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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

AT A

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 17, '96

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# Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

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## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

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

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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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 Dec. 2, 1896.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

## STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NORMAL, ILL., June 17, 1896.

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

Present, Messrs. Green, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Walker, Parker, Baily, Thornton and Mrs. Young.

Absent, Messrs. Inglis, Brady, Plain, Cook and Fitzgerald.

The Secretary being absent, on motion of P. R. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Ella F. Young, Charles I. Parker was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion of Charles I. Parker, seconded by Charles L. Capen, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer F. D. Marquis presented his report covering the last six months, with vouchers. Said report was as follows:

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—My last report as your Treasurer included December 3, 1895, and showed a balance on hand of \$3,073.28. The receipts have since amounted to \$74,632.97, from the following sources, viz.:

From the State Treasurer, for ordinary expenses.....	\$23,333 34
From building fund.....	40,000 00
From heating fund.....	7,000 00
From John W. Cook, tuition account.....	3,847 22
From John W. Cook, sale of old furniture.....	4 10
From rent of land.....	316 16
From interest on daily balances.....	132 15
Total.....	\$74,632 97

The disbursement has amounted to \$47,409.98, and is shown in detail by fifty vouchers which are a part of the report, and are returned herewith. The balance on hand at this time is \$30,296.27. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer*.

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer,**In Account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.*

		<i>Dr.</i>		
1895.				
Dec.	3	To balance .....		\$3,073 28
	5	" State Treasurer .....	\$2,902 84	
	13	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	170 00	
	31	" Old furniture, John W. Cook .....	4 10	
1896.				
Jan.	2	" Tuition, " .....	50 00	
	3	" State Treasurer, " .....	2,930 50	
	8	" Tuition, " .....	12 00	
	9	" " " " .....	16 50	
	10	" " " " .....	77 00	
	11	" " " " .....	12 00	
	13	" " " " .....	12 00	
	14	" " " " .....	24 00	
	16	" " " " .....	802 25	
	21	" " " " .....	12 00	
	28	" " " " .....	12 00	
	31	" " " " .....	181 00	
Feb.	6	" " " " .....	122 30	
	15	" " " " .....	200 00	
	17	" " " " .....	17 45	
	21	" State Treasurer .....	2,916 66	
March	10	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	350 00	
	14	" State Treasurer .....	2,916 66	
	19	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	177 72	
	31	" " " " .....	31 00	
April	1	" State Treasurer .....	2,916 68	
	2	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	250 00	
	11	" " " " .....	36 00	
	16	" " " " .....	24 25	
	16	" State Treasurer .....	8,750 00	
	22	" " " building fund .....	40,000 00	
	23	" " " heating fund .....	7,000 00	
	24	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	37 75	
	28	" " " " .....	12 00	
	29	" " " " .....	24 00	
	30	" " " " .....	68 00	
May	2	" " " " .....	40 00	
	5	" " " " .....	80 00	
	12	" " " " .....	16 00	
	19	" Augustine & Co., land rent .....	194 43	
	23	" Phoenix Nursery, land rent .....	121 73	
	27	" Tuition, John W. Cook .....	86 00	
June	1	" " " " .....	329 00	
	3	" " " " .....	25 00	
	5	" " " " .....	75 00	
	6	" " " " .....	50 00	
	10	" " " " .....	200 00	
	12	" " " " .....	55 00	
	15	" " " " .....	210 00	
	15	People's Bank, interest .....	132 15	
				74,632 97
				\$77,706 25
June	15	To balance .....		\$30,296 27

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer,**In Account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.*

No.	By Vouchers.		
<i>Cr.</i>			
2,207	Cook, John W. ....	\$2,902 84	
2,208	Public School Journal .....	50 00	
2,209	Kimbrough, E. R. E. ....	9 00	
2,210	Parker, Chas. I. ....	15 00	
2,211	Thornton, Chas. S. ....	15 00	
2,212	Doocy, Edward. ....	20 00	
2,213	Gastman, E. A. ....	10 00	
2,214	Fitzgerald, William H. ....	15 00	
2,215	Inglis, S. M. ....	10 00	
2,216	Brady, Matthew P. ....	15 00	
2,217	Walker, P. R. ....	20 00	
2,218	Bailey, J. L. ....	18 00	
2,219	Green, William H. ....	27 50	
2,220	Cunningham & Kofoid .....	100 85	
2,221	Stewart, Watson. ....	25 00	
2,222	American Book Co. ....	34 56	
2,223	Champion, Geo. ....	42 57	
2,224	Young, Ella F. ....	8 25	
2,225	Cook, John W. ....	2,913 39	
2,226	Brown, J. A. ....	50 00	
2,228	Cook, John W. ....	35 00	
2,228	Cook, John W. ....	250 00	
2,229	" " .....	150 00	
2,230	Colton, B. P. ....	254 87	
2,231	McLean County Coal Co. ....	2,943 28	
2,232	Cook, John W. ....	35 40	
2,233	Watson, Luke. ....	122 30	
2,234	Brown, J. A. ....	5 10	
2,235	Holdner, Milner & Co. ....	93 57	
2,236	Trotter, J. W. & G. ....	77 45	
2,237	White Manufacturing Co. ....	17 45	
2,238	Myers & Miller. ....	1,500 00	
2,239	Sullivan & McCarthy. ....	3,500 00	
2,240	" " .....	2,943 28	
2,241	Cook, John W. ....	350 00	
2,242	" " .....	250 00	
2,243	" " .....	2,933 89	
2,244	" " .....	646 71	
2,245	McLean County Coal Co. ....	39 55	
2,246	Cole Bros. ....	43 97	
2,247	Morrison, Frank. ....	35 45	
2,248	London, R. ....	15 00	
2,249	First Congregational Church, Normal .....	25 00	
2,250	Sylvester, Thomas. ....	38 47	
2,251	Warner & Richardson. ....	10 00	
2,252	Baptist Church, Normal. ....	2,922 23	
2,254	Cook, John W. ....	150 00	
2,256	Colton, B. P. ....	8,512 68	
2,257	Yeager, M. & Son. ....	2,899 83	
2,258	Cook, John W. ....	9,992 49	
2,259	Yeager, M. & Son. ....		
	Balance .....		\$47,409 98
			30,396 27
			\$77,706 25

President J. W. Cook read his report, and, by motion, said report was received, and the respective parts were referred to the appropriate committees.

The following is the report of President John W. Cook:

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:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Ladies .....	427	392
Gentlemen.....	179	157
Totals.....	606	549

PRACTICE SCHOOL.

*Grammar Department.*

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Girls .....	44	32
Boys.....	60	43
Totals.....	104	75

*Intermediate Department.*

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Girls.....	53	61
Boys.....	52	57
Totals.....	105	118

*Primary Department.*

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Girls.....	39	37
Boys.....	47	56
Totals.....	86	93
Aggregates of attendance.....	901	895



The following table shows the attendance by counties for the same terms:

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Adams .....	3	3
Bond .....	.....	1
Bureau .....	7	6
Carroll .....	6	6
Champaign .....	8	9
Christian .....	15	13
Clinton .....	3	2
Coles .....	10	6
Cook .....	9	10
Crawford .....	3	5
Cumberland .....	1	1
DeKalb .....	11	11
DeWitt .....	11	8
Douglas .....	5	6
DuPage .....	1	1
Edgar .....	3	2
Edwards .....	.....	1
Efingham .....	.....	1
Fayette .....	2	2
Ford .....	7	5
Fulton .....	9	9
Gallatin .....	1	1
Grundy .....	3	4
Hamilton .....	2	2
Hancock .....	8	6
Henderson .....	4	4
Henry .....	7	9
Iroquois .....	10	7
Jasper .....	.....	1
Jefferson .....	1	2
Jersey .....	1	1
Jo Daviess .....	4	2
Kane .....	1	2
Kankakee .....	3	2
Kendall .....	2	4
Knox .....	2	2
Lake .....	5	5
LaSalle .....	17	16
Lawrence .....	.....	1
Lee .....	1	2
Livingston .....	10	9
Logan .....	6	4
McDonough .....	2	1
McHenry .....	8	5
*McLean .....	39	48
Macon .....	20	16
Macoupin .....	6	3
Madison .....	10	13
Marion .....	7	7
Marshall .....	7	7
Mason .....	4	3
Menard .....	1	.....
Mercer .....	6	4
Monroe .....	2	1
Montgomery .....	4	5
Morgan .....	.....	1
Moultrie .....	3	1
Ogle .....	7	9
Peoria .....	8	7
Perry .....	1	1
Piatt .....	9	4
Pike .....	15	11
Pope .....	5	6
Putnam .....	11	8
Randolph .....	.....	1
Richland .....	2	2
Rock Island .....	15	10
St. Clair .....	16	13
Sangamon .....	9	6
Schnyler .....	3	2
Scott .....	1	1
Shelby .....	13	13
Stark .....	3	3
Stephenson .....	1	3
Tazewell .....	20	20
Vermillion .....	18	18

## Attendance by Counties—Concluded.

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Warren .....	9	6
Washington .....	1	1
Wayne .....	1	.....
White .....	1	1
Whiteside .....	6	5
Will .....	7	7
Winneshago .....	2	2
Woodford .....	11	11

\* Seventy-three additional students from McLean county paid tuition for winter term, and 61 for the spring term.

## OTHER STATES.

	Winter term.	Spring term.
Arkansas .....	1	1
Colorado .....	1	1
Indiana .....	1	2
Iowa .....	1	2
Kansas .....	1	.....
Missouri .....	3	1
Montana .....	1	1
Ohio .....	1	1
Virginia .....	1	.....

## Statistics of entering classes for winter and spring terms:

	WINTER TERM.			SPRING TERM.		
	Women	Men.	Total.	Women	Men.	Total.
Applicants.....	45	24	69	51	9	60
Rejected .....	.....	3	3	4	.....	4
Admitted.....	45	21	66	47	9	56
By high school diploma.....	14	2	16	13	1	14
By appointment of county superintendent.....	3	5	8	13	1	14
By first grade certificate .....	1	.....	1	3	1	4
By promotion from preparatory department.....	17	7	24	9	2	11
By examination.....	10	7	17	8	3	11
From other state normals .....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2

## THE FACULTY.

I regret to be obliged to announce the temporary withdrawal from our faculty of Dr. Charles A. McMurry. I trust that the Board will see fit to extend to him a leave of absence of one year, trusting that he may rejoin us after spending a period at the Chicago University, for the purpose of working out certain lines, which his close occupation here will not permit him to do. I feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. McMurry. He has done a great work for us, and consequently for the people of the State. He has not only been active in his supervision of the practice teachers under his charge, but he has done no small amount of work in various parts of the State. Since he took charge of the Practice School, we have been able to organize it with a fair degree of thoroughness, and also to unify its work from the lowest grade to the highest. Our practice work has also been greatly strengthened, as excellent monographs on the various subjects of instruction prepared by Dr. McMurry have been put into the hands of the Normal students, and have served them as guides in the immediate work of instruction.

I trust that he has found his stay with us so agreeable that he will conclude to return at the end of the year. The gentleman, whom the committee on teachers will nominate to fill the vacancy thus caused, comes with the understanding that Dr. McMurry may return at the end of the year.

I have also to announce the resignation of Miss Mary R. Potter, assistant in Latin and Greek. Miss Potter has now been with us for four years. She joined our Faculty immediately after her graduation from the Northwestern University. She has succeeded admirably, but desires to pursue her studies further, and so leaves us for university work in the east. I shall deem it of material advantage to the institution to have her services again, and I trust that we may be so fortunate. I have no one as yet to recommend as her successor, and I respectfully request the Board to instruct the committee on teachers to fill this position later.

We have employed Miss Potter only a portion of the day, but the number of students in the four-year course is increasing so rapidly, that it will be necessary to secure a teacher who can put in the entire day, thus relieving Mr. Manchester somewhat, who has been excessively burdened all of the year.

I am very much gratified to be able to report that the rest of our teachers will remain. I cannot too highly commend their unqualified devotion to their work, and it is a matter of special congratulation that entire harmony prevails, as it has always prevailed, among the teachers of the institution. I can think of no situation more lamentable than that an element of discord should enter the faculty of an educational institution.

#### THE FOUR-YEAR COURSE.

The members of the Board will remember that it became necessary to reorganize somewhat our course of study on account of the closing of the High School. The course arranged immediately after the adjournment of the Board by the committee empowered to perform that task, has been tried. It has worked admirably with slight exceptions. I have taken the liberty to make some changes in the time at which some of the subjects come, in order to relieve the pressure upon some of our classes. These changes are immaterial so far as subject matter is concerned.

A large number of students have enrolled in this course, and the number has been constantly increasing during the year. The indications now are that it will be the popular course of study. I regard this as a matter of great importance. The change has been brought about especially by the abandonment of the High School, and the introduction of its work into the work of the Normal course. I have always felt that our course was too short for the best results, and consequently I look with satisfaction upon the change that is coming about slowly but surely.

#### THE CLOSING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The closing of the High School gave us the room formerly occupied by that department for the use of the Normal students. It would not have been possible to receive the students who have come to us this year, and to have given them anything like comfortable quarters, if we had not had this room. Notwithstanding the fact that we seated 175 Normal students in that assembly room during the winter term, we were much overcrowded in the old assembly room, and barely had space to seat all of our Normal students during the spring term.

The institution now has but one purpose, viz, the preparation of teachers. One spirit, and only one, moves every student who enters the institution for the first time. It has been very interesting, indeed, to note the growth of this professional spirit. We have especially emphasized certain new features this year, and they doubtless are responsible in part

for this added zest for professional work, but it is in large part attributable to the fact that there is no longer any divided interest.

On account of the abandonment of the High School, there were a number of students who were very much bothered by the fact that their course was incomplete. I felt that we were under moral obligations, at least, to permit them to return and graduate if they desired to do so. A few returned and have been with us during the year. Several of them will receive their diplomas on Thursday. No new applicants will be received, however, and in a short time the last of the High School pupils will have left us.

#### THE SUMMER INSTITUTE.

On May 25th, we began our summer institute which continued for three weeks. We offered our visitors everything in the regular course which was on our program for this term, and in addition gave two additional hours to special institute lectures, illustrative lessons with children, and critique work. The number present was 120—as many as we can conveniently accommodate.

I am in almost daily receipt of letters asking about a summer term. The Board will remember that you have been accustomed to grant the use of certain rooms to some of our teachers for summer instruction. Prof. Colton and his assistant have held a five weeks' school for science classes, and Miss Hartmann has held a session of the same length for persons desiring instruction in mathematics. These, however, do not answer the needs of those teachers of the State who desire to do summer work here. Further, our institute comes too early. We are obliged to begin before most of the schools have closed for the summer. Realizing the demand, a committee of the Faculty was appointed to investigate the matter, and they determined, if the Board shall see fit to grant them the use of the building, to hold a summer school here next summer, beginning about the middle of July and continuing for about four weeks. There are many such schools in different parts of the country, especially in the east. The most notable one in the west is that annually held at the Cook County Normal School. These schools are private enterprises, of course, and those in attendance will have to meet all of the expenses of instruction by the payment of a fee. The Board is respectfully asked to place at the disposal of the Faculty, the use of the building for the time specified.

In this connection I may add that I believe the ordinary school year to be too short to render the best services to the teachers of the State. Doubtless the time is coming when our State Normal Schools will follow the example of the University of Chicago, and will hold substantially, continuous sessions. Of course it will not be possible for a corps of teachers to work all of the year, hence, some provision will need to be made in these institutions to afford resting times at different parts of the year for the members of the Faculty.

## THE NORMAL COURSE.

The following persons having completed our prescribed course are recommended for graduation. They are entitled to the regular Normal diploma:

Anna Belle Arbogast.....McLean	Mary Minerva Steagall.....Pope
Sadie Emma Arbogast....." "	Ruby Linda Traver.....DuPage
Rose Bland.....Shelby	Jessie Black.....Tazewell
Jessie Jane Bullock.....Woodford	Frank Smith Bogardus.....Sangamon
Flora Evangeline Campbell.....Adams	Elzy Cartwright Cavins.....Coles
Mrs. Carrie Maria Carpenter.....Putnam	Albert Crouse Cohagan.....Peoria
Lillian Chenoweth.....Champaign	Alan Dewain Cowan.....Mason
Eva May Chisholm.....DeWitt	Harry Bert Fox.....LaSalle
Lucy Maud Clanahan.....Pope	Lewis Theron Gallaher.....Putnam
Myrtle Clanahan....." "	Thomas Henry Greaves.....Shelby
Ruah Coen.....McLean	Herschel Edward Kanaga.....Christian
Daisie Delle Dickey.....Henry	Charles Thomas Law....." "
Jessie Agnes Grainey.....Madison	Paul Harris Lehman.....Adams
Emma Flora Harpstrite.....Macon	William Herman Dietrich Meier.....Scott
Ella Mabel Harris.....Rock Island	Otto Sylvester Meyer.....DeKalb
Jessie May Himes.....McLean	John Thomas William Page.....Macoupin
Mary Florence Hobart.....Iroquois	Nelson Davidson Pike.....Madison
Laura Helen Holly.....LaSalle	Harry Brusha Price.....Shelby
Charlotte Marguerite Kates.....McLean	Charles Aubert Pricer.....Vermilion
Ada Anna Kuhns....." "	Edward William Quick.....Rock Island
Maria Electa Moulton.....Kendall	Philip Harmon Schaub.....Madison
Anna Caruthers Nixon.....St. Clair	John Arthur Strong.....Warren
Pearl Myrtle Perry.....Livingston	William Jackson Whetsel.....Woodford
Mary Esther Sabin.....Will	Robert Edwin Worley....." "
Elizabeth Taylor Schaeffer.....McLean	

The following have completed the general Latin Course, and are entitled to the diploma awarded to those who finish that work:

Alice Irene Eldred.....Grundy	Joseph Lewis Page.....Macoupin
Charlotte Marguerite Kates.....McLean	Ralph Plummer Peairs.....McLean
Iva Mae Quigg.....Tazewell	Edward Percy Prince....." "
Mary Minerva Steagall.....Pope	Ernest Algier Thornhill.....Christian
James Edward O'Neil.....McLean	

The following persons have completed the Classical Course, and are entitled to its diploma:

Lelah Belle Reid.....McLean	William Ernest Knott.....McLean
Adah Myrtle Ruhle.....DeWitt....	

## THE NEW BUILDING.

Our new building is moving rapidly toward completion. I feel confident that the Board will be much pleased with the character of the work and the energy with which it has been pushed. Since it will not be ready for occupancy until we shall have received a sufficient appropriation to complete it, it will not be necessary to discuss the problems which will then arise. We shall need a competent instructor in physical culture to take charge of that department. A year at least will elapse before the Board will need to give that matter serious attention. We shall be able to make use of the gymnasium this fall for our ordinary physical exercises, but we cannot, of course, use it during the winter months until it shall be supplied with the proper heating plant.

## THE HEATING PLANT.

The new heating plant has been tested in respect to its ventilating feature, but not as to its capacity to heat the building in exceedingly cold weather. Last winter was so very mild that there was but little difficulty, although we were obliged even under those favorable circumstances to supplement the boiler furnishing steam for the new plant by the Practice School boiler.

As the committee will report, the engine is still noisy. The plant should not be accepted until that matter is remedied. I have never yet been convinced that the boiler upon which the plant must depend is sufficiently large for our needs; doubtless we shall have an opportunity of settling the question finally during the coming winter.

The automatic control of the heat dampers seems to me to be admirable. We have had but little trouble, and the firm manufacturing it is very anxious to keep it in condition for the most efficient service. I have no doubt that it will be looked after faithfully.

#### THE FINANCIAL CONDITION.

As will be seen from the report of the treasurer, the balance on hand is \$30,296.27. Of this amount \$21,494.83 belongs to the gymnasium fund, and \$2,000 to the heating fund. This leaves a balance in our general fund of \$6,801.44. About \$3,600 will finish our expenses for the year, and \$416 will complete our payment on the heating fund. This will leave a balance at the end of the year of about \$2,800. It will be seen that we are in a very excellent financial condition. Our income for the next six months, including this balance, will be about \$22,300. I anticipate a further falling off in our tuition receipts. Our expenses for the same time will approximate \$20,000.

#### PREPARATION OF APPLICANTS.

It is gratifying to know that the qualifications of applicants for admission to this institution are steadily improving. My attention was called recently to the report of the president of one of the Minnesota State Normal Schools. He noted the fact as very significant that they had enrolled in the course of the year 136 high school graduates, and remarked that it was probable that no other Normal School in this country, with the exception of the Normal College at Albany, N. Y., had enrolled so large a number.

I made an examination of our records of attendance for the purpose of discovering what the facts are in this institution. Unfortunately our records do not disclose in all cases the information as to whether one is a high school graduate or not. Because of this fact it is probable that there may be a dozen or even more not included in this estimate. We found, however, that we had enrolled in the course of the year 185 high school graduates, 4 college graduates and 4 under graduate college people, thus very far exceeding the enrollment of the school making the report. I communicated these facts at once to my friend and he was very greatly surprised. I feel confident that there is to be a steady improvement along these lines.

One thing, however, should be said. We are studying the indications as they occur here with great interest. We have about 60 schools on our accredited list, that is, 60 schools whose graduates we permit to take our two-year course. Since they enter the regular three-year classes, we have an opportunity of comparing their work with that of the students who have been in the Normal School one year and who are not high school graduates. Similarly we have admitted college graduates, or persons of superior culture, to elect a course, and they usually have entered our third-year classes. We thus are enabled to compare their capacities with those of students who have been with us for two years. Our observations perhaps have not been wide enough for us to make with great confidence any very sweeping inductions, but it is my impression, and it amounts quite to a conviction, that high school graduates do not hold their own with our one-year pupils, nor do the college graduates thus far surpass, if they equal, the two-year people. As the Board knows, we admit persons holding first grade certificates without examination. Many of these are teachers who had few advantages beyond those afforded by the district school and summer institute, but they have been industrious students while engaged in

teaching. They are in many respects very satisfactory. They are vigorous, persistent, hungry for instruction, sincere, very earnest and thoughtful. The Normal School that should refuse to admit them would make a very grave mistake. In a way they constitute the bone and sinew of this institution. Our graded schools are not succeeding in fixing in their students, in all cases, the best habits of study nor the sincerest spirit. These are qualities that appear especially in the country boy and girl, and their presence is due, doubtless, to the seriousness and earnestness of the lives which they have led and to the somewhat exclusive companionship of older people.

An examination of the list of candidates for graduation will disclose the fact that in the class of fifty-nine there are but three more women than men. In most normal schools I find the ratio very different, only a small number of men appearing in the graduating classes.

#### ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

It has been the custom of our students for several years to hold an annual oratorical contest. A good deal of interest has been awakened by these efforts. An event occurring a few months ago, however, has greatly stimulated the oratorical spirit, not only in our school, but in several of the State Normal Schools. A few months ago a call was issued by President Taylor, of the Kansas State Normal School, for delegates from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois to meet at St. Joseph, Mo., to form an oratorical association. The meeting resulted in the organization of the Inter-state League of State Normal Schools, the league being composed of the State Normal Schools of the states above mentioned. Our local association constitutes at the present time the Illinois State Association. The first contest was held at Warrensburg, Mo., on the 8th of last May, Wisconsin winning the first place, Kansas the second, and Illinois the third. Our local association is composed of the school at large, the government of which is vested in a board of control, composed of not less than fifteen members. A preliminary contest is always held in the winter term for the selection of the representative of each of the institutions. The prizes of the winner are the honor of representing our State in the Inter-state contest, a gold medal and a prize of \$100 in cash. The last two being contributed by Mr. C. A. Beach, a former student of this institution.

Mr. Beach deserves more at our hands than a mere passing mention of his generosity, and I shall at an early opportunity communicate to him our gratitude for his interest. His gift amounts to an endowment since it is to be paid annually.

The appropriation for the new building will pay Yeager & Son for their contract and also pay the architect's fees, and will leave a balance of about \$700. It is worth considering whether it will not be a good plan to attempt to put in so much of the heating plant in the new building as will be necessary to render the gymnasium comfortable. I think that we shall be able to do that without embarrassment.

#### CONCLUSION.

One year ago you authorized me to establish a kindergarten department and also to provide for better instruction in music. Realizing that we should need all of the money that we could possibly obtain to carry out these enterprises, I did not deem it wise to attempt the introduction of these features. You will perhaps remember that the action of the Board upon this matter was before we had decided to close the high school. I think it will not be wise to take any steps now for the introduction of these departments until June, 1897.

The year just closing has been a very delightful one in every respect. We have had a very interesting and satisfactory school. We feel that we have made some marked progress in our professional work. The young people are better prepared than ever before, and the spirit of the school is in every way delightful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. COOK, *President.*

The regular Secretary, S. M. Inglis, having arrived, assumed his duties. Mr. Baily moved that immediately after the Treasurer's report there shall be a report of the expenditure of all funds; said motion was seconded and adopted.

The following reports were then made by the Auditing and Finance Committee:

*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, with accompanying vouchers showing balance on hand of \$21.49, begs leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct. They recommend an appropriation of \$500 for the uses of this fund for the ensuing six months, as asked for.

EDWARD DOOCY,  
CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
J. L. BAILY.

*Committee on Auditing and Finance.*

On motion to adopt, seconded, the roll was called with the following result: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Mrs. Young, Walker, Parker, Baily and Thornton; nays—none.

*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, showing balance on hand of \$4.88, begs leave to report that they have examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it correct. Your committee respectfully recommend an appropriation of \$700 for this fund for the ensuing six months, as asked for.

EDWARD DOOCY,  
CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
J. L. BAILY.

*Committee on Auditing and Finance.*

On motion to adopt, seconded, a call for yeas and nays resulted as follows: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Mrs. Young, Walker, Parker, Baily and Thornton; nays—None.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred report of B. P. Colton in account with the Natural Science Fund, begs leave to report that they have examined the same with the accompanying vouchers and find it correct. They recommend an appropriation of \$300 for the use of this fund for the next six months, as asked for.

EDWARD DOOCY,  
CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
J. L. BAILY.

*Committee on Auditing and Finance.*



A motion to adopt the above report was seconded, and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Mrs. Young, Walker, Parker, Baily, Thornton; nays—none.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Frank D. Marquis, Treasurer, with accompanying 50 vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of \$30,296.27, begs leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct. They respectfully recommend that said report be approved.

EDWARD DOOCY,  
CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
J. L. BAILY.

*Committee on Auditing and Finance.*

A motion to receive and adopt the Treasurer's report was seconded and carried.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred bills payable would respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them correct. The allowance for Annual Catalogue stated in said bills of \$265, may not all be required. Your committee recommends that this allowance be made with the proviso that no more of the \$265 should be paid than shall prove to be necessary.

EDWARD DOOCY,  
CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
J. L. BAILY.

*Committee on Auditing and Finance.*

By motion said report was received and adopted, and bills ordered paid. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Mrs. Young, Walker, Parker, Baily, Thornton; nays—none.

A motion was made and seconded that the President and Secretary of the Board be directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first and second quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the next year as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Upon motion the roll was called with the following result: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Gastman, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Mrs. Young, Walker, Parker, Baily, Thornton; nays—none.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker that P. R. Walker's name be substituted as Chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, for that of C. I. Parker. Said motion received a second and prevailed.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds being called upon, made their report, the report not containing the names of bidders or the amounts bid, a motion was made by Capen and seconded, that the report be re-committed to said Committee with instructions to insert in said report all bids, plans of bidders, and amounts of bids. Said motion prevailed and the report was as follows:

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

Your Committee on Building and Grounds would respectfully report that due advertisement was made for bids for the new Gymnasium Building, and that in response to such advertisements, eight bids were received as follows:

*J. W. Evans' Sons Company, Bloomington, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$40,745
Bedford bluff stone.....	40,357
Ohio blue stone.....	39,857
Joliet stone.....	40,894

*Northern Building Company, St. Paul, Minn.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$39,000
Bedford bluff stone.....	38,700
Ohio blue stone.....	39,500
Kasota, Minn., stone.....	37,800
Joliet stone.....	38,300
Joliet stone, Bedford trim.....	38,800

*Wm. Schroder & Co., Peoria, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$41,076
Bedford bluff stone.....	40,613
Ohio blue stone.....	39,863
Kasota stone.....	41,283

*W. F. Hoyle, Lincoln, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$39,900
Bedford bluff stone.....	39,240
Ohio blue stone.....	38,920
Joliet stone.....	37,900

*James H. McGregor, Bloomington, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$39,066
Bedford bluff stone.....	38,736
Ohio blue stone.....	38,241

*M. Yeager & Son, Danville, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$37,450
Bedford bluff stone.....	37,450
Ohio blue stone.....	37,450

*J. C. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$46,662
Bedford bluff stone.....	46,417
Ohio blue stone.....	47,128
Illinois lime stone.....	46,999
Portage stone.....	50,262

*Valentine Jobst, Peoria, Ill.*

Bedford blue stone.....	\$38,918
Bedford bluff stone.....	38,455
Cleveland sandstone.....	37,705
Kasota lime stone.....	39,125

Messrs. Yeager & Son, of Danville, Ill., made the lowest bid, and in pursuance of such bid, the contract was made with them for that part of the said building contemplated under the revised specifications, for the sum of \$37,450. The said building to be faced with Bedford blue stone and to be completed on or before the first day of August, 1896.

Your committee further report that the first two installments of the cost of said building, as certified to by the architect, given for the sums of \$8,512.68 and \$9,992.49, have been paid.

Your committee believe said building, so far as contracted for, will be completed within the limit of the contract.

CHARLES L. CAPEN,  
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH,  
E. A. GASTMAN.

*Committee.*

The above is the report of the Building and Grounds Committee as corrected in accordance with the motion to re-commit with instructions as above.

A motion was seconded and prevailed that it is the sense of the Board that the contractor for the construction of the new Gymnasium and Library building comply with the stipulations of the contract, and that any additional future pay be postponed for the consideration of the Board at another meeting.

Mr. Capen moved that the Committee on Building and Grounds, be instructed to contract for the necessary drainage to the grounds for the new Gymnasium and Library building.

Mr. Inglis seconded said motion, and the motion prevailed.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on a motion to adopt:

*Resolved,* That the President of the University be authorized, in his discretion, to provide for the temporary use of the gymnasium during the coming year, by providing for heating the same temporarily, and for the necessary apparatus.

Motion was made by Mr. Kimbrough, seconded by Mr. Baily, that, in event of a prospective law suit, regarding the sale of lands in Jackson county, affecting the interest of the University, the President and Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps for defense.

Said motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Mr. Capen, and seconded, that Mr. Noble, the contractor for the new heating and ventilation plant, be invited before the Board to make a statement regarding the apparent difficulty in its proper working, not sufficiently heating the rooms in very cold weather.

Said motion prevailed, whereupon Mr. Noble made a statement of his views relative to the difficulty. Mr. McCarty was also heard from, by request.

Mr. Thornton moved that this matter of the difficulty of heating and ventilating be referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.

Said motion was seconded.

The motion was stated by the Chairman, whereupon Architect Miller, by request, made some remarks pertaining to the question.

Mr. Miller having completed his remarks, the above motion was put and carried.

The Committee on Text-Books and Course of Instruction was called, but having no report to make, the next order of business was taken up.

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 begs leave to present the following report:

That a leave of absence of one year be granted to Dr. Charles A. McMurry.

That Dr. Charles C. VanLiew be transferred to the charge of the Practice Department for one year, and that Lewis H. Galbreath be appointed to succeed Dr. VanLiew for the year 1896-'97, with a salary of \$2,000.

That the resignation of John A. Keith as principal of the Grammar Department of the Practice School, be accepted, and that Andrew H. Melville be appointed to succeed him, with a salary of \$800 per year.

That the salaries of Misses Kate Mavity, Elizabeth Mavity, Maud Valentine and Joseph G. Brown, be increased from \$900 to \$1,000 per year, as they have demonstrated their worth during the past years of faithful service.

That the salary of Miss Ange V. Milner be increased from \$700 to \$800 per year.

That the resignation of Miss Mary R. Potter be accepted, and that the Committee on Teachers and Salaries be authorized to select her successor, to be employed for full time at a salary not to exceed \$800.

P. R. WALKER,  
CHAS. S. THORNTON,  
CHARLES I. PARKER,  
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH.  
*Committee.*

A motion was seconded that the above report be accepted and that the suggestions be concurred in. Said motion was put, and upon the call of the roll, the following result prevailed: Yeas—Green, Inglis, Capen, Doocy, Kimbrough, Walker, Parker, Baily and Thornton; nays—Gastman.

Motion was made by Mr. Capen, seconded by Mr. Kimbrough, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Miller & Fisher for \$936.25, on account of services as architects of the new building for gymnasium and library. The roll was called

with the following result: Yeas—Green, Gastman, Inglis, Capen, Doocy, Baily, Walker, Parker, Thornton, Kimbrough and Mrs. Young; nays—none.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton that the proceedings of the meetings be published and sent to each member of the Board within thirty days. Motion was seconded and carried.

Committees on Training School and Natural History and Library were called upon but had no reports to make.

A motion by Mrs. Young was seconded and carried, that the Committee on Building and Grounds be instructed to inquire into the necessity of putting storm sash in windows on the north and west sides of the University building, with power to act.

Mr. Capen offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the salary of Sherman Hunt, janitor, be increased from \$600 to \$700 a year, and that the salary of Daniel Thompson, engineer, be reduced from \$800 to \$750 a year.

A motion prevailed that the salary of each be acted upon separately.

Mr. Capen moved the adoption of that part of the resolution increasing Sherman Hunt's salary from \$600 to \$700 a year. On roll-call the vote was as follows: Yeas—Gastman, Inglis, Capen, Doocy, Walker, Parker, Kimbrough; nays—Green, Young, Baily and Thornton. The motion was carried.

A motion to adopt that part of the resolution reducing Daniel Thompson's salary was amended so as to read: "Shall be reduced from \$800 to \$700 a year." The roll call on amendment resulted as follows: Yeas—Kimbrough, Baily; nays—Green, Gastman, Inglis, Capen, Doocy, Walker, Parker, Thornton. (Mrs. Young excused from voting.) Amendment was lost, and the original motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas—Kimbrough, Baily; nays—Green, Gastman, Inglis, Capin, Doocy, Walker, Parker, Thornton. (Mrs. Young not voting).

Mr. Doocy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Building and Grounds investigate the competency of the present engineer, and said Committee have full power to act in the premises, and if they find said engineer incompetent they are authorized to employ new engineer before the beginning of the next school year.

Mr. Walker moved to appropriate \$100 to the local member of the Board for services rendered. Upon roll-call the vote stood: Yeas—Green, Gastman, Inglis, Capen, Doocy, Walker, Parker, Mrs. Young, Baily, Kimbrough and Thornton; nays—none. And the motion was carried.

A motion was seconded and carried that the record of the President for the University, with reference to graduates, be concurred in, and that diplomas be issued.

By motion, the Board adjourned to meet December 2, 1896.

SAMUEL M. INGLIS,  
*Secretary.*

WILLIAM H. GREEN,  
*President.*