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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Regular Meeting, held at Normal, June 18, 1884.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
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.....	Court House, 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, Lesem.

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 reports.
5. Reports of special Committees.
6. Reports of standing Committees, in their order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
8. Unfinished business.
10. General business.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

-AT-

REGULAR MEETING, HELD JUNE 18, 1884.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., June 18, 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, E. A. Gastman, Thomas Slade, B. L. Dodge, H. S. Comstock, Rufus Cope, J. C. Knickerbocker, P. R. Walker and Henry Raab. Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Donahue and Lesem.

The minutes of the meetings held July 2, 1883, and January 16, 1884, were approved.

President Hewett read his report, which was, on motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Knickerbocker, adopted.

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

GENTLEMEN—It is my pleasant duty to report another year of honest and successful work, for the Institution under your care.

Our attendance for the present term in the several rooms is as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies.....	198	311
Gentlemen.....	113	

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies.....	35	82
Gentlemen.....	47	

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females.....	30	77
Males.....	47	

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	21	38
Boys.....	17	

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal Department.....	311	508
Model Department, all grades.....	197	
Total in the institution.....		

Comparing these figures with those for the corresponding term of last year, one is struck with the similarity. In no room does the number differ by so much as five from that of one year ago. The aggregate shows an excess of nine. In the Normal Department we have had representatives from seventy-five counties of the State—a number which, I think, we have never exceeded. These counties, with their representative numbers, are as follows:

Adams.....	4	McLean.....	51
Boone.....	3	Macon.....	10
Brown.....	1	Macoupin.....	1
Bureau.....	6	Madison.....	3
Carroll.....	4	Marion.....	4
Cass.....	3	Marshall.....	2
Champaign.....	7	Mason.....	2
Christian.....	1	Menard.....	3
Clinton.....	2	Morgan.....	1
Coles.....	2	Montgomery.....	9
Cook.....	3	Moultrie.....	1
Crawford.....	2	Monroe.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	Ogle.....	1
De Kalb.....	3	Peoria.....	3
De Witt.....	2	Piatt.....	7
Douglas.....	6	Pike.....	3
Du Page.....	1	Pulaski.....	1
Edgar.....	6	Putnam.....	1
Effingham.....	2	Randolph.....	1
Fayette.....	3	Richland.....	1
Ford.....	3	Rock Island.....	3
Fulton.....	6	Sangamon.....	7
Gallatin.....	1	Schuyler.....	1
Greene.....	1	Scott.....	1
Grundy.....	3	Shelby.....	11
Hancock.....	2	St. Clair.....	2
Henderson.....	2	Stephenson.....	3
Henry.....	2	Tazewell.....	15
Iroquois.....	1	Vermilion.....	5
Jefferson.....	2	Warren.....	1
Jo Daviess.....	5	Whiteside.....	2
Johnson.....	3	Will.....	10
Kane.....	2	Winnebago.....	1
Kendall.....	1	Woodford.....	16
Knox.....	4		
La Salle.....	5	California.....	1
Lee.....	1	Indiana.....	1
Livingston.....	7	Kansas.....	2
Logan.....	3	Minnesota.....	1
McDonough.....	4	Missouri.....	1
McHenry.....	1		

THE NEW CLASS.

The statistics of the class are as follows:

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	55	34	89
Rejected.....	11	1	12
Received.....	44	33	77
Left early, not counted.....	4	3	7

The seventy-seven who were admitted represent thirty-four counties, as follows:

Adams.....	2	Macon.....	1
Carroll.....	3	Mason.....	1
Clinton.....	2	Menard.....	3
Crawford.....	2	Monroe.....	1
Douglas.....	3	Montgomery.....	4
Edgar.....	2	Peoria.....	2
Effingham.....	1	Piatt.....	2
Ford.....	1	Pike.....	1
Fulton.....	5	Pulaski.....	1
Greene.....	1	Sangamon.....	2
Hancock.....	1	Schuyler.....	1
Iroquois.....	1	Shelby.....	4
Johnson.....	1	Tazewell.....	5
Knox.....	2	Vermilion.....	2
La Salle.....	1	Washington.....	1
Logan.....	2	Woodford.....	2
McDonough.....	1		
McLean.....	11	Kansas.....	2

Nine of the number credited to McLean County pay tuition, not having attained the special standard on examination.

I think the uniformity in attendance and in the representation from the counties, as it appears in these reports for a term of years, is something quite remarkable. I have no doubt, however, that the number attending could easily be doubled by advertising, and by working for that result in other ways. This does not seem to be desirable unless we can have an increase both of room and of teaching force. Our rooms have been crowded for several terms; but, thus far, we have not been obliged to reject any one simply because we had no room to receive him.

Regarding our

INTERNAL AFFAIRS,

there is but little to say. I am quite sure that we have never passed a year that has, in all respects, been more harmonious and pleasant. The health of teachers and pupils has been uniformly good, with very few exceptions. The students generally have shown a disposition to be diligent in their studies, and to comply cheerfully with our requirements; we have had no case of severe discipline.

OUR FACULTY

have been faithful to their duties, prompt, industrious and successful in their work. I repeat what I said in my last report, in regard to the efficiency and success of those members who have been with us only this year. I am not informed that any one of our present teachers proposes to leave us, at this time, a statement which it gives me great pleasure to make.

OUR SENIOR CLASS

numbers twenty-five, thirteen young women and twelve young men. All but one are to receive diplomas from the Normal Department. By unanimous vote of the faculty, we recommend for graduation, in this twenty-fifth class, the following named persons:

M. Emma Biggs.....	McLean	County.
Zella Campbell.....	Tazewell	"
Ella J. Caughey.....	Rock Island	"
Carrie A. Dillon.....	McLean	"
Clarissa E. Ela.....	McLean	"
Carrie M. Fuller.....	La Salle	"
Carrie A. Gifford.....	Grundy	"
Mary M. Hall.....	McLean	"
Annie Hendron.....	Woodford	"
Kate G. Lunger.....	Sangamon	"
Harriett M. Montgomery.....	Logan	"
Cora J. Walker.....	Livingston	"
Clara A. Whitcomb.....	McLean	"
Edward Aldrich.....	Christian	"
David H. Chaplin.....	McLean	"
Wm. D. Edmunds.....	Grundy	"
Nathan A. Harvey.....	Cumberland	"
William R. Heath.....	Boone	"
Leander Messick.....	Jo Daviess	"
Orris J. Milliken.....	Boone	"
Murray M. Morrison.....	Brown	"
Austin C. Rishel.....	La Salle	"
Orville T. Rogers.....	McLean	"
Monroe W. Utz.....	Georgetown, Indiana.	"
James C. Wood.....	Woodford	County.

Mr. Morrison who is a post-graduate of the Normal Department takes the diplomas of the General Course in the High School. Messrs. Aldrich and Messick are entitled to diplomas from the Classical Course of the High School, in addition to their diplomas from the Normal Department.

FINANCES.

Our financial reports will show a very small margin. On the first of October, we owed our Treasurer about seventeen hundred dollars; on the first of April, the deficit was more than fourteen hundred dollars. Without the greatest care, we shall close the year, at the end of this month, with a deficit. Our appropriation is not sufficient for our needs; and our condition would be much worse, were it not for the large income from tuition. During the present year, I have collected and paid over to our Treasurer, fifty-one hundred fifty-one 78-100 Dollars, (\$5,157 78). Of this sum, twenty-five hundred and ten Dollars (\$2510) have come from the High School, and twenty-one hundred forty-eight 93-100 Dollars. (\$2148 93) from the Grammar School.

On account of our slender resources, I have asked but one hundred dollars for our Library, at the present time. Quite a number of repairs are needed; but it seems to me that we are under the necessity of spending as little for repairs at present, as may be.

PROFESSIONAL WORK.

As I have before said, I regard the academic work done in the Normal Department as properly professional work. But we are emphasizing more and more that work of the school which is *strictly* professional. Pupils who cannot do all the work laid down in the course, are in no case excused from observation in the Primary School, from Theory and Practice, nor from their practice-teaching; they are excused from some of the academic studies instead.

And yet I am convinced that we are not doing as much strictly professional work as would be profitable; and I am seeking to enlarge this part of our work. I propose, next year, to spend some time personally with the senior class in practical exercises in illustrative and object teaching.

The air is full of talk about the "new" education. The meaning of the term is not very clearly defined; yet I am quite certain that it stands for some things of value. The problem to be solved is, in my opinion, to avail ourselves of all that is good in it, and still to adhere to the old methods of thorough drill in the several branches, sufficiently to insure fair scholarship as that term is commonly understood. This problem we shall labor to solve as completely as we can.

I have received many inquiries concerning the Summer school for teachers; the question of restoring it may be worth consideration at some future time.

I append reports from Professors Cook and Seymour.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT, President.

The reports of Profs. Cook and Seymour were referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The Treasurer's report was referred to the same committee.

The report of the Special Committee was deferred. The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction reported as follows:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction, would recommend that the work on Pedagogy by Pres. E. C. Hewett be added to the list of Text Books.

As the work on English Grammar, by Mrs. M. J. D. Haynie, has been in the possession of the Committee but a few days, we do not feel justified at present in making a report favorable to a change of text books in Grammar.

B. L. DODGE,

P. R. WALKER,

Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction.

Mr. Knickerbocker moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Gastman seconded the motion and it prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds showing the receipts from rents, was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance presented the following reports:

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report from January 14, 1884 to June 17, 188, inclusive, would respectfully report that they have examined the said report and the sixty vouchers accompanying the same, showing

receipts from all sources including balance on hand at last report to be \$18,170.35, total disbursements, \$14,285.11, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,885.24, of which amount \$3,050.74 belongs to the general fund and \$834.50 belongs to the land fund.

Your Committee recommended that said report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

WILLIAM H. GREEN,

B. G. ROOTS,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my semi-annual report showing the amounts received from all sources since the date of last report including the balance on hand at said date. Also the amount paid out and the vouchers therefor.

For a detailed statement of both amounts received and paid out you are respectfully referred to the accompanying sheets which are hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
Jan. 14	To this amount balance general fund.....	\$8,001 76
" 14	" " balance land fund.....	834 50
" 15	" " Thos. Slade, Grass sold.....	17 50
April 7	" " E. C. Hewett, Tuition Model School.....	1,000 00
" 9	" " State Treasury.....	6,948 39
May 1	" " E. C. Hewett, Tuition Model School.....	414 20
" 31	" " E. C. Hewett, Tuition Model School.....	200 00
June 14	" " E. C. Hewett, Tuition Model School.....	393 00
" 16	" " Thos. Slade, Rents.....	361 00
	Total receipts including balance Jan. 14th, 1884.....	\$18,170 35
	Total amount paid as per vouchers.....	\$14,285 11
	Total balance on hand June 17, 1884.....	\$3,885 24

The above balance consists of

This amount balance of general fund.....	\$3,050 74
land fund.....	834 50
Second total.....	\$3,885 24

Orders Paid (vouchers).

No.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
895	H. S. Comstock.....	\$27 00
896	E. A. Gastman.....	5 00
897	Henry Raab.....	5 00
898	George Howland.....	12 00
899	B. L. Dodge.....	20 00
900	P. R. Walker.....	10 00
894	R. Edwards.....	8 00
901	H. L. Boltwood.....	15 00
902	B. G. Roots.....	21 00
945	J. P. McElwain.....	22 11
944	S. A. Forbes.....	750 00
943	S. A. Forbes.....	200 00
942	E. C. Hewett, pay roll.....	1,946 63
941	E. C. Hewett.....	100 00
935	S. A. Forbes.....	40 04
922	Book and News Co.....	24 06
940	S. A. Forbes.....	400 00
919	B. C. Rogers & Co.....	8 10
909	J. Blackburn.....	3 82
927	H. C. Jones.....	1 50
939	E. C. Hewett, pay roll.....	1,946 62
918	Leader Co.....	24 95
925	S. E. Philbrook.....	24 50

Orders Paid (Vouchers)—Continued.

No.	To Whom Paid.	Amount.
1884	T. W. Belcham.....	
920	T. W. Belcham.....	\$37 25
916	Harwood Bros. & Co.....	27 67
934	Evans Bros.....	18 05
926	W. Richardson.....	1 50
932	James Dodge.....	15 20
933	James Dodge.....	20 05
921	Pantagraph.....	52 45
937	John R. Dodge.....	66 45
934	Holder Milner & Co.....	100 00
929	S. W. Stewart.....	20 00
938	R. Louden.....	55 15
913	R. Louden.....	54 72
917	N. Dietrich.....	3 00
915	N. P. Perry.....	104 10
930	Geo. Champion.....	8 61
931	L. Messick.....	56 50
928	Chas. Kettleon.....	4 50
935	Frank Morrison.....	184 07
923	Yoder & Co.....	12 35
924	F. J. Philbrook.....	6 85
914	Cooper & Co.....	10 70
908	J. H. Melluish.....	8 75
911	W. W. Marmon.....	7 00
912	Central Telephone Co.....	35 00
906	Funk & Lackey.....	31 35
910	Fitzwilliam & Son.....	22 47
907	Illinois School Journal.....	50 00
904	M. L. Seymour.....	65 00
903	J. W. Cook.....	50 00
905	E. C. Hewett.....	400 00
893	S. A. Forbes.....	350 00
946	E. C. Hewett, pay roll.....	1,946 70
936	Chas. Dodge.....	50 99
947	E. C. Hewett, pay roll.....	1,946 62
949	S. A. Forbes.....	600 00
948	E. C. Hewett, pay roll.....	1,946 68
950	S. A. Forbes.....	300 00
	Total amount paid out as per vouchers.....	\$14,285 11

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying current bills, numbered from 1 to 21 inclusive, amounting to the sum of \$830.34, and find the same correct. Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills, in payment of the same.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
B. G. ROOTS,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

No.	Bills June 16, 1884.	Amount.
1	Mrs. S. E. Philbrook, washing.....	\$ 23 15
2	Funk & Lackey, oil, paint, etc.....	20 18
3	Western Bank Note and Engraving Co., diplomas.....	97 00
4	Normal Book and News Co., printing.....	12 50
5	L. Messick, stationery and books.....	66 22
6	Illinois School Journal, advertising.....	50 00
7	George Champion, mouse traps.....	30
8	Jesse Blackburn, lumber, etc.....	18 22
9	The Pantagraph, advertising and printing.....	11 10
10	Watson Stewart, work.....	25 50
11	Robert Fell, brooms.....	15 90
12	Robert Shields, wall paper.....	39 89
13	Robert Thompson, upholstering.....	19 00
14	G. H. Read, hinges.....	26 00
15	Thomas Sylvester, labor.....	39 20
16	C. A. Schultz, desk.....	15 00
17	J. L. Beath, hand grenades.....	86 00
18	J. R. Dodge, material and work.....	144 83
19	James Dodge, locks and keys, screws, etc.....	27 45
20	Frank Morrison, plumbing.....	77 05
21	Harwood Bros. & Co., hardware.....	15 85
	Total.....	\$830 34

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the physical apparatus fund, with two vouchers showing receipts, including the balance on hand at last account, amounting to \$53.41, and disbursements amounting to \$20, leaving a balance on hand of \$33.41, which your committee are informed is sufficient for the ensuing six months.

Your committee recommend that said account be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
E. G. ROOTS,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the President of the University with the library fund, showing receipts, including the balance on hand at last account, amounting to \$138.44, and disbursements amounting to \$125.50, with fifteen vouchers, leaving a balance on hand of \$12.94.

Your committee recommend that said account be approved. Your committee further recommend that there be placed to the credit of the library fund for the ensuing six months \$100 in addition to said balance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
B. G. ROOTS,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

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 March 31, 1884, with twenty-six vouchers accompanying the same, showing receipts \$1,284.72, including the balance on hand December 31, 1883, and disbursements amounting to \$1,287.90, making an overdraft of \$3.18.

Your committee recommend that said account be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
B. G. ROOTS,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Professor M. L. Seymour, teacher of Natural Science, with 23 vouchers showing receipts including the balance on hand at last account amounting to \$66.40, disbursements amounting to \$63.15, showing a balance on hand amounting to \$3.25. Your Committee recommend that said account be approved.

Your Committee further recommend that there be placed to the credit of Prof. M. L. Seymour, for use in his department for the ensuing six months, the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars, exclusive of said balance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
B. G. ROOTS,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom is referred the report of Thomas Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to moneys collected by him and paid into the treasury of the University since his last report, at the January meeting of this Board, have examined the accompanying voucher, and find the said report correct, and that he has collected and paid into the treasury the sum of \$961, as stated in said report, as appears by receipts therefor by Thos. F. Mitchell, your Treasurer.

Your committee would recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
E. G. ROOTS,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Thomas 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 8 inclusive, showing a balance in his hands of \$46.83, and find the same correct, and recommend that said report and account be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
E. G. ROOTS,
WILLIAM GREEN,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the President of the University with the contingent fund, accompanied with seventy-four vouchers, showing receipts, including the balance on hand at last account, amounting to the sum of \$402.48, disbursements amounting to \$357.91, and leaving a balance on hand amounting to \$44.57.

Your committee recommend that said account be approved.

Your committee recommend that there be placed to the credit of the contingent fund for the ensuing six months the sum of \$400, in addition to said balance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
E. G. ROOTS,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Mr. Gastman moved that these reports of the Committee on Auditing and Finance be adopted. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Building and Grounds was presented and on motion of Mr. Dodge, seconded by Mr. Walker, adopted, as follows:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds would report as follows:

MEANS FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES.

Since the last meeting of the Board, as directed, your Committee has caused to be purchased ten dozen of Harden hand grenades, and has placed them in convenient places about the building, ready for incipient fires. These, with the water facilities about the Normal building, afford reasonable protection against destruction by fires.

DECORATING RECEPTION ROOM.

In obedience to the direction of the Board at its last meeting, your Committee has caused the reception room to be decorated, as the Board will see, and has removed the telephone to the lower "Library room" and has transferred the teachers' dressing room from this room to the Library on the same floor.

Your Committee would recommend that the wood work of the reception room be re-grained as soon as the finance of the Board will warrant the same, and would recommend that the steam radiator now in the room be transferred to a position between two of the south windows, and that a hat rack be purchased for use in this room.

CHANGING THE MAIN DOORS SO THEY WILL OPEN OUTWARD.

As directed by the Board at its last meeting, your Committee has caused the large entrance doors on the first floor, except the north door, also the two main doors in the large hall, also the east and west doors of the basement, to open outward, those in the hall and basement to open both ways, as the Board will see. If it is desirable that any further changes should be made in the other doors, especially in those of the assembly room and society halls, your Committee would like further direction of the Board in this regard.

RECEIVER FOR HOT WATER.

Your Committee would recommend that the Board authorize the purchase of a receiver for condensed steam. The present arrangement of passing the condensed steam into a receiver, a hot water cistern, below the ground and below the boilers, making it necessary for the steam pump to raise hot, often boiling water, several feet into the boilers, is not according to the most approved methods and is an unsafe proceeding, when it is known that a steam pump cannot always be depended on to pump and raise very hot or boiling water.

Your Committee would further report that they have postponed, on account of our low financial condition, the building of new privies, the erection of a new flight of iron steps at the east entrance and some other quite important improvements, but hope to reach them at an early day.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Gastman, Chairman of the Committee on State Laboratory of Natural History, made an informal report, and asked that, inasmuch as the other two members of the committee are absent, another member be added to the committee to put the report in form. Mr. Roots was thereupon added to the committee.

The Special Committee on Joint Resolution of the Thirty-third General Assembly, directing the Board to convey certain lands to Mrs. Julia A. Bakewell, reported as follows:

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the joint resolution of the Thirty-third General Assembly concerning the conveyance of certain land therein described to Julia A. Bakewell, having had the matter under consideration, respectfully report that while your committee entertain serious doubts of the power of the General Assembly to authorize or order any conveyance in the premises, your committee are of the opinion that the joint resolution is of no force or effect in the premises.

Your committee therefore recommend that the President of this Board and this Board decline to execute any deed or conveyance of the land described in said joint resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. GREEN,
RUFUS COPE,
J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
Special Committee on said Resolution.

Mr. Dodge moved that the resolution be adopted, and Mr. Raab seconded the motion.

Mr. Green moved that Mr. Bakewell be allowed to address the Board. Mr. Gastman seconded the motion, provided Mr. Green would consent that the time allowed Mr. Bakewell do not exceed fifteen minutes. Mr. Green consented to this and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bakewell then addressed the Board. After his departure the vote was taken on the resolution of the special committee, and resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Gastman, Knickerbocker, Green, Walker, Dodge, Roots and Raab.

Noes—Messrs. Comstock and Slade.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

Mr. Gastman moved that the defense of this case be left with the President and the special committee, with full power to act.

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

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries submitted the following reports:

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

GENTLEMEN—Owing to the straitened state of our finances, your committee deem it inadvisable to make any advances of teachers' salaries at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. COMSTOCK,
E. A. GASTMAN,
Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your committee would respectfully recommend that Prof. S. A. Forbes be requested to continue the work of the Laboratory of Natural History until June 30, 1885, but that he be granted leave of absence from January 1, 1885, without salary; that the collections in his hands be left in the hands of a custodian, who shall act under the direction of the curator, to be designated by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. COMSTOCK,
E. A. GASTMAN,
Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

Mr. Knickerbocker moved that these reports be adopted. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it prevailed.

The recommendation of the Committee on Auditing and Finance, that the sum of \$100 be placed to the credit of the Library fund, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Dodge, Roots, Slade, Walker and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

Mr. Walker moved that \$750 be appropriated for the purchase of fuel.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Dodge, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Slade, Walker, Roots and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Donahue and Lesem.

Mr. Dodge moved that the choice of a janitor be left in the hands of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Cope seconded the motion and it prevailed.

Mr. Raab submitted the following resolutions and moved their adoption.

Mr. Comstock seconded the motion and it prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Dodge, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Slade, Walker, Roots and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

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.

Mr. Dodge moved that \$100 be paid to Mr. Thomas Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as a compensation for his services during the year.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Dodge, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Slade, Walker, Roots and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

Mr. Gastman moved that \$750 be placed to the credit of the Laboratory fund.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Dodge, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Slade, Walker, Roots and Raab.

Noes—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

Mr. Slade moved that the assistant janitor be allowed \$35 a month.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Comstock, Dodge, Gastman, Green, Knickerbocker, Slade, Walker, Roots and Raab.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Lesem and Donahue.

Mr. Gastman submitted the following motion and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the Board declines to sell any of the Jackson County land, but that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to lease the same for a term not exceeding five years.

Mr. Knickerbocker seconded the motion and it was adopted.

And the Board adjourned.

GEORGE HOWLAND, *President*.

HENRY RAAB, *Secretary*.