the boys' dormitory was completely destroyed by fire rendering 90 boys and several faculty families homeless. The trustees immediately made plans for a new dormitory, this time to be built of cement, brick and steel. Some \$25,000 was subscribed by members of the board of trustees and a like amount by alumni and friends, and \$50,000 was available from insurance. Before the end of September 2 floors with a temporary roof were ready for occupancy. The building is 120' long and 42' wide. The ground floor has a dining room and a modern kitchen. The lavatories, recreation room and store rooms occupy the rest of this floor.

The 2nd floor provides 16 rooms for boys and teachers and a reception room.

Enrollment this year had to be limited because of lack of housing facilities. When 2 more floors are added there will be about 40 more rooms. Then 100 boys and the male members of the faculty will be adequately provided for.

To complete this building \$40,000 is needed. This resolve is to help in this emergency.