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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Board of Education

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

AT A

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 2, 1896.

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Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

HON. WILLIAM H. GREEN, Cairo	President.
HON. SAMUEL M. INGLIS, Springfield	Ex-officio Member and Secretary.
F. D. MARQUIS, Bloomington	Treasurer.
ENOCH A. GASTMAN	Decatur.
CHAS. L. CAPEN	Bloomington.
EDWARD DOOCY	Pittsfield.
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH	Danville.
MATTHEW P. BRADY	Chicago.
MRS. ELLA F. YOUNG	Chicago.
PELEG R. WALKER	Rockford.
M. E. PLAIN	Aurora.
FORREST F. COOK	Galesburg.
CHARLES I. PARKER	Chicago.
WM. H. FITZGERALD	Chicago.
JACOB L. BAILY	Macomb.
CHARLES S. THORNTON	Chicago.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing and Finance	Doocy, Baily, Capen.
Building and Grounds	Capen, Kimbrough, Gastman.
Text Books and Course of Instruction	Thornton, Young, Walker.
Teachers and Salaries	Walker, Kimbrough, Parker.
Training Schools	Gastman, Parker, Inglis.
Museum of Natural History and Library	Brady, Fitzgerald, Inglis.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting minutes.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Reports of special committees.
 6. Reports of standing committees, in order.
 7. Communications.
 8. Motions and resolutions.
 9. Unfinished business.
 10. General business.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 23, 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NORMAL, ILL., December 2, 1896.

The Board of Education met in the office of the President of the University at 9 a. m., Judge William H. Green, President, in the chair.

Present, President Green, Messrs. Gastman, Walker, Plain, Capen, Doocy, Baily, Parker and Mrs. Ella F. Young.

Absent, Messrs. Inglis, Kimbrough, Brady, Cook, Fitzgerald and Thornton.

The Secretary being absent, F. D. Marquis was elected Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

The President, John W. Cook, read his report. Mr. Plain moved that the president's report be accepted and the respective parts be referred to the appropriate committees.

The report of President Cook was as follows:

To the honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—The enrollment for the present term is as follows:

Normal Department.

Ladies	447
Gentlemen.....	162
Total.....	609

PRACTICE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Girls.....	42
Boys.....	48
Total.....	90

Intermediate Department.

Girls.....	53
Boys.....	59
Total.....	112

Primary Department.

Girls.....	33
Boys.....	40
Total.....	73
Grand total.....	884

ATTENDANCE BY COUNTIES.

Adams.....	1	McHenry.....	5
Bond.....	2	*McLean.....	42
Boone.....	3	Macon.....	22
Bureau.....	9	Macoupin.....	3
Carroll.....	5	Madison.....	7
Champaign.....	7	Marion.....	7
Christian.....	15	Marshall.....	5
Clay.....	2	Mason.....	4
Clinton.....	1	Mercer.....	5
Coles.....	17	Montgomery.....	4
Cook.....	11	Morgan.....	1
Cumberland.....	3	Monroe.....	2
DeKalb.....	6	Moultrie.....	6
DeWitt.....	2	Ogle.....	9
Douglas.....	7	Peoria.....	4
DuPage.....	1	Perry.....	2
Edgar.....	3	Piatt.....	9
Effingham.....	2	Pike.....	10
Ford.....	8	Pope.....	2
Fulton.....	16	Pulaski.....	1
Grundy.....	3	Putnam.....	7
Hamilton.....	2	Richland.....	4
Hancock.....	10	Rock Island.....	4
Henderson.....	2	Sangamon.....	9
Henry.....	2	Schuyler.....	6
Iroquois.....	4	Shelby.....	14
Jefferson.....	1	Stark.....	3
Jersey.....	2	St. Clair.....	13
JoDaviess.....	5	Stephenson.....	9
Johnson.....	2	Tazewell.....	29
Kane.....	19	Vermilion.....	17
Kankakee.....	4	Warren.....	11
Kendall.....	4	Washington.....	1
Knox.....	3	Wayne.....	2
Lake.....	4	White.....	1
LaSalle.....	15	Whiteside.....	9
Lawrence.....	1	Will.....	7
Lee.....	4	Winnebago.....	3
Livingston.....	6	Woodford.....	12
Logan.....	6		
McDonough.....	2	Total number counties 80.	

* Sixty-one additional students paid tuition at the rate of \$39 a year.

OTHER STATES.

Arkansas.....	1	Nebraska.....	1
Indiana.....	1	Ohio.....	2
Iowa.....	2	Washington.....	2
Kansas.....	1	Wisconsin.....	1
Louisiana.....	1		
Missouri.....	3	Total.....	10

THE ENTERING CLASS.

The registration and mode of admission of the entering class is shown in the following table:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Applicants	86	262	348
Rejected.....	16	12	28
Admitted.....	70	250	320
By appointment of county superintendents.....	22	52	74
By High School diplomas.....	16	113	129
By first grade certificates.....	7	13	20
By promotion from preparatory department.....	6	14	20
By examination.....	17	57	74
From other State Normal schools.....	2	1	3

COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN THE ENTERING CLASS.

Adams.....	1	McHenry.....	5
Bond.....	1	*McLean.....	33
Boone.....	2	Macon.....	13
Bureau.....	7	Macoupin.....	1
Carroll.....	3	Madison.....	2
Champaign.....	5	Marion.....	5
Christain.....	4	Marshall.....	2
Clark.....	1	Mason.....	3
Clay.....	1	Mercer.....	3
Coles.....	13	Monroe.....	3
Cook.....	5	Montgomery.....	3
Cumberland.....	3	Moultrie.....	3
DeKalb.....	4	Ogle.....	2
DeWitt.....	2	Peoria.....	1
Douglas.....	2	Perry.....	2
DuPage.....	1	Platt.....	5
Edgar.....	2	Pike.....	1
Effingham.....	1	Pulaski.....	2
Ford.....	1	Richland.....	1
Fulton.....	8	Sangamon.....	6
Hamilton.....	1	St. Clair.....	5
Hancock.....	5	Schuyler.....	5
Iroquois.....	2	Scott.....	1
Jersey.....	1	Shelby.....	3
JoDaviess.....	2	Stark.....	2
Johnson.....	2	Stephenson.....	8
Kane.....	17	Tazewell.....	14
Kankakee.....	1	Vermilion.....	5
Kendall.....	3	Warren.....	8
Knox.....	2	Whiteside.....	7
Lake.....	2	Will.....	3
LaSalle.....	10	Winnebago.....	3
Lawrence.....	1	Woodford.....	11
Lee.....	2	White.....	1
Livingston.....	4		
Logan.....	5		
McDonough.....	2		
		Total number counties represented in entering class, 71.	

OTHER STATES.

Arkansas.....	1	Nebraska.....	1
Iowa.....	2	Washington.....	2
Kansas.....	1	Wisconsin.....	1
Louisiana.....	1		
Missouri.....	1	Total 8.	

* This list includes twelve McLean county students admitted to free tuition and twenty-one paying tuition.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS.

We have this term not only the largest enrollment in the Normal Department in the history of the school, but we have the highest grade of qualifications that we have ever had. As is shown in the preceding statistics, there were 129 high school graduates in the entering class. When we add to these the number of such persons already in school it brings the grade of scholarship to a higher point than we have ever had before. Of course these high schools are not all of the best grade. In our two-year course, however, we have a class of 65, and since graduates of only our best high schools are admitted to this course it will be seen that the outlook is decidedly encouraging. We have also a few university people and graduates of state normal schools.

It has been my custom for some years to meet, at the end of each month, all pupils who are not succeeding in their work. These interviews are personal. Heretofore the number has sometimes reached 175. The falling off in the number of this class of students is quite perceptible. A much larger proportion than usual have been able to do all of their work quite successfully. Through these intimate personal interviews I am enabled to acquire a great deal of useful information in respect to the habits of our students, character of the boarding houses in which they dwell, and the general conditions that obtain in such places. It is possible at such times to do a great deal in the way of guidance of our young people. The teachers generally are accustomed to be at their desks a few minutes before the beginning of our sessions and for whatever time is necessary after their close to meet individual pupils for purposes of advice and such assistance as seems to be needed. In previous reports I have alluded to the intense earnestness of the very large majority of these young men and women. In general it may be said that they need to be cautioned against overwork instead of being stimulated to greater effort. We have few or no rules in respect to general conduct. A large liberty has been granted to our students. When this liberty has been abused, however, I have not hesitated to deal with such persons with a good deal of rigor.

THE NEW GYMNASIUM.

In conformity with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board, a new furnace was ordered to be put into the gymnasium so that the room could be used in the severe weather. I also employed Mr. Frank Dillon, a resident of the community and recently a student in the State University of Wisconsin, to assist Miss Lucas in directing the physical training. He has been employed for three hours a day at a compensation of \$25 a month for the present term. I respectfully recommend that I be authorized to employ a suitable person for the rest of the year at a salary which shall not exceed \$50 a month to continue the work which has been nicely begun under the direction of Miss Lucas.

I went to Chicago recently and investigated the matter of apparatus with which to equip the gymnasium. Thus far we have used only bells and clubs in the regular work of the classes, and basket ball for the indoor game. I recommend the purchase of an equipment whose cost shall not exceed \$750. This will make an excellent start and will give us apparatus enough to use until the building is completed. We labor under a great disadvantage on account of having no dressing-rooms or lockers. Neither can we as yet afford to employ an expert director of physical training for the whole time. We can afford to make the expenditure suggested both in the employment of an assistant for Miss Lucas and in the purchase of the apparatus. I believe it to be a wise policy to secure the very best apparatus so far as we go. There is no economy in inferior material for athletic work.

The delight of our students over the opportunities for physical exercise, which they are now enjoying, inadequate as they must of necessity be, is very suggestive. The health of the school has been most excellent during the term thus far, and I believe it to be due, in considerable part, to this long-desired addition to our plant.

In this connection I desire also to refer to our field sports, which have been unusually profitable and interesting this term. Professor Galbreath was prominently identified with athletics at Cornell University. He has spent a great deal of time with our young men on the field, and the result has been strikingly apparent. He has won their gratitude for his patient and persistent instruction and encouragement.

Before leaving this subject I desire to suggest that we shall need not less than \$18,000 to \$20,000 probably to complete our new building. Two years ago a special committee was appointed to look after needed legislation. I suggest that similar action would be wise at the present meeting. We have a fine building and I believe the policy that the Board adopted will meet the approval of the General Assembly. It is too much to expect, however, that two or three persons shall do all of this legislative work. The active coöperation of six or seven is very earnestly needed.

I desire to call the attention of the Board to another matter connected with our athletics. We are in great need of a suitable field for our out-door work. Our campus is not well adapted to such purposes, except for tennis, and, perhaps, base ball, although the ungainly back-stop is a serious detriment to the beauty of the grounds. We have a suitable tract in the block now used by the buildings of the Augustine Company. This block should be surrounded by a suitable fence and should be put into condition for our field work. We have had a fine foot ball team this year, but in order to keep up the athletic spirit to such a degree as will lead the young men to daily exercise during the season, it is necessary to arrange games with other educational institutions. In such cases considerable expense is incurred. There are but two ways of meeting this expense; by the contributions of interested persons, and by an admission fee for witnessing the game. In an open field it will be seen that the second of these devices cannot be very successfully employed. I suggest that an effort be made to secure from Augustine & Son a surrender of the lease of the land in question, and if such surrender can be secured that the grounds be graded and fenced as soon as the funds under control of the Board of Education will permit.

The whole matter of athletics, while important in all schools of secondary or higher grade, is especially important in the normal school. Not only do we desire to give to our pupils such physical exercise as will secure for them the highest degree of health and the most complete control over their bodies, but we deem it of great importance that they should be so conditioned here as to prepare them to conduct athletics properly in their own schools.

SUMMER INSTITUTE.

In my last report to your honorable body I emphasized the importance of a summer institute in this building. The plan which we have followed for the last three years does not work satisfactorily. The people who desire to come have not then completed their school work for the year. The faculty have arranged to conduct a summer school of not more than three weeks, beginning about July 13th. They desire the free use of these buildings and grounds for that purpose. The Board will not be asked to incur any expense of any kind. It will, of course, be necessary to do as similar institutions elsewhere are doing—charge a fee for tuition. In anticipation of such a session, our teachers have thus far declined institute engagements about the State in view of our proposed session.

As I remarked in my last report, I think the time is not far distant when our public schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities will be open for the entire year, or at least for eleven months. Instead of three terms of thirty-nine weeks, we ought to have four terms of forty-eight weeks. Such an arrangement would necessitate an increase of about seven or eight teachers in our faculty. \$10,000 would probably meet this increased expenditure. The present is perhaps not the best time to inaugurate such a change in our arrangement, but I believe that the time is not far distant when institutions of this character will not close their doors from the beginning of the year to its close. It is probably true that in no other department of our public life or

of our business life is there so large an investment of money which is utilized for so small a portion of the year. It will soon be seen that our school houses may be employed very profitably for the education of adults as well as of children, and that the evening lecture in all of its varied forms will do for the former class what the regularly employed teacher is doing for the latter. I believe that it would be quite proper for the Board to appoint a committee to consider the suggestion of extending our school year to forty-eight weeks.

THE FACULTY.

Several changes have occurred in our faculty since last year. Mr. Melville, selected at your June meeting to succeed Mr. Keith, who resigned to enter Harvard College, has taken hold of his work with great interest and is succeeding admirably. The committee on teachers, as instructed by the Board, filled the vacancy caused by Miss Potter's resignation by the selection of J. Irving Read, of Hanover, New Hampshire. Mr. Read is a graduate of Dartmouth College, has also completed one year of post-graduate work there, and has had some experience as a teacher in high schools. He is proving himself to be a satisfactory teacher.

About six weeks after the close of the school year Miss Kate Mavity, assistant training teacher in the Grammar Department, was appointed Principal of the Training Department of the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wis., at a salary of \$1,300. She did not feel at liberty to decline so marked an advance in her salary and so much wider opportunity for professional work. Subject to the approval of your committee, I selected as her successor Miss Anna A. Stanley, of Perth, Ontario. Miss Stanley is a graduate of the Provincial Normal School at Toronto, has done considerable work in the University at the same place, and is also a graduate of the State Normal School at Oswego, N. Y. She was very highly recommended by Dr. Sheldon, of the latter institution, and also by the superintendent of the public schools of Duluth, where she had taught for several years. We are much pleased with her work thus far.

Louis H. Galbreath, elected by the Board to succeed Dr. Van Liew, who was transferred to the Practice Department, is making a fine success of his work. His early training in the Normal School, his subsequent career in under graduate and post-graduate work at Cornell University, and his four years of service at the head of the Practice Department of the State Normal School at Wenona, Minn., have admirably fitted him for the work which he is carrying on in this institution.

The transfer of Dr. Van Liew to the Practice Department, secured a continuity in that phase of our work which would not have been possible if a stranger had taken the position. His familiarity with the work of Dr. McMurry, and his close acquaintance with the Practice School, enabled him to take up that line of work with great ease and success.

THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On the eighteenth day of next February, forty years will have elapsed since the approval of the bill establishing this institution. At the close of the present school year we shall have completed forty years of school work. The alumni of the institution took some action at the last meeting of their association, looking toward a celebration of the event at the close of the present year. The Illinois State Normal University Club of Chicago, numbering between three and four hundred, has also moved in the same direction. A meeting will be held to-night in that city for the purpose of considering plans for a suitable recognition of the work of this institution. Those who are interested in the movement are planning something comprehensive. Several days will be filled with various addresses and exercises covering various phases of educational work and engaged in by eminent men from this and other states. I respectfully suggest that the Board should appoint a committee of its members to coöperate with the two organizations already mentioned in carrying out this plan.

About the middle of August Mrs. McMurry, our primary practice teacher, received a very flattering offer to become supervisor of primary grades in the schools of Austin, Illinois. She was offered an increase of \$300 in her salary. Her inclination was to tender her resignation.

Those of the Board who know of Mrs. McMurry's work and reputation, can well understand what a serious blow this would have been to the school. She finally proposed to remain at an increase of \$200 in her salary. I immediately communicated with the chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, and was instructed by him to assure her that the Board could not think of accepting her resignation. Under instructions of the committee, I have paid her at the rate of \$1,200 a year since September first.

THE PRACTICE SCHOOL.

I wish to call the attention of the Board to the condition of our Practice School. The discontinuance of the High School naturally tended to diminish the attendance in our upper grade. The result is that our practice department is not large enough for the needs of the school. I respectfully suggest that the Committee on Practice School be directed to make inquiries as to the advisability of entering into some arrangement with the local authorities somewhat similar in character to that which existed prior to the year 1868. The matter can be thoroughly examined, the possibilities for an arrangement ascertained, and a full report submitted to the Board at its June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK, *President.*

Mr. F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, read his report covering the past six months. Said report was received, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of Treasurer Marquis was as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—My last report as your Treasurer included June 15, 1896, and showed a balance on hand of \$30,296.27. The receipts have since amounted to \$19,294.71, from the following sources, viz.:

From the State Treasurer.....	\$17,500 00
From John W. Cook.....	1,503 95
From rent of land.....	194 11
From interest on daily balances.....	96 65
Total.....	\$19,294 71

The disbursement has amounted to \$41,519.07, and is shown in detail by forty-four vouchers, which are a part of this report, and are returned herewith.

The balance at this time is \$8,071.91.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer.*

December 1, 1896.

The full report of the treasurer, F. D. Marquis, to December 1, 1896, is as follows:

F. D. MARQUIS, Treasurer.

In Account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

		<i>Dr.</i>		
1896.				
June	15	To Balance.....		\$30,296 27
August	5	State Treasurer.....	\$8,750 00	
October	5	Tuition (John W. Cook).....	630 00	
October	17	" " " ".....	545 00	
October	22	" " " ".....	30 00	
October	27	" " " ".....	33 00	
November	2	Augustine & Co. (land rent).....	194 11	
November	12	Tuition (John W. Cook).....	165 95	
November	18	State Treasurer.....	8,750 00	
November	19	Tuition (John W. Cook).....	100 00	
November	30	Interest (People's Bank).....	96 65	
				19,294 71
				\$49,590 98
November	30	To balance.....		\$8,071 91
		<i>Cr.</i>		
No.		By Vouchers.		
2,253	Sullivan & McCarthy.....		\$2,000 00	
2,260	Parker, Chas. I.....		15 00	
2,261	Inglis, S. M.....		21 00	
2,262	Doocy, Edward.....		20 00	
2,263	Bailey, J. L.....		12 50	
2,264	Walker, P. R.....		18 00	
2,265	Thornton, Chas. S.....		11 00	
2,266	Gastman, E. A.....		25 00	
2,267	Kimbrough, E. R. E.....		22 10	
2,268	Young, Ella F.....		9 00	
2,269	Green, William H.....		26 00	
2,270	Cook, John W.....		2,899 89	
2,271	" ".....		250 00	
2,272	" ".....		350 00	
2,273	Colton, B. P.....		150 00	
2,274	Morrison, F.....		20 42	
2,275	Stewart, W.....		55 00	
2,276	Public School Publishing Co.....		50 00	
2,277	Vidette.....		50 00	
2,278	Thompson, R. & Son.....		18 25	
2,279	Hunt, S.....		26 00	
2,280	Wells, W. F.....		19 40	
2,281	Capen, C. L.....		100 00	
2,282	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.....		80 00	
2,283	Miller & Fisher.....		936 25	
2,284	" ".....		7,458 41	
2,285	Cook, John W.....		2,510 78	
2,286	" ".....		2,510 83	
2,287	Yeager, M. & Son.....		11,486 42	
2,288	" ".....		117 39	
2,289	" ".....		52 80	
2,290	Sullivan & McCarthy.....		365 00	
2,291	Sturgis, T. B.....		50 00	
2,292	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.....		260 00	
2,293	Sturgis, T. B.....		81 05	
2,294	Cook, John W.....		2,849 76	
2,295	" ".....		250 00	
2,296	" ".....		350 00	
2,297	King, W. T.....		32 25	
2,298	Cook, John W.....		2,876 58	
2,299	Sullivan & McCarthy.....		19 00	
2,300	Bryan, J. S. W.....		10 00	
2,301	Colton, B. P.....		150 00	
2,302	Cook, John W.....		2,903 99	
	Balance.....			\$41,519 07
				8,071 91
				\$49,590 98

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Frank D. Marquis, Treasurer, begs leave to report that they have examined the same, with the accompanying 44 vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$8,071.91, and find the same correct. They recommend that said report be approved.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was unanimously adopted.

The President reported the condition of the suit of Fisher et al. vs. The University, and stated that proper counsel had been retained.

It was moved by Mrs. Young, that the President of the Board be authorized to secure bill of Gilbert Bros., Chicago, for \$50, and audit the same.

It was seconded by Mr. Parker.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote stood as follows: Yeas—Green, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Mrs. Young, Walker, Plain, Parker.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of John W. Cook in account with the Library Fund, begs leave to report that they have examined the same, with the 41 accompanying vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$67.10, and find the same correct. They recommend an appropriation of \$500 as asked for for the uses of the library for the remainder of the school year.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

A motion was made to approve the above report with the recommendation. The yeas and nays being called, the motion was unanimously adopted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of John W. Cook in account with the Contingent Fund, begs leave to report that they have examined the same with the accompanying 90 vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$13.03. The committee recommends an appropriation of \$700 for contingent expenses for the remaining half year, as asked for.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

A motion was made to approve the above report and recommendation, and upon a call for the yeas and nays, the above motion was adopted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of B. P. Colton with reference to the Science Fund, begs leave to report that

they have examined the same with the accompanying 10 vouchers, showing balance on hand of 60 cents. They respectfully recommend an appropriation for the Science Fund for the next six months of \$300, as asked for.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

A motion was made to approve the above report and recommendation, and upon a call for the yeas and nays, the above motion was adopted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred bills payable, begs leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct. They recommend that orders in favor of the respective claimants for the amounts of their bills be drawn.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

A motion to approve the above report of the Auditing and Finance Committee in reference to bills payable was unanimously adopted.

BILLS PAYABLE.

Bills ordered paid:		
1	Normal Electric Light and Power Company.....	\$108 03
2	American Foundry and Furnace Company.....	22 48
3	Cole Brothers.....	34 88
4	Bloomington Steam Boiler Works.....	12 00
5	Thomas Sylvester, sidewalks.....	207 30
6	Robert Loudon.....	134 85
7	Frank Morrison.....	124 22
8	T. F. Harwood & Sons.....	172 33
9	Robert Duff.....	7 80
10	Charles Jepson.....	49 41
11	G. H. Read & Brother.....	150 35
12	Sherman Hunt.....	10 90
13	Watson Stewart.....	40 00
14	W. L. Wells.....	6 80
15	Miller & Fisher.....	1,077 75
16	White Manufacturing Company.....	60 00
17	Normal Electric Light and Power Company.....	36 46
	Total.....	\$2,255 56

The regular Secretary, S. M. Inglis, entered at this time, and assumed his duties.

Mr. Doocy proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and are, hereby, directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the current year, as they shall become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries present the following report:

That in accordance with your direction last June, we have selected Mr. J. Irving Read as assistant teacher in Ancient Languages with a salary of \$700 per year.

Mr. Read is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and has taught one year in a high school in New Hampshire. He has taken one year in post-graduate work along the lines which he is now teaching.

Miss Kate Mavity resigned her position in August to accept a position in the White Water Normal School of Wisconsin, with a salary of \$300 more than we were paying her.

We have selected Miss Anna A. Stanley to take her place as assistant teacher in the Grammar Department, with a salary of \$700 per year. Miss Stanley is a graduate of the Provincial Normal School of Toronto, Canada, and the State Normal School of Oswego, New York, and is a certificated student of the University of Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Lida McMurry, of the Primary Department in the Training School, was offered an increase of \$300 in salary, but consented to remain with an increase of \$200.

We recommend that her salary be made \$1,200 from September, 1896.

We recommend the employment of a Director of the Gymnasium with a salary of not more than \$50 per month.

P. R. WALKER,
CHARLES I. PARKER,
Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the report of the above Committee, with the approval of its recommendations.

Upon a call of the yeas and nays, the vote stood as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Mrs. Young, Walker, Plain, Parker; nays—none.

Mr. E. A. Gastman moved that so much of President Cook's report as referred to supplies of training pupils for the work in the Training School Department be left to the Committee on said Department.

Said motion was carried.

Moved by Mr. P. R. Walker that the faculty be allowed to hold a summer institute of three weeks, in accordance with the suggestion made by President Cook in his report. Said summer school to begin July 13, 1897.

The motion was carried.

A motion was made and carried, that the matter of having a summer institute, and an extension of the time of the school year to forty-eight weeks, be referred to President Cook for further consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. P. R. Walker that the Committee on Museum and Libraries be instructed to report hereafter at the meetings of the Board of Trustees, embodying in said report the numbers and the titles of books purchased by the Library Committee.

The said motion was carried.

Mr. E. A. Gastman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Board be authorized to appoint a committee of three to coöperate with committees of the Alumni Association and of the Chicago Club of the Illinois Normal University in making arrangements for the proper celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the opening of this institution, October 5, 1857.

President Green appointed the following committee to act in said capacity: E. A. Gastman, P. R. Walker, and C. L. Capen.

Mr. C. I. Parker moved that the President of the Board be authorized to appoint a committee to act with President Cook in securing the necessary legislation for the school for the next two years.

President Green appointed the following named persons to act on said committee: Edward Doocy, of Pittsfield; C. L. Capen, of Bloomington; P. R. Walker, of Rockford; E. A. Gastman, of Decatur; S. M. Inglis, of Springfield; Charles Thornton, of Chicago, and E. R. E. Kimbrough, of Danville.

Mr. Capen moved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$465.61, instead of \$303.40, as noted in the Minutes of December 5, 1894, in favor of Mr. Parsons for refunding tuition money lost by him in the failure of the Schureman Bank, at Normal.

On call of the roll, the following was the result: Yeas—Messrs. Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Mrs. Young, Walker, Plain, Parker; nays—Judge Green.

Moved by Mr. Capen that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized in its discretion to purchase apparatus for the Gymnasium, and to expend therefor a sum not to exceed \$750.

Messrs Capen and Cook were made said Committee by unanimous consent.

The roll call showed a unanimous vote in favor of the proposition, there being nine yeas.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Capen:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized and instructed to obtain, if it can, a surrender of that part of the land now under lease to Messrs. Augustine & Company, known as the packing grounds, that the students may have the use of the same for an athletic field.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Capen moved that the President of the Board be authorized to extend the claim of Phoenix & Company for one year.

The motion was carried.

WHEREAS, According to the architect's estimates, the sum of \$18,000 additional to the appropriation therefor, already made, will be necessary for the completion and equipment of the Gymnasium Building, therefore,

Resolved, That the President of the Board be instructed in the name of the Board to request from the incoming legislature an appropriation for the amount, or so much thereof, as shall be necessary in addition to other appropriations to be asked for.

Said resolution was unanimously adopted.

Below follows an estimate from the architects, Miller & Fisher, of the cost to complete the new Gymnasium Building.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 1, 1895.

To the State Board of Education, State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN:—In anticipation of a meeting of the State Board of Education at an early date and as has been suggested that we herewith submit to your honorable body an itemized estimate of the probable cost to complete the new

Gymnasium Building lately built and inclosed at the Illinois State Normal University Grounds at Normal, Illinois. Amounts necessary to complete the building are as follows:

Fireproofing.....	\$2,250 00
Plastering.....	1,790 00
Carpenter work and lumber.....	3,025 00
Painting.....	950 00
Metal ceiling.....	543 00
Iron work.....	722 00
Hardware and trimmings.....	200 00
Plumbing.....	800 00
Heating.....	2,200 00
Incidentals, cases for laboratories, museums, fittings for gymnasium.....	5,520 00
Total amount to complete.....	\$18,000 00

Enclosed please find bill for architectural services to date.

Respectfully,

MILLER & FISHER.

The following resolution, by Mr. Capen, was unanimously adopted, by the call of the yeas and nays:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized in its discretion, to employ such person as engineer as Messrs. Foss and Noble shall name, to operate the heating and ventilating plant for such time prior to March first next, as such committee shall deem best, at the rate of \$20 per week.

Mr. C. I. Parker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be, and are hereby instructed, to secure the services of a competent expert on steam heating, at an expense not to exceed \$100, whose duty it shall be to examine the matter of steam heating as relates to this Institution, and to make a written report to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in regard to efficiency of our steam plant, and also to the competency of our engineer.

The roll-call showed the following result: Yeas—Messrs. Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Walker, Plain, Parker, Mrs. Young; Nays—none.

Judge William H. Green, calling C. I. Parker to the chair, arose and made the following motion: Judge Green moved that President J. W. Cook be granted a leave of absence with full pay for six months, or as much time as he, President Cook, deems necessary to visit Europe or countries abroad.

Said motion received the unanimous approval of the Board and the courtesy was extended to President Cook as indicated in Judge Green's motion.

By motion, the Board adjourned to meet June 23, 1897.

WILLIAM H. GREEN,

SAMUEL M. INGLIS,
Secretary.

President.