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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Special Meeting, held at Normal, July 2d, 1883; and Regular Meeting,
held at Normal, January 16th, 1884.

SPRINGFIELD:
H. W. ROKKER, STATE PRINTER AND BINDER,
1884.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
HON. WM. H. GREEN.....	1885.....	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1885.....	Decatur.
HON. MICHAEL DONAHUE.....	1885.....	Clinton.
HENRY S. COMSTOCK.....	1885.....	Colona.
THOMAS SLADE.....	1885.....	Normal.
GEORGE HOWLAND.....	1887.....	1420 Wabash Av. Chicago.
RUFUS COPE.....	1887.....	Flora.
B. L. DODGE.....	1887.....	Oak Park.
ISAAC LESEM.....	1887.....	Quincy.
H. L. BOLTWOOD.....	1887.....	Evanston.
B. G. ROOTS.....	1889.....	Tamaroa.
HON J. C. KNICKERBOCKER.....	1889.....	160 LaSalle St., Chicago.
DR. RICHARD EDWARDS.....	1889.....	Princeton.
P. R. WALKER.....	1889.....	Rochelle.
HENRY RAAB, (<i>ex-officio</i>).....	1887.....	Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

GEORGE HOWLAND.....	President.
HENRY RAAB.....	Secretary.
HON. THOS. F. MITCHELL, Bloomington.....	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Text Books and Course of Instruction,	- - - - -	Dodge, Walker, Donahue.
Teachers and Salaries,	- - - - -	Edwards, Gastman, Comstock.
Buildings and Grounds,	- - - - -	Slade, Green, Cope.
Auditing and Finance,	- - - - -	Knickerbocker, Green, Roots.
Training School,	- - - - -	Boltwood, Donahue, Raab.
State Laboratory of Natural History,	- - - - -	Gastman, Boltwood, Lessem.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting the 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 their order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Unfinished business.
10. General business.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

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SPECIAL MEETING, HELD JULY 2, 1883.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., July 2, 1883.

The Board of Education met in the reception room of the University at 9 o'clock A. M., the President, George Howland, in the chair.

Members present—Messrs. W. H. Green, E. A. Gastman, George Howland, B. L. Dodge, H. L. Boltwood, B. G. Roots, P. R. Walker and Henry Raab.

In line 10, page 25 of printed minutes of May 30, 1883, the names of Messrs. Knickerbocker, Slade and Dodge were stricken out, and after this correction the minutes were approved.

The following resolutions were presented by Mr. Raab, and being seconded by Mr. Green, were adopted by the Board, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Howland, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Walker and Raab. Noes—none. Absent—Messrs. Donahue, Comstock, Slade, Cope, Lessem, Knickerbocker, Edwards.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first, second and third quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, for the current year, each installment being the one-eighth part of the aggregate amount of the whole of the annual interest on the College and Seminary Fund, as provided by sections 1 and 2 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Illinois State Normal University, at Normal," approved June 25, 1883, and in force July 1, 1883, together with the one-fourth part of the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500), as said installments become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts, for the first, second and third quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, for the current year, and for the improvement of the library thereof, as the same become due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the library thereof," approved June 25, 1883, and in force July 1, 1883, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

On motion of Mr. Gastman, seconded by Mr. Dodge, the sum of \$750 was appropriated for the current expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Howland, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Walker and Raab. Noes—none. Absent—Messrs. Donahue, Comstock, Slade, Cope, Lesem, Knickerbocker and Edwards,

Mr. Raab moved that the warrants to be drawn on the Auditor be not put into the Treasurer's hands until his bond is filed.

Mr. Gastman seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Gastman moved that the election of a principal of the high school in the model department be left to the committee on Teachers and Salaries.

Mr. Dodge seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Raab, seconded by Mr. Gastman, the building committee was instructed to have the old water closets removed, and suitable new ones built at once.

Adjourned.

GEO. HOWLAND, *President*.

HENRY RAAB, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of the Board of Education, at Regular Meeting, held January 16th, 1884,

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., Jan. 16, 1884.

The Board of Education met in the reception room of the University, at 9 o'clock A. M., the president, Mr. George Howland, in the chair.

Members present—Messrs. George Howland, B. G. Roots, H. L. Boltwood, Dr. R. Edwards, E. A. Gastman, Thomas Slade, B. L. Dodge, H. S. Comstock and Henry Raab.

The reading of the minutes was postponed.

President Hewett appeared and read the following report, which was,

On motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Walker, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Edwards, Gastman and Boltwood, to report at 11 A. M.:

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

GENTLEMEN—I am permitted to report another period of success and prosperity for the institution under your care. No disturbance of any kind has occurred among us since your last meeting, nor has there been a necessity for any severe discipline. With slight exception, teachers and pupils have enjoyed uninterrupted good health. The school has been full to overflowing in all the rooms, although the pressure has not been quite as great as it was one year ago. All our students who are capable of teaching have been tempted repeatedly, this fall, to leave us for the active duties of the school-room. In consequence, an unusually large number are out teaching.

Our attendance is indicated by these figures:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Fall term—			
Ladies.....	223		
Gentlemen.....	99		322
Present term—			
Ladies.....	247		
Gentlemen.....	107		354

HIGH SCHOOL.

Fall term—			
Ladies.....	35		
Gentlemen.....	54		89
Present term—			
Ladies.....	34		
Gentlemen.....	60		94

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Fall term—			
Females.....		73	
Males.....		65	
			138
Present term—			
Females.....		43	
Males.....		72	
			115

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Fall term—			
Girls.....		22	
Boys.....		21	
			43
Present term—			
Girls.....		21	
Boys.....		19	
			40

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Fall term—			
Normal Department.....		322	
Model Department, all grades.....		270	
			592
Present term—			
Normal Department.....		354	
Model Department, all grades.....		249	
			603

Our enrollment includes only such as have been in attendance four weeks or more. Every person enrolled in the Normal Department has signed the pledge of intention to teach: several are paying tuition, however, for one of the three reasons following: 1st, a desire to be free from the obligation to teach in this State; 2d, a deficiency as to the age required by law; 3d, residence in McLean county.

REPRESENTATION IN THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Seventy-two counties of our State, and four States besides Illinois, were represented in the Fall term, as is shown by the following table:

Adams.....	3	JoDavies.....	11
Boone.....	4	Johnson.....	2
Brown.....	1	Kane.....	3
Bureau.....	6	Kendall.....	1
Calhoun.....	1	Knox.....	3
Carroll.....	3	LaSalle.....	7
Cass.....	4	Lee.....	4
Champaign.....	11	Livingston.....	7
Christian.....	1	Logan.....	3
Coles.....	3	McDonough.....	2
Cook.....	2	McHenry.....	1
Crawford.....	1	McLean.....	47
Cumberland.....	1	Macon.....	13
DeKalb.....	3	Macoupin.....	2
DeWitt.....	3	Madison.....	4
Douglas.....	5	Marion.....	3
DuPage.....	1	Marshall.....	4
Edgar.....	4	Mason.....	3
Effingham.....	1	Mercer.....	1
Fayette.....	5	Montgomery.....	3
Ford.....	3	Morgan.....	3
Fulton.....	4	Moultrie.....	3
Greene.....	3	Ogle.....	2
Grundy.....	3	Perry.....	3
Hancock.....	2	Peoria.....	1
Henderson.....	3	Platt.....	4
Henry.....	5	Pike.....	6
Jefferson.....	3	Pulaski.....	1

Putnam.....	2	Vermilion.....	4
Randolph.....	1	Whiteside.....	2
Richland.....	1	Will.....	15
Rock Island.....	2	Winnebago.....	1
Sangamon.....	4	Woodford.....	13
St. Clair.....	2		
Scott.....	3		
Shelby.....	9	Arkansas.....	1
Stephenson.....	6	Indiana.....	2
Tazewell.....	15	Missouri.....	1
Union.....	1	Ohio.....	1

PRESENT TERM.

The number of counties represented is the same as for the fall term, although not exactly the same counties are represented. There are pupils here this term from seven States other than Illinois:

Adams.....	3	McLean.....	54
Boone.....	4	Macon.....	13
Brown.....	1	Macoupin.....	1
Bureau.....	5	Madison.....	7
Calhoun.....	1	Marion.....	4
Carroll.....	4	Marshall.....	3
Cass.....	4	Mason.....	4
Champaign.....	11	Mercer.....	1
Christian.....	1	Montgomery.....	5
Coles.....	3	Morgan.....	2
Cook.....	3	Moultrie.....	2
Cumberland.....	1	Ogle.....	2
DeKalb.....	3	Peoria.....	1
DeWitt.....	3	Perry.....	3
Douglas.....	5	Piatt.....	4
DuPage.....	1	Pike.....	6
Edgar.....	4	Putnam.....	3
Effingham.....	1	Randolph.....	1
Fayette.....	5	Richland.....	1
Ford.....	3	Rock Island.....	3
Fulton.....	4	St. Clair.....	5
Greene.....	1	Sangamon.....	6
Grundy.....	5	Scott.....	5
Hancock.....	3	Shelby.....	10
Henderson.....	3	Stephenson.....	6
Henry.....	4	Tazewell.....	18
Iroquois.....	2	Union.....	1
Jackson.....	1	Vermilion.....	3
Jefferson.....	3	Whiteside.....	3
JoDavies.....	8	Will.....	12
Johnson.....	2	Winnebago.....	2
Kane.....	2	Woodford.....	21
Kendall.....	1		
Knox.....	2	Arkansas.....	1
LaSalle.....	7	California.....	1
Lee.....	2	Indiana.....	1
Livingston.....	10	Minnesota.....	1
Logan.....	5	Missouri.....	2
McDonough.....	2	Ohio.....	1
McHenry.....	1	Texas.....	1

THE NEW CLASSES.

The number of persons applying for admission to the Normal Department has been somewhat greater than one year ago. During the fall term, two hundred and twenty-four applied, of whom sixty-five, more than one-fourth, were rejected on examination. Most of those who were rejected entered our preparatory class; and a good number of them have passed into the Normal school this term.

The following table shows the statistics for

THE FALL CLASS.

	Applied.	Rejected.	Received.
Ladies.....	168	53	115
Gentlemen.....	56	12	44
Total.....	224	65	159

Three ladies and four gentlemen who were admitted left too soon to be counted in our enrollment. Those admitted represented fifty-eight counties,—exactly the number represented by the class which entered one year ago.

Adams.....	1	McHenry.....	1
Bureau.....	4	McLean.....	16
Calhoun.....	1	Macon.....	11
Carroll.....	1	Macoupin.....	1
Cass.....	1	Madison.....	4
Champaign.....	7	Marion.....	2
Coles.....	2	Marshall.....	1
Cook.....	2	Mason.....	2
Crawford.....	1	Montgomery.....	3
DeKalb.....	3	Moultrie.....	2
Douglas.....	2	Ogle.....	1
DuPage.....	1	Peoria.....	4
Edgar.....	3	Perry.....	3
Fayette.....	7	Piatt.....	2
Ford.....	1	Pike.....	5
Fulton.....	4	Putnam.....	1
Greene.....	1	Randolph.....	1
Grundy.....	1	Richland.....	1
Hancock.....	2	Sangamon.....	2
Henderson.....	1	Scott.....	1
Henry.....	2	Shelby.....	2
Jefferson.....	1	Stephenson.....	3
Jo Daviess.....	5	Tazewell.....	5
Kane.....	1	Union.....	1
Knox.....	1	Vermilion.....	3
LaSalle.....	2	Whiteside.....	2
Lee.....	3	Will.....	10
Livingston.....	3	Woodford.....	1
Logan.....	1	Arkansas.....	1
McDonough.....	1	Missouri.....	1

The statistics of the

LAST CLASS.

are as follows:

	Applied.	Rejected.	Received.
Ladies.....	45	2	43
Gentlemen.....	25	7	18
Total.....	70	9	61

Two young men left before the end of four weeks. Those admitted represent twenty-three counties, as follows:

Bureau.....	2	Peoria.....	1
Carroll.....	1	Putnam.....	1
Edgar.....	1	Rock Island.....	1
Ford.....	1	St. Clair.....	3
Fulton.....	1	Sangamon.....	1
Grundy.....	2	Shelby.....	1
Hancock.....	2	Tazewell.....	4
Iroquois.....	2	Will.....	1
Jo Daviess.....	1	Woodford.....	9
LaSalle.....	1		
Livingston.....	2	California.....	1
McLean.....	14	Minnesota.....	1
Madison.....	3	Missouri.....	1
Mason.....	2	Texas.....	1

Eight of the number reported from McLean pay tuition, not having reached the special standard, on examination.

THE SPECIAL SUMMER TERM.

The number attending the Teachers' term was slightly smaller than one year ago. All the faculty were present and gave instruction. I believe the work was fully equal in quality and quantity to that of any previous term; and, in the sciences, it was far better than ever before. Our enrollment, counting only such as were present six days or more, includes the names of one hundred and seventy-eight ladies and seventy-three gentlemen—total two hundred and fifty-one. Of this number, one hundred and seventeen ladies and forty gentlemen—about five-eighths of the whole number, had never taken part in the regular work of the school.

Thirty of the students at this term had never taught, but most of them are teaching this winter. One hundred and seventy-eight had taught less than five years; thirty-three had taught five years or more, but less than ten; ten had taught ten years or more. Fifty-nine counties were represented by members, as shown below:

Adams.....	6	McLean.....	61
Alexander.....	1	Macon.....	13
Boone.....	3	Macoupin.....	2
Bureau.....	6	Madison.....	2
Carroll.....	2	Mari n.....	3
Cass.....	2	Marshall.....	1
Champaign.....	1	Mason.....	6
Cook.....	4	Montgomery.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	Morgan.....	2
DeKalb.....	2	Moultrie.....	3
DeWitt.....	4	Ogle.....	1
DuPage.....	3	Peoria.....	1
Effingham.....	1	Piatt.....	3
Ford.....	3	Pike.....	1
Fulton.....	5	Putnam.....	2
Grundy.....	2	Randolph.....	1
Hancock.....	4	Rock Island.....	2
Henry.....	1	St. Clair.....	7
Iroquois.....	2	Sangamon.....	4
Jefferson.....	2	Scott.....	2
Jersey.....	1	Shelby.....	2
JoDavless.....	5	Stark.....	1
Kane.....	2	Stephenson.....	2
Kendall.....	1	Tazewell.....	5
Knox.....	1	Vermilion.....	2
LaSalle.....	14	Will.....	5
Lee.....	2	Winnebago.....	4
Livingston.....	3	Woodford.....	9
Logan.....	5	California.....	1
McDonough.....	8	Indiana.....	1
McHenry.....	3	Pennsylvania.....	1

The question has arisen as to the continuance of the special term, and it is submitted to you, for your decision, at this meeting. At its last session, our General Assembly passed a law putting the teachers' institutes' on a footing quite different from what they had before been in this State. The most convenient month for holding these institutes is August. At the late meeting of the county superintendents at Springfield, a call upon this board was made for some change in our arrangements which should leave the members of our faculty free to work in the county institutes in August. This combination of circumstances gives us a very different set of conditions from those which existed when the August term for teachers was established. What it is best to do in the matter is submitted to your wisdom for decision. After thinking the matter over carefully, I am prepared to express an opinion that only two courses of action are worthy of consideration: One is to adhere to our present plan; the other is to restore our regular course of study and our calendar to what they were before the summer term was established, and leave the faculty free to make such arrangements as they may choose, for work in the county institutes, during July and August.

THE NEW TEACHERS.

At your last meeting, you appointed Mr. Rudolph R. Reeder to the place vacated by Mr. DeGanno. Subsequently, your Committee on Teachers and Salaries, at my suggestion, appointed Miss S. Annette Bowman to take the place vacated by Miss Miller, on the same terms and at the same salary as in the case of Miss Miller. The same committee appointed Mr. Herbert J. Barton as Principal of the High School. You also, at your last meeting, authorized the same committee to employ an additional teacher. Early in the fall term, by the sanction of that committee, I employed Miss Alice C. McCormick, at a salary of fifty dollars for each four weeks of service. She has been engaged in hearing classes from the High School and from the Normal School, and also in assisting me, to some extent, in the general details of management.

It will thus be seen that an unusually large number of new teachers has been working with us since the first of September. And it gives me great pleasure to say that I think we have made an excellent choice in every case.

FINANCES.

It is only by the closest economy that we can make our available means cover our expenses. Were it not for the large income from tuition, it would be absolutely necessary to retrench. As it is, I think we shall have no deficit unless some unexpected misfortune should overtake us.

REPAIRS, ETC.

It is to be hoped that, by careful economy, a surplus may be found sufficient to make some needed repairs and improvements during the summer vacation, or sooner. The walls need some repairs and improvements, some of the black boards need attention, and the out-houses need the improvements that you have ordered already. It is reported that one of the Bloomington gas companies will lay its mains out to Normal during the

coming season. In that case, I hope that we may be able to secure a method of lighting the building that shall be less hazardous than the present. When I contemplate the risk of fire that we are now running, I sometimes become very nervous; and the recent misfortune of the institution at Carbondale does not tend to allay my apprehension. I would suggest that it may be best, at the present session, to put this matter into the hands of a committee.

LIBRARY.

I have drawn only four hundred dollars of the five hundred appropriated at your last meeting for the increase of the library, and about forty dollars of what I have drawn is still in my hands. I think there will be no need of an additional appropriation at this session. Part of the sum that I have spent has been used in the purchase of reference books, and a part in increasing the general library by the addition of excellent literature. I see among our students a growing interest in our library, and an increasing use of the books. We are preparing to print a catalogue, in accordance with the vote passed at your last meeting, but it is not yet completed.

MODEL DEPARTMENT.

Under our new teachers, all the grades of our model school appear to retain their popularity and efficiency. The large attendance fits the school to serve its purpose excellently well, as an essential auxiliary to our main work, and at the same time it furnishes a very important source of revenue. Since your last meeting, I have collected for tuition, and paid to your treasurer, thirty-four hundred ninety-five dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3,495.61). It is to be hoped that this department may maintain its efficiency in all its grades.

REPORTS.

From Professors Cook and Seymour I submit reports concerning the work and expenditure of funds in their departments, as follows:

PRES. E. C. HEWETT:

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, Jan. 15, 1884.

SIR—I submit herewith a statement of the condition of the physical apparatus fund, showing a balance on hand of three dollars and forty-one cents. I desire an appropriation of fifty dollars for the department of physics for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK.

E. C. HEWETT, *President Illinois Normal University:*

SIR—I herewith submit a report of the expenses of the laboratory from May 30, 1883, to Jan. 16, 1884:

Balance on hand May 30, 1883	\$0 41
Received from State Board by appropriation	350 00
" " tuition in August term	24 00
" " different sources	17 01
Total	\$391 42
Money disbursed as per vouchers from 1 to 62, inclusive	390 11
Balance on hand	\$1 31

An itemized account of all debits and credits accompanies this report, together with vouchers for all moneys expended.

For the prosecution of science work until the next semi-annual meeting of the Board of Education, I believe sixty-five dollars will be needed.

Your attention is respectfully called to the following statements concerning the science work in August last:

The class in chemistry numbered fourteen, eight of whom paid tuition.

The tuition students took laboratory practice, working faithfully and methodically from four to six hours each day.

The classes in botany numbered about forty, fifteen of whom did special analysis work under the guidance of an assistant.

The classes in physiology and zoölogy numbered about seventy. The majority in these classes did special dissecting work, persisting in the study of structures to an extent not equalled in either of the two preceding August terms.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. SEYMOUR,

Teacher Nat. Science, Ill. Nor. Univ.

NEW BOOKS.

I am publishing, through Messrs. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., the lessons that I have given the classes on the theory and practice of teaching. The title of the book will be "Pedagogy for Young Teachers." Messrs. George Sherwood & Co. are publishing English grammars for Mrs. Haynie. We desire to use these books with our classes next term, and we respectfully ask that you will adopt them for that purpose.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, allow me to express my personal gratification in the work and prospects of our institution. We feel that we are doing our work fairly well—that, on the whole, we are gaining strength and making substantial improvement. As ever before, we are tenacious to "hold fast that which is good," and, at the same time, we hold ourselves ready to adopt anything which gives clear evidence of being an improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. HEWETT, President.

NORMAL, January 15, 1884.

Mr. Roots being the only member of the committee on Auditing and Finance present, Messrs. Dodge and Slade were appointed to assist him in the work of the committee.

The committee on Auditing and Finance reported on the Treasurer's report as follows:

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, from May 30, 1883, to January 14, 1884, inclusive, would respectfully report that they have examined the said report, and the vouchers accompanying the same, showing receipts from all sources, including balance on hand at date of last report to be \$31,192.53, and total disbursements, as shown by vouchers, to be \$22,356.27, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,836.26, of which amount \$8,001.76 belongs to the general fund, and \$834.50 belongs to the land fund.

Your committee recommend that said report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. ROOTS,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Your committee would further report that on examination of the report of Thomas Slade, resident member, as to funds collected by him and deposited with the Treasurer, that a deposit of \$17.50, June 11, 1883, does not appear on the Treasurer's report, which on inquiry seems to be the result of the negligence of the bank in failing to make an entry of the same on the Treasurer's books, which error and omission will be rectified in the next report of the Treasurer.

B. G. ROOTS,

THOS. SLADE,

B. L. DODGE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., January 14, 1884.

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

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit my report as Treasurer of your honorable body, showing the amount of receipts from all sources since May 30, 1883, the date of last report; also the amount paid out and vouchers for the same. For details of amounts received and paid out you are most respectfully referred to accompanying sheets of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

THOMAS F. MITCHELL—

In account with BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Date.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
1883.		
May 30	To this amount balance general fund on hand	\$5,492 25
" 30	balance land fund on hand	834 50
July 27	State Treasury	6,948 39
Aug. 29	E. C. Hewett	851 03
Sept. 28	E. C. Hewett	790 50
Oct. 5	State Treasurer	5,998 39
" 22	E. C. Hewett	950 00
Dec. 1	State Treasurer	1,000 00
" 15	Thomas Slade (rent)	525 00
" 19	E. C. Hewett	500 00
1884.		
Jan. 5	State Treasurer	6,948 39
" 12	E. C. Hewett	854 08
" 14	Total receipts, including balance	\$31,192 53
" 14	Total amount paid out as per vouchers	22,356 27
	Total balance on hand January 14, 1884	\$8,836 26

January 14, the above balance consists of

This amount, balance general fund	\$8,001 76
land fund	834 50
Second total balance	\$8,836 26

Thomas F. Mitchell, Treasurer, by vouchers paid :

No.	In whose favor drawn.	Amount.
1883		
823	Henry Raab	\$8 90
816	E. A. Gastman	10 00
815	Rufus Cope	15 00
821	B. G. Roots	25 00
822	P. B. Walker	10 00
820	W. H. Green	32 00
819	J. C. Knickerbocker	25 00
818	H. S. Comstock	25 00
818a	H. L. Boltwood	8 00
817	R. Edwards	10 00
814	B. L. Dodge	20 00
813	George Howland	12 00
809	B. L. Dodge	15 00
871	Henry Raab	3 00
872	B. G. Roots	16 00
867	E. A. Gastman	5 00
868	George Howland	12 00
866	W. H. Green	25 00
870	P. B. Walker	10 00
873	H. L. Boltwood	9 00
834	F. J. Philbrook	7 20
835	Mrs. S. E. Philbrook	18 67
831	G. G. Johnson	20 30
830	Johnson & Hall	11 39
847	Fitzwilliam & Son	13 65
858	George C. Champion	16 38
857	R. C. Rogers & Co	8 80
827	R. G. Rogers	45
861	S. A. Forbes	225 00
860	S. A. Forbes	750 00
840	R. Loudon	39 15
841	Robert Loudon	6 15
839	James Dodge	24 75
852	S. W. Stewart	24 80
838	F. Morrison	25 00
845	Amos Kemp	55 07
849	M. L. Seymour	43 71
837	Illinois School Journal	100 00
856	McLean Co. Coal Co	131 66
828	Funk & Lackey	55 25
846	G. H. Read & Bro.	16 00
836	M. L. Seymour	3 00
		30 50

Treasurer's Vouchers—Continued.

No.	In whose favor drawn.	Amount.
1883		
832	D. W. Reid	\$63 92
826	Miss R. Miller	115 41
824	Thomas Slade	150 00
825	E. C. Hewett	400 00
846	J. Sweeting	1 50
853	McNeil & Yoder	8 55
843	Normal Book and News Co.	3 43
850	J. H. Dodge	8 00
854	J. H. Yoder & Co.	12 45
855	S. A. Maxwell & Co	29 07
833	Central Telephone Co.	25 00
848	J. Blackburn	4 50
865	E. C. Hewett	200 00
863	E. C. Hewett	1,788 38
829	State Register	60 00
864	Bloomington Bulletin	145 00
862	S. A. Forbes	25 00
812	E. C. Hewett	1,882 19
851	Pantagraph	21 99
874	S. A. Forbes	750 00
875	M. L. Seymour	100 00
882	Thomas Slade	100 00
881	S. A. Forbes	800 00
883	Cooper & Co.	64 00
880	E. C. Hewett	1,863 35
877	McLean Co. Coal Co.	607 19
878	Geo. T. Root	175 00
876	Edwin C. Hewett	1,738 29
879	M. L. Seymour	150 00
891	S. A. Forbes	350 00
890	E. C. Hewett	1,946 68
892	E. C. Hewett	1,946 70
885	E. C. Hewett	1,946 70
884	T. W. Belcham	55 00
888	S. A. Forbes	600 00
889	E. C. Hewett	1,946 62
886	E. C. Hewett	200 00
887	S. A. Forbes	150 00
Total amount paid out as per vouchers		\$22,356 27

On motion of Mr. Comstock, seconded by Mr. Walker, the report of the committee was received and adopted.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries reported as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries beg leave to report, that in accordance with your direction at the May meeting, of this Board, we have filled the vacancy of the principal of the high school by the appointment of Prof. Herbert J. Barton, at a salary of \$1,800 per year.

We have also appointed Miss S. Agnes Bowman as a teacher in drawing, at a salary of \$600 per year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Rosalie Miller.

We have also visited the rooms, and witnessed the recitations conducted by the newly appointed teachers, and also several other rooms and classes in the University, and we take great pleasure in stating that we were highly pleased with the evidences of the *earnest, efficient, thorough* work performed by each and all of them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS,
E. A. GASTMAN,
H. S. COMSTOCK,

Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

Mr. Raab moved that the appointments made by the committee be ratified. Mr. Roots seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Text Books and Course of Study, was,

On motion of Mr. Comstock, seconded by Mr. Raab, adopted:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction would recommend that in the general course of study for high school grade, Latin be required the first and second years, and if modern languages are substituted in the third and fourth years, German be required two years and French one, or French two years and German one.

The committee would also recommend that United States History be added to the list of studies, in which candidates for admission are required to pass an examination.

The committee suggests that in the normal course, United States History be required the third term, and general history the fourth and fifth terms.

We also recommend that White's Arithmetic be substituted for Ray's.

B. L. DODGE,

P. R. WALKER,

Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction.

The following reports submitted by the Committee on Auditing and Finance were presented, and,

On motion Mr. Raab, seconded by Mr. Comstock, adopted:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account current of the State Laboratory of Natural History, for the quarter ending June 30, 1883, with thirty-nine vouchers, showing a balance on hand of \$391.29, and find the same correct and recommend that it be approved.

Also for the quarter ending September 30, 1883, 38 vouchers, balance.....	\$221 40
And for the quarter ending December 31, 1883, 33 vouchers, balance	334 72

Extraordinary expenses of State Laboratory of Natural Science, six months ending June 30, 1883, 21 vouchers, balance.....	4 39
Six months ending December 31, 1883, 21 vouchers, balance	66

B. G. ROOTS,

THOS. SLADE,

B. L. DODGE,

Committee.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account current of the Physical Apparatus Fund, with four vouchers, showing a balance of \$3.41 on hand, and find the same correct, and recommend that it be approved. Committee recommends an appropriation of \$50 to be placed to the credit of said fund.

Also, the account current of Prof. Seymour, teacher of Natural Science, with sixty-two vouchers, showing a balance of \$0 90.

Your committee would recommend that there be placed to Chemical and Botanical Laboratory a contingent fund of \$65, as asked for by Prof. Seymour.

B. G. ROOTS,

THOS. SLADE,

B. L. DODGE.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance report that they have examined the accompanying account current of the Library Fund, as reported by President Hewitt, with sixteen vouchers, showing a balance of \$38.44, and find the same correct, and would recommend that the same be approved.

Also, the account of the President with the contingent fund, accompanied by vouchers numbering from 1 to 84 inclusive, showing a balance on hand of \$2.48, and find the same correct, and recommend that said account be approved.

B. G. ROOTS,
THOS. SLADE,
B. L. DODGE.

To the State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee, to whom is referred the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to moneys collected and paid into the treasury of the University, would report that they have examined the same and the accompanying vouchers 1 to 5, and find the same correct; that he has collected the sum of \$600.25, as per said report stated, and has paid the same into the treasury of the University, as appears by receipts therefor, by Thos. F. Mitchell, your Treasurer. Your committee would recommend that the same be approved.

B. G. ROOTS,
B. L. DODGE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Thos. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with the contingent fund placed to his credit for repairs and incidental expenses in and about the building and grounds of the University, together with the accompanying vouchers numbered from 1 to 4 inclusive, showing a balance in his hands of \$81.57, and find the same correct, and would recommend that the same be approved.

B. G. ROOTS,
B. L. DODGE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance submitted the following report, which was,

On motion of Mr. Comstock, seconded by Mr. Walker, adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Roots, Boltwood, Edwards, Gastman, Slade, Dodge, Comstock and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Green, Donahue, Cope, Lesem and Knickerbocker.

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying bills, numbered 1 to 35 inclusive, amounting to the sum of \$1,191.70, and find the same correct. Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

B. G. ROOTS,
THOS. SLADE,
B. L. DODGE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BILLS.
JANUARY MEETING.

No.	To whom payable.	Amount.
1	Funk & Lackey, janitor's supplies.....	\$31 35
2	Illinois School Journal, advertising.....	50 00
3	J. H. Mellish, repairs and clock.....	8 75
4	J. Blackburn, repairs.....	3 82
5	Fitzwilliam & Sons, carpet and janitor's supplies.....	22 47
6	W. W. Marmon, janitor's supplies.....	7 00
7	Central Telephone Company, telephone.....	35 00
8	R. Loudon, repairs.....	54 72
9	Cooper & Co., supplies.....	10 70
10	N. P. Perry, furniture.....	104 10
11	Harwood Bros. & Co., janitor's supplies.....	27 67
12	N. Dietrich, repairs.....	3 00
13	Leader Co., advertising and supplies.....	24 95
14	R. C. Rogers & Co., supplies.....	8 10
15	T. W. Belcham, repairs.....	37 25
16	Pantagraph, advertising and supplies.....	52 45
17	Book and News Co., supplies.....	24 06
18	Yoder & Co., supplies.....	12 35
19	F. J. Philbrook, supplies.....	6 85
20	S. E. Philbrook, labor.....	24 50
21	Wm. Richardson, labor.....	1 50
22	H. C. Jones, labor.....	1 50
23	Chas. Ketelson, labor.....	4 50
24	S. W. Stewart, labor.....	20 00
25	Geo. Champion, supplies.....	8 61
26	L. Messick, supplies.....	56 50
27	James Dodge.....	15 20
28	James Dodge.....	20 05
29	Holder, Milner & Co.....	100 00
30	Frank Morrison.....	184 07
31	Evans Bros.....	18 05
32	S. A. Forbes.....	40 04
33	Chas. Dodge.....	50 99
34	John R. Dodge.....	66 45
35	R. Loudon.....	55 15
Total.....		\$1,191 70

On motion of Mr. Gastman, seconded by Mr. Comstock, the following report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was received:

To the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds would respectfully report that since the last meeting of the Board your committee, as authorized by the Board, has thoroughly repaired and repainted, at a cost of \$175, the roof of the building. Your committee would recommend that it be authorized to repaint as soon as the weather becomes settled in the spring, the roofs of the verandas on the north and south sides of the same.

RADIATOR FOR THE SOCIETY HALLS.

Your Committee would also report that, as authorized at the last meeting of the Board, they have placed in each of the Society Halls a steam radiator for heating purposes, and made proper connections with the boiler which supplies steam to the steam coils used for heating fresh air for said halls—cost of radiator and connections, \$102.

CHANGING THE PRIMARY ROOM.

At the earnest request of the principal of the primary school, your Committee have fitted up the southwest corner room, recently converted from one of the gentlemen's dressing rooms to a recitation room for the primary school, and fitted up the old primary room as a recitation room for observation work. This change we deemed advisable for the reason that said southwest corner room was a much more light, sunny and cheerful room, and in every way better fitted for the little folks to occupy as a school room. The chief expense was the transfer of the furniture from one room to the other.

WEST STEPS.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Board to the wretched and perhaps unsafe condition of the steps at the west entrance of this building. Your Committee would recommend that they be early replaced by an iron flight similar to those on the north side of the building.

UNIVERSITY 100 ACRES.

Your Committee would call attention to the action of the last Legislature in reference to a part of what is known as the Normal University 100 acres, located on the west side of Main street, near the site of this University. There is now six months rent due for the use of the same from Augustine & Co., rent from June 1, 1883, to December 1, 1883. Mr. Bakewell claims his *pro rata* share of said rent of \$175, viz: 4-10 of the same.

Your Committee would ask for directions in this regard. The rent is ready to be paid by the tenant.

Your Committee would recommend in case of a conveyance by the Board to Mrs. Bakewell of the 40 acres claimed by her by virtue of said joint resolution passed by the last Legislature, that the old lease to Augustine & Co., now four years to run, be taken up and canceled, and a new lease be made to said tenant for that portion of the land remaining in the Board after such conveyance to said Mrs. Bakewell, if such conveyance be made.

Your Committee would report that when they renewed said lease to Augustine & Co., they took the precaution to provide for a possible action of the Legislature, such as has been taken, and that the tenant took the chance of such action by the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to have the roof of the veranda painted and the stairs at the west entrance of the building replaced by a flight of iron ones. Mr. Raab seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Comstock moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to have the reception room papered and put in good repair, and that it be appropriated as the reception room of the University; also, to have the telephone transferred to the library room, and said room fitted up as a dressing room. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to have the outside doors of the University rehung so as to swing outward.

Mr. Gastman seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The Special Committee on the President's Address submitted the following report:

Your Committee on the President's Address recommend the following:

That the present winter term be lengthened one week, and that the spring term be lengthened two weeks, and that the special summer term be discontinued; also, that the school year hereafter shall consist of thirty-nine weeks.

That the teachers of the Normal School shall be under the direction of the State Superintendent of Instruction for one week of institute work during the mid-summer vacation, without additional compensation, except for expenses.

R. EDWARDS,
E. A. GASTMAN,
N. L. BOLTWOOD.

This report was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gastman, Comstock, Slade, Howland, Dodge, Boltwood, Edwards, Walker and Raab.

Noes—Mr. Roots.

Absent—Messrs. Green, Donahue, Cope, Lesem and Knickerbocker.

Mr. Edwards moved that a committee of the graduating class of 1884 be given an opportunity to address the Board at noon. Carried.

Mr. Edwards offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In November last the beautiful building of the Southern Normal University was consumed by fire, and that thus the institution has been greatly crippled in its very useful service in the cause of education; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender to the trustees and faculty and students of the Southern Normal University our hearty sympathy in this, their great calamity.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the promptness and unselfish energy exhibited by the citizens of Carbondale in furnishing temporary quarters for the University, thus making possible the continuance of the present session.

Resolved, That we join with all friends of education in the earnest hope that by the liberality of the State, the spacious building may be speedily restored.

On motion of Mr. Gastman, seconded by Mr. Walker, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Comstock, on behalf of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, moved that the keeping of the University bookstore be left to Mr. Hieronymus, a student of the Normal class. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Slade moved that the President of the Board be instructed to reconvey to Mrs. Julia E. Bakewell the forty acres of land west of the University, as called for by joint resolution of the thirty-third General Assembly.

Mr. Raab, seconded by Mr. Comstock, offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That this matter be referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Green, Cope and Knickerbocker, to report to the President at an early day, and that, if their decision be favorable to Mrs. Bakewell, the President execute the deed.

And the substitute was adopted.

Telegrams from Messrs. Green and Lesem were received and read.

The Committee of the Graduating Class then presented the following memorial:

We, the class of 1884, respectfully request the State Board of Education that, inasmuch as our class is small, we all be permitted to speak on commencement day; in other words, that we be granted four hours for our commencement exercises; or, if this be refused, that our class be represented on that day by one lady and one gentleman, chosen as you may direct, and the rest of the time be filled with such exercises as you judge best.

Respectfully submitted by the class.

L. MESSICK,
A. C. RISHEL,
ANNIE HENDERSON,
Committee.

Mr. Slade moved that \$400 be placed to the credit of the President of the University as a contingent fund.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gastman, Slade, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Edwards, Howland, Walker and Raab.

Noes—none.

Absent—Messrs. Green, Donahue, Cope, Lesem, Knickerbocker and Comstock.

Mr. Slade, seconded by Mr. Comstock, moved that all the members of the graduating class of 1884 be allowed to "speak" on commencement day. Lost.

Mr. Comstock then moved that the rule with regard to this matter adopted in January, 1883, be regarded as the rule of the Board.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The following corrections in the minutes of the Board, May 30, were made:

Page 16, line 20 from below, read \$66.83, instead of \$166.83; and page 17, line 20 from below, read 41 cents, instead of \$10.41.

Mr. Raab moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fourth quarterly installment of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, for the current year, the installment being the one-eighth part of the aggregate amount of the whole of the annual interest on the college and seminary fund, as provided by sections 1 and 2 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Illinois State University, at Normal," approved June 15, 1883, and in force July 1, 1883, together with the one-fourth part of the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500), as said installments become due and payable; and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fourth quarterly installment of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, for the current year, and for the improvement of the library thereof, as the same becomes due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the library thereof," approved June 25, 1883, and in force July 1, 1883; and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Mr. Gastman seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Mr. Edwards moved that, in conformity with the resolution of the Board passed to-day, the calendar of the University be changed as follows:

Meeting of the Board, June 18;

Commencement, June 19; and

Fall term begins September 8.

Mr. Dodge seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

A letter of Murphy & Bro., of Murphysboro, offering to buy some of the University lands in Jackson county, was referred to Mr. Green.

Mr. Gastman moved that \$750 be appropriated for the current expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History.

Mr. Boltwood seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gastman, Slade, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Edwards, Howland, Walker and Raab.

Noes—none.

Absent—Messrs. Green, Donahue, Cope, Lesem, Knickerbocker and Comstock.

The Treasurer of the Board was allowed \$12.50 for expenses incurred in behalf of the University, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gastman, Slade, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Edwards, Howland, Walker and Raab.

Noes—none.

Absent—Messrs. Green, Donahue, Cope, Lesem, Knickerbocker and Comstock.

President Hewett was instructed to procure some fire extinguishers. And the Board adjourned, to meet June 18, 1884.

GEO. HOWLAND, *President.*

HENRY RAAB, *Secretary.*