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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

HELD AT BLOOMINGTON, JUNE 21ST AND 22D, 1865;

TOGETHER WITH

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

JUNE 21ST AND 22D, 1865.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, ILL., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1865.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met at the Ashley House in the City of Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 21, 1865, at 3 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present:—Messrs. Moulton, *President*; Taggart, Wing, Turner, Foster, Fell, Wells, Leal, Hatch, Goudy, Roots, Bateman.

The credentials of Messrs. Taggart, Turner, Foster, Leal, Roots, Fell, and Mayo, as new members of the Board, were presented and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, the Board proceeded to the regular biennial election of officers: when Hon. S. W. Moulton was unanimously reelected President, and Charles W. Holder was also reelected Treasurer.

The President of the Board presented the following Report of disbursements made by him, viz:

By virtue of an order made by this Board at their December meeting, 1864, empowering the President to settle claims that had been before the Board, I submit the following report of the settlement by me of the following claims:

1st. Claim of Joseph L. Ross, in judgment in U.S. Circuit Court, and paid, \$1,000	
2d. Claim of C. M. Cady, and paid	125
3d. Claim of P. F. Sheskin, assigned to Thomas S. Dickerson, and in suit in McLean County, and paid.....	2,500

All of which is respectfully submitted, together with the vouchers for the payment of the same.

[Signed] S. W. MOULTON.

The President also made the following report to the Board, of Claims allowed by Legislative Committee, viz :

I beg leave to submit the following report in regard to Claims allowed by a Committee appointed by the last Legislature, and due from the Board in favor of the persons to whom allowed :

1st. Claim of Walworth, Hubbard & Co., for heating apparatus, etc..	\$5,978 84
2d. Claim of Mortimer & Loberg for work and materials.	14,831 11
3d. Claim of Greenebaum & Son for work and materials, which claim has been adjudicated.	9,904 96
4th. Claim of Allen Howes.	500 00
Making in all the sum of.	<u>\$31,214 91</u>

The above sum was paid by an appropriation made by the last Legislature.

All of which is submitted, together with the vouchers for said payments.

[Signed] S. W. MOULTON.

Mr. Edwards, Principal of the Normal University, presented his Annual Report, as follows, viz :

REPORT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION, JUNE 21, 1865.

GENTLEMEN:—The number of students in the University for the year now closing has been as follows :

In the Normal School,—Ladies.	204
Gentlemen.	79
Total in Normal.	<u>283</u>
In the Model School, High School and Grammar Department,—Females..	110
Males.	148
Intermediate and Primary,—Females.	
Males.	
Total in Model School.	<u>421</u>
Add Total in Normal.	<u>283</u>
Grand Total in University.	<u>704</u>

Comparing with last year, we have for totals :

In the Normal, year just closing.	283
" " Last year.	304

Ladies increased from 200 to 204; Gentlemen diminished from 104 to 79.

In the Model School, year just closing.	421
" " Last year.	279

It should be understood, in this connection, that many of the students in the Model School are intending to be teachers, but prefer not to bind themselves to do so. I think that many young men have been turned from teaching, during the last few years, by the great demand for men in all kinds of business, and by the fact that teachers' wages have not been increased as the compensation has been in other pursuits. There are very few teachers whose pay has not been relatively lower during the war than before it. This, of course, has operated unfavorably upon the attendance of young men at the Normal Department of the University. The indications are that many young men from the army will come in next year, and that the ratio of the number of gentlemen to that of ladies will be greatly increased.

The law requires that institutions auxiliary to the University, by which is supposed to be meant the Model School, shall not receive any appropriation from the Treasury, or from the Seminary or University Fund. During the year just closing, the receipts from the Model School have been as follows:

From Tuition Fees	\$2,647 90
“ School District.....	1,000 00
Total of Receipts.....	<u>\$3,647 90</u>
Expenditures for Salaries as per Order-Book.....	2,595 25
Leaving a balance unexpended for Salaries of	<u>\$1,052 65</u>

—which may be considered as paying in part the rent of the rooms, and the cost of warming.

But the neighborhood has so rapidly increased in population, so many families have come into it for the sake of enjoying the benefit of the Model School, that the numbers have now become too great for the capacities of the building. And as a consequence, the district proposes to erect this fall a school-house worth some \$15,000. This will relieve us of more than half the Model School pupils. It is proposed to retain in the Normal Building only the High and Primary Schools. The people of the district, however, are very earnest in their desire to have their school continued under the control of the Normal as heretofore. Recent comers have moved into the neighborhood on this very account, and declare that if this control is discontinued, their object in purchasing property, building houses, and other outlay of money, will be entirely defeated. They want to send to school to the Normal. And as this will rather facilitate our plans than otherwise, it will be advisable to do it. The location proposed for the new house will make this entirely possible.

The Faculty, as is known to most of you, continues as heretofore, except that Miss Emeline Dryer has taken the place vacated by Mrs. Stetson. Miss Dryer's services bid fair to be in the highest degree valuable to the institution, and I can not help regarding it as a fortunate circumstance that we were able to secure them. Her place was temporarily filled by Miss Fanny L. D. Strong during the first term and a part of the second. The entire Board of Instructors is laboring

unitedly, earnestly, and successfully; and I see not how it is possible to change it for the better.

I feel that, in keeping up the tone and vigor of the institution in its internal life, there has been less attention paid to the externals—to the trees, grounds, etc.—than would have been desirable. But two things must be remembered in this connection: first, that it is not easy for one man to do all things well; and secondly, that of the two things mentioned, the internal life, the soul of the school, is by far the most important. It is said that the curious traveler some times finds it very difficult to ascertain the location of some of the most eminent European Universities, so little display do they make externally. But this is a state of things by no means to be commended, either in the abstract or as applied to our own institution. No institution of learning should consent to be shabbily surrounded, except as the result of the direst necessity. And certainly, least of all should the great State of Illinois consent to allow her Normal University to be thus surrounded. And so some improvement has every year been made in the grounds. Many trees are now growing upon them, and doing well. But their number needs to be more than doubled. And inasmuch as no small amount of taste and skill in that particular matter are needed to do the work successfully, I recommend that some gentleman versed in tree-planting should be intrusted with the business, and fairly compensated. It will not be so difficult to do this in the future, probably, as it has been for the last year or two, on account of the difficulty heretofore experienced in securing hands to do the work.

Some repairs will be needed on and about the boiler during the coming vacation. But the expense will not be likely to exceed fifty dollars. This amount might be added to the Contingent Fund, to be expended by the Principal for the purpose indicated.

There is one subject to which reference has been made in a previous report, and which seems to me more important the more I think of it. Our chief drawback here is in the matter of board. Our pupils are, many of them, restricted in their means. The necessary expenses of a residence here are therefore a great burden to them. Every possible reduction of these expenses, therefore, is an object of the first importance. It is also in the highest degree desirable that the influences thrown around the young people here should be of the best and most refining character. But in a village like Normal, where nothing is so scarce as dwellings, where every house is bidden for by many seekers, where every inch of house-room is crowded to its utmost capacity, this result can hardly be secured always. Where the conveniences of life are wanting, as to some extent they are under such circumstances, its amenities and refinements can scarcely be secured. And this state of things is not likely soon to change. There will doubtless be a large increase of tenements in the neighborhood, but the probabilities are that for many years the increase in the population will keep full pace with it. There is, therefore, every reason to fear that our numbers will for years to come be materially less

than they ought to be, and can easily, with proper facilities for board, be made. If I could advertise in the principal newspapers of the State during the present vacation that provision had been made for the boarding at cheap rates and in a comfortable manner of 300 Normal pupils, I feel sure they would be forthcoming on the first day of the term. But no such assurance can be given. It will be difficult, no doubt, to accommodate those that will come without a line of advertising. This has been our difficulty from the beginning. But for this difficulty, I am persuaded that our numbers to-day would have been greatly in excess of what they are.

And what shall be the remedy? If a building were erected capable of accommodating say 150 students, and paid for by an appropriation of the Legislature, or by subscription, furnished with the most approved cooking apparatus, with sleeping, bathing, study rooms, and a gymnasium, conveniently arranged, also with parlors for receiving company; and if a competent person could be secured to take charge of it, under the direction of the Principal, furnishing an abundant supply of wholesome food,—it seems to me the problem would be about solved. In such a house the price of board could be put at a low figure, because, first, there would be no rent to pay, and secondly because, on so large a scale, every thing could be systematized to the last degree. The formation of the pupils' habits could be guided by the Faculty, so far as such guiding might be necessary,—and it surely is necessary in many cases; moral forces could be brought to bear upon them as under no other system. A house of this kind, properly managed, would, unlike college commons, be attractive to the students, and admission into it might be made to depend upon general excellence of character and scholarship.

This arrangement, though not general with Normal Schools, is some times adopted. It is in use in the Pennsylvania Normal School at Millersville, and the result is that board and tuition—the latter about \$1 per week—is afforded to the pupils at about the rate that is here charged for board without tuition. It is by this arrangement that private institutions, dependent upon tuition fees for their running expenses, are able successfully to compete in the matter of expenses with Normal Schools, endowed by the state, but not thus furnished. This subject is one of vital importance, and is respectfully pressed upon your attention.

It is pleasant to observe the evidences of confidence in the institution so generally exhibited throughout the state. Our students appear to have been on the whole highly successful. The demand for good teachers here is far in excess of the supply. We have exercised much caution about recommending. The University ought to aid in elevating the standard by which teachers are measured. And only by great care in granting certificates can this be accomplished.

Among the towns in which our pupils seem to have done their work satisfactorily may be mentioned Bloomington, Decatur, Peoria, and Carrollton, Greene County. In the first-named city one of our young

men has recently been elected Superintendent of Schools, and Principal of the High School. Mr. L. B. Kellogg, a graduate of last year, who had, however, fully redeemed his pledge to teach in Illinois, was in the month of January last appointed Principal of the State Normal School of Kansas, situated at Emporia. And I have received from the Secretary of the Board of Education assurances that his labors have already been in a high degree successful. And there is abundant testimony to the same fact in the educational journal and the newspapers of that state. The number of our pupils, however, actually engaged in teaching, is much less than it would have been but for the war. Many of the young men have been in the army, and some of these have gone into other pursuits. I think our recent graduates, and particularly the present class, are more earnest in their desire to excel,—have more of the true spirit of the teacher than has been exhibited by some of the former classes. And I hope that in future we may find an increase of this spirit, and a corresponding increase in the success of our pupils and graduates.

The State Teachers' Association, at its recent session in Monmouth, appointed a committee to lay before the Legislature the subject of a system of State Teachers' Institutes. For the purpose of attending to that duty, I visited Springfield during the early part of the session, and remained as long as I could possibly be spared from my duties here. A bill was drawn up, placing in the hands of your honorable board the sum of \$5,000 per annum for two years, to be expended for this purpose, and also authorizing you to appoint a State Agent and other Officers, Lecturers, and Instructors, whose business it should be to hold Institutes in different parts of the State. The bill is as follows :

A BILL for an Act to Establish and Maintain Teachers' Institutes.

§ 1. *Be it enacted, etc.*, That the Board of Education of the State of Illinois shall appoint an officer to be called the "State Educational Agent", whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Board, and in conjunction with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to hold and conduct Teachers' Institutes, and to deliver lectures upon Education at those points in the state where such labors are most needed.

§ 2. The Institutes thus held shall have two principal objects: first, to improve the qualifications of teachers and those about to teach; second, to enlighten the people in regard to education, and to arouse in their minds a proper interest in the subject. And for this purpose, instruction shall be given to the teachers in the Art and Methods of Teaching,—special attention being paid to the branches of study usually taught in the elementary free schools,—and addresses shall be delivered to the people on matters of Education, Science, History, Literature, Morals, or any other subject, the discussion of which will be likely to increase the intelligence and improve the morals of the people.

§ 3. The Board of Education shall fix the salary of the Agent, and shall appoint and pay such additional instructors and lecturers as the necessities of the Institutes shall call for. Any of the instructors in the Normal University may be

employed for these purposes, but their compensation shall be only sufficient to pay the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

§ 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his Deputy, shall be present, so far as may be, at the Institutes, and when so present, shall be the presiding officer of the same, and shall take such part, by lectures or other exercises, as may best promote the objects for which the meetings are held.

§ 5. To meet the expenses of the Institutes, including the salary of the Agent, the sum of \$5,000 per annum shall be appropriated, for the next two years, from the State Treasury, and shall be drawn therefrom upon an order signed by the President of the Board, and countersigned by the Secretary.

§ 6. All teachers engaged in teaching may attend the session of any Institute without deduction of pay, nor shall such attendance be held to be a suspension of their schools.

This bill failed to become a law, having been lost* in the Senate after passing the House. But it is hoped that a future Legislature will look with more favor upon the subject, and that before many years we shall have an efficient and permanent system of Institutes; for all educators agree, I believe, that this is precisely what is needed to complete and give full efficiency to our educational instrumentalities. The Bill as just read was modified at the suggestion of the Hon. Superintendent of Public Instruction, and received his full sanction and support.

The students have recently procured a fine flag, which waves over the building on all great or interesting occasions.

The graduating class have also left in the assembly-room a bust of Mr. Lincoln as a reminder both of themselves and of the murdered President.

The Faculty unanimously recommend, as worthy to receive the Diploma of the University, the following-named members of the Senior Class:

OLINDA M. JOHNSON,	THOMAS J. BURRILL,	OSCAR F. MCKIM,
ALMENIA C. JONES,	JOHN W. COOK,	ADOLPH SUPPIGER,
LUCINDA J. STANARD,	WILLIAM FLORIN,	MELANCTHON WAKEFIELD.
BANDUSIA WAKEFIELD,	DAVID M. FULWILER.	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the following persons are entitled to graduation in the Normal University with the highest honors of the Institution, viz: OLINDA M. JOHNSON, of La Salle County; ALMENIA C. JONES, of Fulton County; LUCINDA J. STANARD, of Bureau County; BANDUSIA WAKEFIELD, of DeWitt County; THOMAS J. BURRILL, of Stephenson County; JOHN W. COOK, of Woodford County; WM. FLORIN, of Madison County; DAVID M. FULWILER, of McLean County; OSCAR F. MCKIM, of Henderson County; and ADOLPH SUPPIGER, of Madison County.

* In Committee.

The Treasurer of the Board rendered his report, which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. Hatch and Fell, in conjunction with the Principal of the University, be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed to employ a competent person to procure and plant trees, shrubbery, etc., in the grounds of the University, to the amount of not exceeding \$300, and that the same be done the ensuing fall and spring.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the former action of this Board disallowing all claims not presented and filed on or before September 1, 1863, must be strictly adhered to, and hence,

Resolved, That the claims presented to-day in the name of C. E. Hovey can not be entertained by this Board.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That the pupils of the Normal School be hereafter required to furnish their own stationery.

Mr. Hatch offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board be authorized and instructed to contract for, and see to the delivery of, a sufficient quantity of coal for the use of the University Building for the ensuing year; and that the same be done as soon as practicable.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of W. H. Wells, it was

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the Principal of the Normal University, as a contingent fund to meet incidental expenses of the institution for the ensuing six months, and for existing deficiencies, and that he report the items of expenditure (with vouchers) to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Wells, it was

Ordered, That the Principal of the Normal University be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in repairing the Heating Apparatus of the University; the amount to be taken from the Building Fund.

Messrs. Hewett and Metcalf, teachers in the University, having made application for an addition to their respective salaries, for services rendered during the past year, on motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That in regard to the communication of Messrs. Hewett and Metcalf, asking an additional compensation for last year's services, the Board would feel disposed to recognize the equity of the request, but the Board would not feel at liberty to establish a precedent of increasing compensation for past services, nor would the present state of the funds of the Board warrant such action; but,

Resolved, That the Board desire to express their sense of the value of the services of those gentlemen; and therefore,

Resolved, further, That one hundred dollars each be added to the salaries of Messrs. E. C. Hewett and Thomas Metcalf, and that the Secretary be requested to apprise them of the same.

The Committee appointed to investigate the disbursement of the \$65,000 appropriation made by the Legislature of 1861 submitted the report made by George P. Rex of his disbursement of said appropriation; when, on motion of B. G. Roots, it was

Ordered, That the report of said Committee be included in the published proceedings of this meeting of the Board.

[See report appended.]

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Ordered, That the Annual Commencement exercises of the Normal University be hereafter held on the Thursday next following the stated Annual Meeting of the Board, instead of Friday as heretofore.

On motion, the Board adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1865, 8 O'CLOCK A.M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, when, on motion of Mr. Wells, it was

Ordered, That the Fall term of the Normal University commence on the 11th day of September next.

Ordered, That the salary of Miss Marion Hammond be increased to six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

The President announced the following as the Standing Committees for the ensuing two years, viz:

1. *Buildings and Grounds*.—Messrs. K. H. Fell, W. M. Hatch, B. G. Roots, C. P. Taggart, and T. R. Leal.

2. *Course of Study*.—Messrs. N. Bateman, W. H. Wells, and Dr. H. Wing.

3. *Text-Books*.—Messrs. Dr. C. Goudy, W. M. Hatch, and N. Bateman.

4. *Officers and Teachers*.—Messrs. W. H. Wells, Dr. H. Wing, and Hon. W. H. Green.

5. *Rules and Regulations*.—Messrs. Thomas J. Turner, C. P. Taggart, and B. G. Roots.

6. *Auditing Committee*.—Messrs. W. M. Hatch, Dr. C. Goudy, and Dr. John H. Foster.

On motion of Dr. Foster, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to ascertain if it will be for the best interests of the Normal Institution to sell the lots of ground in Bloomington and in the Town of Normal, belonging to the Normal University, for the purpose of appropriating the proceeds of the sale to the erection of a Boarding-House at Normal, for the accommodation of the pupils, and report to the Board at their next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was unanimously

Resolved, That every candidate for graduation in the Normal Department of the University shall be required to present to the Principal at some time—not less than two months prior to the contemplated graduation,—a paper, discussing either the Geology, Botany, or some department of the Natural History of the district in which he or she resides.

The following communications were received from the Auditing Committee, viz :

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the following claims, and recommend that they be allowed and paid :

FROM STATE FUND.

R. Thompson & Co	\$47 35
Maxwell & Ridlehuber.....	138 75
Steele, Carpenter & Co.....	33 75

FROM BUILDING FUND.

J. R. Dodge.....	\$8 25
R. W. Burt.....	218 00

The Auditing Committee further report that they have examined the following claims, and finding no evidence to sustain them, recommend that they be disallowed, viz :

H. D. Keays	\$332 00
A. C. Washburn (for interest)	48 63

[Signed] C. GOUDY, } Auditing Committee.
W. M. HATCH, }

The Auditing Committee further report that they, having examined the reports of Hon. S. W. Moulton, made to the Board at its present meeting, find the same correct, and that proper vouchers accompany the same.

[Signed] C. GOUDY,
W. M. HATCH, } Auditing Committee.

Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, reported that they had examined the account and vouchers rendered of the disbursement of the "Contingent Fund" by President Edwards, and found the same correct. The following is a synopsis of said account:

STATEMENT.

To cash on hand at last report.....	\$70.00
To amount appropriated by Board December 14, 1864.....	100.00
To amount credited in new account to balance.....	32.48
	<u>\$202.48</u>

Contra.

By amount disbursements as per 28 vouchers.....	<u>\$202.48</u>
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Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the report of C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the Board, reported that they had examined the same, and the vouchers accompanying, and found it correct.

The following is an epitome of the report:

STATE FUND.

To amount on hand from last report.....	\$638.79
" " received from Tuition in Model School,.....	2,709.05
" " " interest from University Fund,.....	12,445.99
" " " from Kelley's Order overpaid,.....	10.00
	<u>\$15,803.83</u>

Contra.

By amount disbursements on 73 orders.....	\$10,357.55
" " charged in Building Fund Account....	280.00
" " on hand to balance.....	5,166.28
	<u>\$15,803.83</u>

BUILDING FUND.

To amount on hand from last report.....	\$9,973.86
" " from State Fund Account.....	280.00
	<u>\$10,253.86</u>

Contra.

By amount disbursements on 11 orders.....	\$5,978.75
" " on hand to balance.....	4,275.11
	<u>\$10,253.86</u>

The several reports from the Auditing Committee were approved and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Charles W. Holder, of Bloomington, presented his official Bond in \$20,000, with sureties, which was approved and ordered filed.

On motion of Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That the Building Committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding (\$1,500.00) fifteen hundred dollars, in repairs of the Normal University Building, and that the President of the Board shall draw orders for the purpose at the request of the Committee.

The following Bills for necessary traveling expenses of members attending the present meeting of the Board, as authorized by Section 3 of the University Act, were severally presented and paid, viz :

S. W. Moulton	\$30 00
John H. Foster.....	26 75
T. R. Leal	39 50
C. Goudy.....	35 00
W. M. Hatch.....	15 00
C. P. Taggart	29 50
Thomas J. Turner.	25 00
Henry Wing	30 00
B. G. Roots.....	35 00
W. H. Wells.....	24 15
N. Bateman.....	10 00
	<u>\$299 90</u>

On motion, the Board adjourned.

[Signed]

S. W. MOULTON, President.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF GEORGE P. REX.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS :

The sixty-three (63) Bonds received the 17th of April, 1861, were disposed of as heretofore reported for six (6) per cent. premium; making the sum of sixty-six thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars (\$66,980) received for them. On the 12th day of August, the two (2) remaining Bonds were disposed of at twenty-one (21) per cent. discount — amounting to fifteen hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,580), which was exceedingly favorable terms for the times. The whole amount received was sixty-eight thousand, five hundred and sixty dollars (\$68,560), which was disposed of as follows, as per vouchers herewith accompanying this report, viz:

1861. To amount realized from \$65,000 Bonds, appropriated by
the Legislature..... \$68,560.00

CREDITED.

1861. By paid Building Committee.....	\$2,769.04
“ “ Peoria City Insurance Company.....	31.50
“ “ Freight.....	82.41
“ “ do	249.35
“ “ Insurance.....	466.00
“ “ Freight.....	22.00
“ “ do	99.56
“ “ Mathews & Adams.....	458.50
“ “ Michael Leary.....	26.50
“ “ Building Committee	2,088.98
“ “ Press and Tribune	323.50
“ “ Thomas Howes.....	425.50
“ “ Building Committee	431.50
“ “ Joseph L. Ross.....	1,092.60
“ “ Thomas Hall.....	18.25
“ “ Greenbaum & Sons.....	162.80
“ “ James Lynch	42.00
Amount carried forward	\$8,789.99

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$8,789.99
1861.	By paid Telegraphing	12.70
"	" " do	15.10
"	" " Royce, Harwood & Co.....	15.66
"	" " Holbrook Manufacturing Co.....	43.83
"	" " C. E. Hovey (Soper's orders).....	604.56
"	" " C. B. Denio	157.80
"	" " John P. Heley	11.00
"	" " Freight (Building Committee)	101.03
"	" " Charles E. Fell.....	40.00
"	" " D. M. Gillespie, Assignee of Soper (and \$2)	29.12
"	" " Orders of Olds & Daily.....	20.12
"	" " C. E. Hovey	3,240.00
"	" " Joseph Tattersall.....	3.00
"	" " Peter Greenwald	48.95
"	" " C. E. Hovey	73.35
"	" " J. W. Wilmeth	5.40
"	" " Patrick Keene	21.50
"	" " C. E. Hovey.....	17.72
"	" " Wm. Warden.....	18.83
"	" " Foss & Brother.....	2,300.00
"	" " G. P. Randall.....	5,429.75
"	" " Walworth, Hubbard & Co	2,000.00
"	" " N. Luddington.....	2,000.00
"	" " Barber & Co.....	637.66
"	" " Haines & Evans.....	1,151.04
"	" " E. Hunt.....	203.00
"	" " James K. Alexander.....	300.00
"	" " A. C. Washburn & Co.....	1,338.70
"	" " Greenbaum & Sons.....	2,019.67
"	" " E. C. Hyde.....	560.75
"	" " Simeon Wright	35.00
"	" " T. H. Soper.....	6,000.00
"	" " W. P. Sweetser.....	148.75
"	" " John Dodge.....	81.12
"	" " R. Thompson & Co	1,121.07
"	" " John Marble.....	164.40
"	" " Bushnell & Co.....	996.75
"	" " E. Rogers	79.21
"	" " Bushnell & Co	45.00
"	" " Building Committee.....	3,239.33
"	" " B. E. Messer.....	36.00
"	" " D. M. Gillespie.....	32.07
"	" " S. W. Moulton	35.00
"	" " G. P. Rex, M.D.....	720.00
"	" " E. Rogers.....	175.26
"	" " W. J. Vescellius.....	75.00
"	" " Oscar S. McIntyre, balance	6.50
"	" " L. P. Clover	45.00
"	" " C. E. Hovey	8.80
"	" " J. W. Maxwell	43.00
"	" " A. F. Reeder.....	15.75
"	" " Ed. Mendell	12.75
"	" " E. Rogers.....	41.25
"	" " G. H. & L. Ladin.....	13.00
"	" " Janitors: Little and Roots.....	32.00
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$44,411.74

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$44,411.74
1861.	By paid Tutors: Burnham one term and Gove } three terms	126.00
"	" H. C. Prevost.....	5.00
"	" E. C. Hewett	95.50
"	" Miss F. A. Peterson.....	10.00
"	" Janitor: John Daily.....	64.00
"	" L. H. Potter.....	167.75
"	" do	10.00
"	" J. A. Sewall.....	151.00
"	" W. J. Vescellius.....	243.75
"	" A. H. Reeder	20.00
"	" Ira Moore	670.00
"	" J. E. Bryant.....	158.00
"	" Wm. Warden, balance.....	75.47
"	" O. S. McIntyre, balance.....	7.75
"	" Maxwell & Getty.....	148.75
"	" Benjamin & Schemmerhorn	201.65
"	" Cappen & Son	145.00
"	" do	36.45
"	" E. K. Crothers.....	31.00
"	" V. Fell, Agent.....	93.00
"	" B. W. & E. Lewis	31.50
"	" Hatch & Prince.....	94.50
"	" H. Everly	126.00
"	" J. A. Kennicott.....	63.00
"	" C. E. Hovey (Soper's order)	12,257.83
"	" G. & L. Ferre.....	8.75
"	" B. W. Gray.....	9.00
"	" Peter Greenwald.....	667.81
"	" Hayes Evans.....	80.21
"	" C. W. Holder & Co	13.27
"	" do	177.12
"	" do	94.60
"	" Holbrook Manufacturing Co.....	121.00
"	" John Thompson.....	93.06
"	" Whitmer & Bruner	148.54
"	" W. C. Watkins	545.00
"	" C. W. Holder & Co.....	29.69
"	" do (Interest).....	133.05
"	" do (Soper's order).....	2,350.00
"	" C. E. Hovey (Fell's note)	482.75
"	" J. E. McClure (for C. E. Hovey).....	200.00
"	" Carpenters, etc	100.00
"	" L. D. Bovee.....	25.75
"	" R. Darlington.....	84.85
"	" B. E. Messer.....	50.00
"	" T. J. Nolle (Janitor).....	20.00
"	" Miss F. A. Peterson.....	40.00
"	" A. F. Reeder... ..	89.50
"	" do	20.00
"	" L. H. Potter.....	458.62
"	" J. A. Sewall	161.50
"	" E. C. Hewett.....	240.00
"	" J. K. Alexander....	100.00
"	" Root & Cady.....	1,561.31
"	" James Grover (for C. E. Hovey)	25.00
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$67,575.02

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$67,575.02
1861.	By paid James Grover (for C. E. Hovey).....	50.00
	“ “ Board Education, Expenses.....	274.30
	“ “ Expenses Treasurer to and from Chicago,	14.00
	“ “ George P. Rex, M.D.....	250.00
	“ “ J. E. McClun	35.00
	“ “ A. Gridley & Co.....	80.44
	“ “ John Steinforth.....	62.50
	“ “ Miss F. A. Peterson.....	120.00
	“ “ A. F. Reeder.....	2.25
		\$68,463.51

Of this sum upwards of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) was paid to Mr. Soper and to his order.

The amount paid is sixty-eight thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-one cents (\$68,463.51); leaving a balance due the Board of ninety-six dollars and forty-nine cents (\$96.49), which is deposited in H. A. Tucker & Co.'s Bank, in Chicago, which they refuse to pay, and for which suit has been brought and will doubtless be recovered soon, which will be subject to the order of the Board.

I regret I can not be with you at your meeting, as it will be the first meeting I have been absent from since the organization of the Board. The duties I owe my country, in the defense of her time-honored constitution and rights on the battle-field, is my excuse for my absence, and claiming your indulgence for any explanation you may need, until the next meeting of the Board, if Providence should spare my life, I will then give you a full report of all other matters intrusted to my care as Agent of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE P. REX.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., DECEMBER, 1861.