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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

AT A

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL JUNE 22, 1898.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
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1898.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Hon. William H. Green, Cairo.....	President.....
Hon. Joseph H. Freeman.....	<i>Ex-officio</i> Member and Secretary...
F. D. Marquis, Bloomington.....	Treasurer.....
Enoch A. Gastman.....	Decatur.....
Chas. A. Capen.....	Bloomington.....
William R. Sandham.....	Wyoming.....
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.....
M. W. Shanahan.....	Chicago.....
James H. Norton.....	Ravenswood.....
Jacob L. Baily.....	Macomb.....
George B. Harrington.....	Princeton.....

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing and Finance.....	Baily, Shannahan, Capen.....
Buildings and Grounds.....	Capen, Kimbrough, Gastman.....
Text Books and Course of Instruction.....	Norton, Young, Walker.....
Teachers and Salaries.....	Walker, Kimbrough, Young.....
Training School.....	Gastman, Sandham, Freeman.....
Museum of Natural History and Library.....	Young, Plain, Harrington.....

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 December 7, 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NORMAL, ILL., June 22, 1898.

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.

Joseph H. Freeman was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

Present: President Green, Messrs. Gastman, Walker, Plain, Capen, Sandham, Kimbrough, Brady, Norton, Baily, Harrington and Mrs. Ella F. Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

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

The report of President Cook is as follows:

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—The attendance for the two terms since your last meeting is as follows:

	Winter term.	Spring term.
NORMAL DEPARTMENT.		
Ladies	486	426
Gentlemen	203	166
Totals	689	592
MODEL DEPARTMENT.		
GRAMMAR GRADE.		
Girls	45	46
Boys	44	38
Totals	89	84
INTERMEDIATE GRADE.		
Girls	36	34
Boys	43	40
Totals	79	74
PRIMARY GRADE.		
Girls	27	26
Boys	33	34
Totals	60	60
	887	810

Since the annual catalogue contains a statement of the attendance by counties for the entire year I have omitted that feature from the present report.

New students admitted to Normal Department during winter and spring terms 1897-8:

	Winter Term.			Spring Term.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Applicants.....	28	49	77	25	37	62
Rejected.....	3	7	10	2	4	6
Admitted.....	25	42	67	23	33	56
By High School or College Diploma.....	3	17	20	5	16	21
By Appointment of County Superint'd't	5	9	14	6	5	11
By First Grade Certificate.....	1	5	6	3	2	5
By Examination.....	12	8	20	5	5	10
By Promotion from Preparatory Dep't.	3	3	6	3	5	8
By Certificate from other State Normal.	1	.....	1	1	.....	1

THE FACULTY.

Only one change is anticipated in the faculty. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, who has been serving four years as assistant in the science department, will tender his resignation. His purpose in withdrawing from our service is to enter Leland Stanford University for the purpose of continuing his studies. Mr. Brown has done excellent work for us, especially in the last year. I have recommended as his successor Mr. Fred D. Barber, who graduated from this school in 1894. Since his graduation here he has taught one year, graduated from Swarthmore College, Pa., after taking a two years' course there and has also done one year of graduate work in the University of Chicago. He has fitted himself especially for the work of instructor in physics and chemistry. Mr. Barber's desire to return to this institution has led him to accept a materially lower salary than he would have received elsewhere.

One year ago I said in my report that Dr. Charles A. McMurry, who was out on a year's leave of absence, had concluded not to return. In my report read to this honorable body last December I was able to say that Dr. McMurry had changed his mind and had decided to come back to his old position. Under his most successful administration the Practice School has made rapid advancement this year. I now feel that we are assured of Dr. McMurry's presence in our faculty for some time to come, as he has entered upon a line of work which is peculiarly valuable for us and extremely interesting to him.

I am glad to be able to speak even more confidently of the work of Mr. Holmes than I was able to do in December. I am highly satisfied with the selection made. He has proved himself skillful as a teacher and in every way helpful as a man.

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

There has been no material change in our course of study so far as it appears in the catalogue. The curriculum, however, is all of the time undergoing change in fact. It is the steady purpose of all of the teachers to make their instruction more and more highly professional in its character. The term of work in the Methods of Teaching Latin, authorized at the meeting of the Board one year ago, proved to be quite attractive, a considerable number of the best students having taken advantage of it.

It is the opinion of some of us that more of science work should be introduced into the early part of the course. With this thought in view I have made a somewhat careful study of the catalogues of some of the leading normal schools in this country. Thus far I have been unable to find what seems

to me a material improvement upon our own work. The difficulties are by no means inconsiderable. I believe, however, that we shall find the solution in requiring all of our teachers to give instruction in science work for one or two hours a week in lieu of other subjects. This will involve a series of alternations, such as we have in the subject of drawing, for example. I shall study this matter more carefully still during the coming fall term and hope to be able to make some experiments in some of the classes whose results may serve to aid us in the solution of our difficulty.

THE PRACTICE SCHOOL.

Our Practice School is not so large as it should be, but the excellence of the work has steadily increased. The system of illustrative exercises, of which so much was made last year under the management of Dr. Van Liew, has been improved upon this year by Dr. McMurry. It is our present plan to give to our pupils a very considerable amount of work of this character before permitting them to begin the actual work of instruction in the Practice School. It is really interesting to note the high degree of attention which such work elicits here. The Practice School is becoming actually as it has long been theoretically, the center about which the work of the Normal School is arranged. If the school should not increase next term under the present arrangement with respect to tuition, I shall exercise the authority given me by the Board one year ago and make such abatement in the dues as will result in filling the rooms, I think, to their capacity.

The discontinuance of the High School operated unfortunately upon our Practice School, since the pupils were obliged to transfer to some other institution to finish their course. Justice to those who continue through our grades demands that they shall be permitted to finish their secondary education here. Since the abolition of the High School I have permitted such pupils to continue on through the work of the old High School. The number is always small and only those who have come through the grades have been permitted to pursue the work. We have now made more definite arrangement for such pupils and we shall be able to discharge our obligations to them without difficulty.

THE LIBRARY.

We are at last in occupation of the splendid room in the new building for which we have been so long waiting. We purchased a sufficient number of book racks to meet our immediate necessities and can add additional ones from time to time at the same rate of purchase. I trust that the members of the Board will visit this department and inspect it for themselves. The room is not completely finished, since we have as yet no fixtures for lighting it. It is expected that we shall be able to save enough to accomplish that end during the next year, or, if we shall not be able to do that, that the Legislature will give us a small appropriation for the finishing up of all the details necessary to completely equip the building.

Since my last report we have bought the following books:

1. Aldrich, poems, two volumes.
2. Fiske, History of United States.
3. Ladd, Outlines of descriptive psychology.
4. Saussaye, Manual of the science of religion.
6. Fiske, Old Virginia and Her Neighbors, two vols.
9. Rashdall, The Universities in Europe in the Middle Ages, 3 vols.
10. National Educational Association. Journal of proceedings and addresses of 36th annual meeting, July 6-9, 1897.
11. Shaw, Municipal Government in Great Britain.
12. Fiske, American political ideas.
16. Rousseau, Confessions of J. J. Rousseau, 4 vols.
17. Thomas, In Sunshine Land.

18. Fletcher, Annual literary index, 1897.
21. Harris, Psychologic foundations of education, 3 copies.
22. Lang, The Poetry Book.
23. Baldwin, Story of Geo. Washington, for young readers.
24. Baldwin, Story of Benj. Franklin, for young readers.
25. Baldwin, Story of Daniel Webster, for young readers.
26. Baldwin, Story of Abraham Lincoln, for young readers.
27. Towle, Magellan on the first voyage around the world.
28. Towle, Raleigh, His Exploits and Voyages.
29. Reid, Afloat in the Forest.
30. Davis, Animals, tame and wild.
31. Lang, Blue True story book.
34. Weiss, Life of Christ, three volumes.
35. Posse, Special Kinesiology of Educational Gymnastics.
41. Felkin, Introduction to Herbart's science and practice of education, six copies.
42. Jacobs, English fairy tales.
43. Scripture, New Psychology.
44. Plumbe, Daily News Almanac for 1898.
45. Rhoades, Tribune Almanac.
51. McMurry, Robinson Crusoe, for boys and girls, six copies.
52. McMurry, Classic stories for the little ones, two copies.
53. Husted, Stories of Indian Children, two copies.
55. Cook, Story of Ulysses, for boys and girls, two copies.
56. Posse, Medical Gymnastics.
57. Farrar, General aims of the teachers.
58. Sherman, Little folk lyrics.
59. Renan, Studies in Religious History.
60. Lombroso, The Female Offender.
61. Ellis, The Criminal.
62. MacDonald, Poems.
63. Dodge, Rhymes and Jingles.
64. Mulock, Poems.
65. Fletcher, Index to periodical literature.
71. Haynie, Syntax and Analysis Simplified, six copies.
72. Griswold, Index to volumes of proceedings National Teachers' Association.
79. Monist, seven vols.
87. International Journal of Ethics, eight vols.
88. Annual Encyclopedia for 1897 and the following pamphlets:
 2. McCormick, Suggestions on teaching primary geography, 2 copies.
 3. A classified list of the principal subjects contained in the volumes of proceedings of the National Educational Association, 1870-'89.
 4. History of the National Educational Association.
 16. Uncle Sam's Navy, 12 pts.

The list includes 88 bound volumes and 16 pamphlets.

The library is open from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 5 for five days in the week and for three hours on Saturday.

The following persons are recommended for graduation in the several courses designated:

FOUR-YEAR COURSE.

Name.	County.
Bessie Abiah Cowles	Kankakee
Wilhelmine Kaiser	Douglas
Ottolie Meta Lange	McLean
Grace Adela Monroe	"
Henrietta Betsey Pitts	"
Nano Pearl Smith	Ogle
Clara May Snell	Carroll
Emilie Barrington Wright	Iroquois
Walter Franklin Pike	Madison
Albert Benedict Wolfe	Bureau

THREE-YEAR COURSE.

Name.	County.
Sada Rosanna Chicken	Woodford
Annetta Belle Cooper	McLean
Mabel Maude Corson	"
S. Macy Curtis	"
Jessie May Dillon	"
Nellie Fincham	"
Mrs. Ellen T. Hamblin	Knox
Anabel Humphrey	McLean
Carrie Kerns	Iroquois
Mary Lentz	Stephenson
Ida Marien Lyons	Marion
Fannie Edna Morse	Lake
Mrs. Lilla Delle Riggs	McLean
Silva Ross	Macon
Addie Eliza Roziene	Cook
Emma Grace Stetzler	Stark
Mary Ellen Sullivan	McLean
Carrie Estelle Travis	"
Julia Buckner Williams	Missouri
Anna Elizabeth Wilmer	Shelby
Joseph Bumgarner	Putnam
William Crocker	Christian
Herman Doud	Hancock
Byron Evans Eastwood	Lee
William Woodrow Martin	Tazewell
Arthur Orlo Norton	Ogle
Harmon Bert Waits	Perry
George Shirley Wilson	Putnam

TWO-YEAR COURSE.

Name.	County.
Dorothea Katherine Beggs	Colorado
Georgia Elliott	Macon
Margaret Julia Frank	Whiteside
Adelaide Antoinette Grassman	St. Clair
Josephine Lesem	Adams
Eva Amanda Porter	LaSalle
Mary Amelia Rickards	Marion
Lyman H. Coleman	DeKalb

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

Name.	County.
Elizabeth Taylor Cleveland.....	McLean
Bruce Bright.....
Hyatt Elmer Covey.....
Robert Andrew Cowles.....
William H. Peasley.....
Ernest Arthur Scrogin.....

THE GYMNASIUM.

An inspection of this department of the institution will show to the members of the Board that in many respects we have a fine equipment. Our dressing rooms are not yet supplied with lockers, however. These will be put in as fast as they can be purchased. The gymnasium is in almost constant use and the baths have been found to be extremely popular. I suggest that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to complete fully all arrangements necessary in this department as well as in the library.

THE MAIN BUILDING.

I think that we are now ready to remove the dressing rooms for the young women from the cramped quarters to the ample area in the basement where they can have twice as much room. This will necessitate some expense but it will not be great. We shall need to reserve one room on the office floor for the accommodation of those who teach in the Practice School. The dressing room for the young men should be transferred to the northwest corner and the young women should be allowed all of the available space on the east side of the basement. I suggest that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to make these changes if they meet your approval.

THE SUMMER TERM.

I believe that the time has now come to ask the General Assembly to make an appropriation for a summer term of six weeks to be open to all the teachers of the State and without tuition. This will necessitate an increase of not less than \$5,000 in our appropriation. I recommend the appointment of a committee of the Board to secure such an addition to our appropriation.

OUR NEEDS.

After several years of anxious and arduous labors, we have secured two additional buildings. We now have room enough. Some changes beyond those already suggested should be made, however. The rooms vacated by the science department should be thrown into one and converted into a society hall for one of the two literary societies. The partition should be removed from between the present society halls and the two rooms should be thrown into one. The societies will then be furnished with ample space.

But our greatest need is to have a better school. We still lack proper instruction in music. A kindergarten should be installed at the earliest opportunity. Authority has been granted me by the Board to add these two features to our equipment but I have been unable to see the way to pay the bills. Now that we shall soon be through with our building expenses these desirable additions will find a place here. We also need shop work and are really in great need of a printing press. We should keep these matters before us and realize them as rapidly as possible.

We also need a greater interest on the part of most of our teachers in the work of the Practice School. That indispensable part of our equipment should be more carefully studied. The test of our class room work is found

there. It is unfortunate that the ordinary demands of the school absorb nearly all of the time of the teachers and thus leave little space for observation of the practice work of our pupils. In an institution like this no one should specialize himself into a corner, however. The efforts of all must blend into a unity and the Practice School is the place to study the problem. We are trying to teach people to teach. We can here visit their school-rooms and ascertain how far we have succeeded.

CONCLUSION.

I am grateful to the Board for their confidence and aid. The work goes on delightfully in the main, but at times there are grave discouragements and distressing cares. I wish to place upon record the devotion of the Faculty to their duties and the unity of feeling which prevails here. Without making any invidious distinctions I desire to mention the untiring zeal and fidelity of the Vice-president, who cheerfully adds to his burdens as a class room instructor much of the details of administration, and without whose constant aid and cordial sympathy I should be unable to administer the affairs of this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK,
President.

Mr. F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, read his report covering the past six months.

Mr. Kimbrough moved that the Treasurer's report be referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee. Carried.

The report of Mr. Marquis is 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 December 7, 1897, and showed a balance on hand of \$4,310.09. The receipts have since amounted to \$23,825.83, from the following sources, viz.:

From the State Treasurer.....	\$20,250 00
From John W. Cook, tuition.....	2,773 80
From rent of land.....	602 03
From Sullivan & McCarthy.....	200 00
Total.....	\$23,825 83

The disbursement has amounted to \$25,018.65, as shown by forty-nine vouchers, which are returned herewith, together with a detailed statement of account. The balance at this time is \$3,117.27.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. D. MARQUIS,
Treasurer

JUNE 21, 1898.

The full report of the Treasurer, F. D. Marquis, to June 20, 1898, is as follows:

F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

		DR.		
1897.				
December	7	To balance		\$4,310 09
	8	Tuition, John W. Cook	\$157 04	
	16	.....	200 00	
	21	State Treasurer	2,750 00	
	24	Tuition, John W. Cook	155 00	
1898.				
January	8	Phoenix Nursery	121 73	
	11	Augustine & Co.	190 15	
	15	State Treasurer	4,000 00	
	18	Tuition, John W. Cook	100 00	
	26	.....	96 00	
	27	.....	12 00	
	28	.....	60 00	
February	19	State Treasurer	4,750 00	
March	3	Tuition, John W. Cook	250 00	
	9	.....	87 10	
	10	.....	80 00	
	11	.....	23 25	
	16	.....	92 00	
	21	.....	140 00	
April	7	Sullivan & McCarthy	200 00	
	21	Tuition, John W. Cook	120 75	
	22	.....	400 00	
	28	State Treasurer	8,750 00	
May	5	Tuition, John W. Cook	200 00	
	19	.....	124 85	
	23	.....	71 21	
June	1	.....	164 94	
	1	.....	60 00	
	6	Augustine & Co.	190 00	
	8	Phoenix Nursery	100 00	
	8	Tuition, John W. Cook	95 00	
	11	Augustine & Co.	15 15	
	13	Tuition, John W. Cook	84 66	
				23,825 83
				<u>\$28,135 92</u>
June	20	To balance		\$8,117 27

		CR.		
		By vouchers—		
2403		Plain, M. E.	\$15 00	
2404		Gastman, E. A.	10 00	
2405		Shanahan, M. W.	15 00	
2406		Harrington, G. B.	15 00	
2407		Sandham, Wm. R.	8 00	
2408		Young, Mrs. Ella F.	9 00	
2409		Baily, J. L.	14 00	
2410		Kimbrough, E. R. E.	22 30	
2411		Green, Wm. H.	23 00	
2412		Norton, J. H.	11 00	
2413		Brady, Matthew P.	16 75	
2414		Walker, P. R.	23 00	
2415		Inglis, S. M.	4 50	
2416		Hunt, S.	9 32	
2417		Wells, W. F.	7 35	
2418		Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.	128 25	
2419		The Leader	12 36	
2420		Beath, J. L. & Co.	40 05	
2421		Keiser, H. & Co.	85 29	
2422		Stewart, W.	164 13	
2423		Shipman, Bradt & Co.	35 00	
2424		Elbe, A. E.	12 00	
2425		Cook, J. W.	100 00	
2426		.....	100 00	
2427		.....	3,116 86	
2428		Yeager & Son	2,500 00	
2429		Stillhamer, H. W. & Co.	21 31	
2430		Public School Publishing Co.	50 00	
2431		Malony, James	15 45	

CR.			
By vouchers—			
2432	Root, Mrs. G. F.....	17 50	
2433	Normal Electric Light & Power Co.....	51 58	
2434	Cook, John W.....	200 00	
2435	.....	200 00	
2436	Colton, B. P.....	150 00	
2437	Cook, John W.....	3,122 59	
2438	Yeager & Son.....	507 47	
2439	Cook, John W.....	3,129 15	
2440	Higgins, H. J. & Co.....	120 60	
2441	Warner & Richardson.....	28 00	
2442	Prince, W. H.....	25 00	
2443	Cook, John W.....	3,122 76	
2444	.....	400 00	
2445	.....	200 00	
2446	McLean County Coal Co.....	541 05	
2447	Cook, John W.....	3,152 59	
2448	Colton, B. P.....	150 00	
2449	Jepson, C.....	80 85	
2450	King, W. T.....	79 94	
2451	Cook, John W.....	3,155 65	
	Balance.....		\$25,018 65
	49 vouchers returned.....		3,117 27
			\$28,135 92

The reports of the committees being called for, were made as follows:

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 it has examined the same, with the accompanying 118 vouchers, and finds the same correct. It recommends that the same be received, approved and filed and that an appropriation of \$700 for said fund for the ensuing six months be made as therein recommended.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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 it has examined the same with the 67 accompanying vouchers and finds the same correct. It recommends that the same be received, approved and filed, and that an appropriation of \$500 for the ensuing six months be made to this fund as therein recommended.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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, in account with the Natural Science Fund, begs leave to report that it has examined the same, with the 28 accompanying vouchers, and finds the same correct. It recommends that the same be received, approved and filed, and that an appropriation of \$300 be made for this fund for the ensuing six months, as therein recommended.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred twenty current unpaid bills, begs leave to report:

It has examined each of said bills, and finds that all of said bills except No. 11, Yeager & Son, for \$51.86, and No. 13, Miller & Fisher, for \$717.80, be allowed, to-wit, as follows:

1	Watson Stewart.	for the sum of.....	\$50 00
2	Mrs. Sherman Hunt.	" "	21 27
3	W. F. Wells.	" "	17 76
4	F. Morrison.	" "	511 73
5	Town of Normal.	" "	372 92
6	Library Bureau.	" "	690 00
7	McLean Co. Coal Co..	" "	505 00
8	Corn Belt Printing Co..	" "	170 00
9	The Gould Co.,	" "	435 50
10	Cole Bros.,	" "	93 40
12	Williams & Capen.	" "	314 80
14	Public School Pub. Co.,	" "	50 00
15	Cunningham & Kafrd,	" "	347 18
16	A. L. Pillsbury.	" "	25 00
17	R. Londen.	" "	23 50
18	P. P. & L. Co.,	" "	55 00
19	T. Sylvester,	" "	533 10
20	Vidette.	" "	50 00

As to the claim of Yeager & Son for \$51.86, we find it is correct and should be paid, but that a corresponding amount should be deducted from the claim of Miller & Fisher. We therefore recommend the payment of each of the several foregoing bills, and that orders be drawn therefor.

As to the claim of Miller & Fisher, we report the same back to the Board without any recommendation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. BAILY,
*CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

It was moved and seconded that the reports of the Auditing and Finance Committee, with recommendations, be approved.

After discussion by Messrs. Walker, Kimbrough, Plain and Capen, and on call of the roll, the motion was carried.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, showing balance on hand of \$3,117.27, with the 51 accompanying vouchers, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds the same correct. It recommends that the said report be received, approved and filed.

J. L. BAILY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

Mr. Baily made the following motion, which was carried:

I move that this Board decline to pay any part of the bill of Miller & Fisher for the sum of \$717.80, until said firm shall put a good roof on the gymnasium building, and, if it is necessary to do so, put on a new roof, to

* Except as to bill of Williams & Capen.

repair or readjust the men's water closet so as to make the same good, and that the drainage be repaired and readjusted by them or by their direction so as to make same good; and to make the floor in the library room a good floor, and that this subject be referred back to the building committee to oversee such work, and to make any such terms or arrangement with said Miller & Fisher in relation thereto it may seem proper; and in case said Miller & Fisher neglect or refuse to comply with the terms of this motion by September 1, 1898, that the building committee be and is hereby instructed and authorized to make all of said necessary improvements and repairs and report their action to this Board at its next meeting.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries made the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries desire to present the following:

We have received the resignation of Mr. Joseph G. Brown as assistant teacher in science and recommend it be accepted and that Mr. Fred D. Barber, who is a graduate of this school and Swarthmore College, Pa., and has taken post graduate work at Chicago University, be appointed assistant teacher in science with a salary of \$900 for one year.

According to our plan Prof. M. J. Holmes, who has been with us one year should be appointed Prof. Assistant in Mental Science and Didactics with a salary of \$2,000. The salary of Mr. Andrew H. Melville, Principal of Grammar School should be increased from \$900 to \$1,000.

Miss Anne A. Stanley, Assistant Training Teacher, Grammar Grades, should have an increase of salary from \$800 to \$900.

Mr. Cavins should have an increase of salary from \$650 to \$750.

Miss Ange V. Milner, Librarian, should be increased from \$800 to \$900.

P. R. WALKER,
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH,
ELLA F. YOUNG.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Capen presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the University be authorized at his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe to permit the occasional use of the gymnasium by the students for dancing: *Provided*, no expense to the Board be incurred thereby.

The above resolution was lost.

Mr. Baily presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be authorized and instructed to draw orders of the Board upon the State Auditor for the quarterly installments of the legislative appropriations that fall due upon the first days of January and April, A. D. 1899, and the Treasurer is authorized to receive the same and receipt for them.

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be and is hereby authorized to make such changes by way of alterations and repairs on the buildings and grounds as it may deem proper and necessary.

Resolved, That the class of students recommended for graduation by the faculty of this school be passed and graduated, and that proper diplomas be issued to those graduating.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to go to the Legislature at its next term, and, if possible, obtain from it an appropriation for a summer term of school for teachers of the State.

On motion, each of the above resolutions was unanimously adopted.

The Chair appointed as Legislative Committee Messrs. Baily, Gastman and Walker.

Mrs. Young moved that a toilet room for women be fitted up in the main building; that one-half of the compartments in the toilet room assigned for women, in the gymnasium building, be fitted with shower baths; that an archway be cut at the north end, between the toilet room and the dressing room for women.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Brady moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds proceed to execute the preceding resolution at once, and that the work therein directed to be done, be completed before the next term of the University.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Kimbrough presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be and they are hereby instructed to make the alterations and repairs in the gymnasium provided for in the resolution offered by Mrs. Young and adopted by the Board. In case sufficient funds are not otherwise available to pay the expense of such alterations the same shall be taken ratably from the appropriations to the contingent fund, the library fund and natural science fund.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker moved that one hundred dollars be appropriated to pay the resident member for his services. On the call of the roll the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Capen received a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be and it is hereby authorized, when in its judgment the finances of the Board shall permit, to remove the partition between the two society rooms and make them into one room, with such other alterations and repairs as are necessary for that purpose; also to remove the partition in the rooms heretofore used as the museum and to make them into one room for the occupancy by one of the societies, with such other alterations and repairs as are necessary for that purpose.

Mr. Sandham presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Board has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Samuel M. Inglis, late Superintendent of Public Instruction, and that it extends to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy.

Carried unanimously.

The Committee on Text-books and Course of Study submitted the following report:

The Committee on Text-books and Course of Study recommends that students be permitted to use as text-book in English Grammar Reed and Kellogg's Grammar, or any other English grammar approved by the President of the University.

JAMES H. NORTON,
 ELLA F. YOUNG,
 P. R. WALKER.

On motion of Mr. Norton, the report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 7, 1898.

WILLIAM H. GREEN,
President.

JOSEPH H. FREEMAN,
Secretary pro tem.