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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned petitioners, citizens of Massachusetts, respectfully represent:—

That they are duly incorporated and organized as the “Trustees of the New Bedford Textile School,” under chapter 475, Acts of 1895; that they have received from the city of New Bedford \$25,000, and from the Commonwealth an equal amount, as provided in said act; and that they have established and are conducting a school in New Bedford for instruction in the theory and practical art of textile and kindred branches of industry.

They have purchased a lot of land, of about 10,000 feet, centrally located on the principal business street in New Bedford, and have erected thereon a commodious three-story brick building, 65 by 112 feet. With the exception of small annexes recently added to the agricultural and mechanical schools in South Carolina and Georgia, the New Bedford Textile School is the only building constructed especially for purposes of textile education in this country.

Under the resolve of the last General Court they received, in the year 1900, for maintenance and other expenses, the sum of \$18,000, conditional upon the appropriation of \$7,000 by the city of New Bedford, which has been duly made.

This school has been in operation since Oct. 16, 1899, the enrolment for the current term being as follows:—

Day students, . . . . .	20
Evening students, . . . . .	248
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 268

Of the day students, 10 are residents of the Commonwealth and 10 are non-residents, as follows:—

Indiana, . . . . .	1	North Carolina, . . . . .	2
New Hampshire, . . . . .	1	Rhode Island, . . . . .	3
Louisiana, . . . . .	2	Texas, . . . . .	1

The evening students are residents of New Bedford and other cities and towns in Bristol County.

The occupations of the students are as follows:—

Agent, . . . . .	1	Mill operatives, . . . . .	6
Assistant superintendent, . . . . .	1	Mule spinners, . . . . .	8
Book-keepers, . . . . .	3	Mule doffers, . . . . .	2
Back boys, . . . . .	3	No business stated, . . . . .	17
Boss combers, . . . . .	2	Overseers, . . . . .	7
Carpenters, . . . . .	4	Oiler, . . . . .	1
Card grinder, . . . . .	1	Pattern makers, . . . . .	2
Changer, . . . . .	1	Paymaster, . . . . .	1
Clerks, . . . . .	17	Picker tender, . . . . .	1
Cotton brokers, . . . . .	3	Purchasing agent, . . . . .	1
Cotton carders, . . . . .	4	Roll coverer, . . . . .	1
Cotton comb needler, . . . . .	1	Soldier, . . . . .	1
Cotton samplers, . . . . .	2	Shoe dealer, . . . . .	1
Cloth inspector, . . . . .	1	Slubber tender, . . . . .	1
Designer, . . . . .	1	Second hands, . . . . .	13
Engineer, . . . . .	1	Sizer, . . . . .	1
Eyelet maker, . . . . .	1	Speeder tenders, . . . . .	2
Electric car conductor, . . . . .	1	Students, . . . . .	13
Gardener, . . . . .	1	Tack maker, . . . . .	1
Harness fixer, . . . . .	1	Third hands, . . . . .	12
Housekeeper, . . . . .	1	Treasurer, . . . . .	1
Instructor, . . . . .	1	Time keeper, . . . . .	1
Janitor, . . . . .	1	Weavers, . . . . .	58
Loom fixers, . . . . .	22	Yarn packer, . . . . .	1
Machinists, . . . . .	16		
Mason, . . . . .	1	Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 248
Mill apprentices, . . . . .	3		

The receipts of the institution for 1900 have been as follows:—

From the Commonwealth, . . . . .	\$18,000 00
From the city of New Bedford, . . . . .	7,000 00
From accrued interest, . . . . .	306 88
From tuition fees, . . . . .	2,445 00
From sundry receipts, . . . . .	168 66
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Total receipts, . . . . .	\$27,920 54
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1900, . . . . .	1,021 46
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Total, . . . . .	\$28,942 00

The expenditures for 1900 have been:—

For maintenance and equipment, . . . . .	\$16,334 54
Unexpended balance, Jan. 1, 1901, . . . . .	12,607 46
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Total, . . . . .	\$28,942 00
Estimated expenditures to July 1, . . . . .	\$7,200 00
Estimated unexpended balance, July 1, . . . . .	5,407 46

Donations of machinery and other equipment to the value of \$1,500 have been received from various firms during the year.

The trustees believe that the New Bedford Textile School has now facilities for furnishing instruction in the art of cotton manufacturing unsurpassed in this or any other country. But, in view of the still enormous imports of certain classes of cotton goods, notably knit goods and laces, they feel that the interests of the Commonwealth call for some provision for the future enlargement of its plant and curriculum.

There was imported into the United States for the ten months ending Oct. 31, 1900, cotton goods to the value of \$29,959,000. Of this sum, the items of knit goods, laces, embroideries, etc., amounted to \$22,737,000, — over three-quarters of the total imports.

A glance at the above figures ought to convince us that the desperate struggle now being made by England, France and Germany to retain control of our markets for certain classes of textiles, so long their own, is quite as important

in its bearings upon the industrial future of New England as the competition of the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama.

In providing for additional departments, we estimate, however, that no increase in the amounts granted last year will be required, and that an annual appropriation of \$18,000 from the State and \$7,000 from the city of New Bedford for two or possibly three years, together with our unexpended balance and further anticipated donations of equipment, will not only meet the cost of maintenance, but provide for all necessary extensions.

Although the total appropriations from the Commonwealth and city to date have amounted to but \$75,000, from which the maintenance and expenses for two years have been defrayed, we estimate that, by the assistance of liberal donations and prudent management, in addition to our cash on hand, the value of the property of the institution, free of debt, is to-day as follows:—

Land and building, Purchase Street, New Bedford, . . . . .	\$45,000 00
Machinery, furniture and equipment, . . . . .	35,000 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$80,000 00

The trustees believe they will obtain from the city of New Bedford an appropriation of \$7,000, and therefore respectfully petition for aid from the Commonwealth by an additional appropriation of \$18,000.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW BEDFORD  
TEXTILE SCHOOL,

By GEO. E. BRIGGS, *President*.  
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, Jr., *Treasurer*.  
ROBERT BURGESS, *Clerk*.

For themselves and their associates:

Trustees on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—

Hon. Andrew G. Pierce, ex-mayor and late treasurer  
Wamsutta Mills.

Joseph F. Knowles, treasurer Acushnet Mills and Hathaway Manufacturing Company and manager New England Cotton Yarn Company.

Trustees ex-officio on the part of the city of New Bedford:—

Hon. Charles S. Ashley, mayor of New Bedford.

William E. Hatch, superintendent of schools.

Trustees:—

George A. Ayer, agent Bristol Manufacturing Company and City Manufacturing Corporation.

Charles O. Brightman, ex-commissioner public works.

Byron F. Card, with Harding, Whitman & Co., Boston, Mass.

Hon. William W. Crapo, ex-member Congress, president Wamsutta Mills.

Hon. Lemuel LeB. Holmes, district attorney.

Jonathan Howland, Jr., ex-member school committee.

John W. Knowles, agent Acushnet Mills.

Walter H. Langshaw, agent Dartmouth Mills.

Hon. David L. Parker, postmaster and ex-mayor.

Andrew G. Pierce, Jr., treasurer Pierce Mills.

Samuel Ross, ex-member Legislature and secretary Mule Spinners Association.

George R. Stetson, president New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company.

Samuel J. Smith, loom fixer, Wamsutta Mills.

John Waldron, secretary Carders Association.

Herbert E. Walmsley, agent Wamsutta Mills.

John Wilkinson, weaver, Potomska Mills.

