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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT NORMAL, MAY 24 AND 25, 1882.

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State Board of Education.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
J. A. ENANDER,	1888.	6 S. Clark St., Chicago.
B. G. ROOTS,	1883.	Tamaroa.
E. L. WELLS,	1883.	Oregon.
HON. J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,	1883.	160 LaSalle St., Chicago.
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.	Ottawa.
JAMES P. SLADE, (ex-officio)		Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

B. G. ROOTS,	President
JAMES P. SLADE,	Secretary
Hon. THOS F. MITCHELL, Bloomington,	Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Theory and Art of Teaching, and Mental Science, - - -	Enander, J. P. Slade
Text Books and Course of Instruction, - - - - -	Boltwood, Wells, Green
Language, including Reading and Elocution, - - - - -	Cope, Lesem, Dodge
Buildings and Grounds, - - - - -	Thos. Slade, Green, Knickerbocker
Natural Science and Mathematics, - - - - -	Gastman, Howland, Wells
Auditing and Finance, - - - - -	Knickerbocker, Thos. Slade, Donahue
Teachers and Salaries, - - - - -	Green, Boltwood, Knickerbocker
Training School, - - - - -	Wells, Thos. Slade, Gastman
Rules and Regulations, - - - - -	Donahue, Enander

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, Amending and Adopting Minutes.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Report of the President of the University.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and Resolutions.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. General Business.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

At Regular Meeting, Held May 24 and 25, 1882.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Normal, Ill., June 24, 1882.

The Board of Education met in the Reception Room of the Normal University, at nine o'clock a. m., the President, B. G. Roots, in the chair.

Members Present—Messrs. B. G. Roots, J. C. Knickerbocker, Thomas Slade, J. A. Enander, E. L. Wells, W. H. Green, E. A. Gastman, Henry S. Comstock, Geo. Howland, B. L. Dodge, H. L. Boltwood and James P. Slade.

President Hewett read the following report:

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

GENTLEMEN: The Institution under your care has now completed the work of a full quarter of a century, and to-morrow the twenty-third class will graduate from its halls. During nearly all this time I have been actively connected with its work. I have known pretty thoroughly what has been done inside its walls; and I have known, to a large extent, what its graduates and other students have done in the schools of the State; and I am proud to say that, while I am fully aware of imperfections and mistakes in its interior workings, and quite as well aware that not all who are trained here do first-class work as teachers, I feel a great deal of satisfaction in view of the work that has been accomplished. And I am perfectly willing that the usefulness and value of the Normal University should be judged by what it has done. I ask only that the estimate be made intelligently and fairly.

It is no matter of regret to me that the main work of my life has been done in connection with this Institution, I say the *main* work, because it can scarcely be otherwise than that the labors of twenty-four years, including the period of greatest strength should constitute the principal work of a man's life. And I am happy to

say to you, as I do most deliberately and honestly, that I believe the school was never doing its work better than it is at the present time.

OUR ATTENDANCE

for the present term will be shown by the following tables:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies.....	189
Gentlemen.....	118—307

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies.....	31
Gentlemen.....	31—62

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females.....	31
Males.....	23—54

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	19
Boys.....	18—37

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal Department.....	307
Model Department, all grades.....	153
Total in the Institution.....	460

It will be seen that the attendance is not quite as great in either Department as it was a year ago. But, in the Normal room the number has exceeded the desk-room, by 37. The seats in the High School room have been about full; and we have had as many in the Primary room as were needed for the purposes of that school. But it is desirable that the attendance in the Grammar room should be larger; we have desks for more students there; and it would facilitate the work of practice-teaching if the attendance were larger. Of course, the number is much less in this room, for the Spring term than for any other in the year; but I have thought that perhaps a little more advertising of the advantages of this grade might be advantageous, if it were done judiciously.

Sixty-five counties have been represented in the Normal Department this term, as follows:

Adams.....	3	DeWitt.....	9
Boone.....	7	Douglas.....	2
Brown.....	1	Effingham.....	1
Bureau.....	6	Fulton.....	1
Carroll.....	2	Grundy.....	4
Champaign.....	1	Henderson.....	2
Christian.....	5	Henry.....	1
Clay.....	3	Iroquois.....	4
Coles.....	3	Jefferson.....	1
Cook.....	8	Jersey.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	JoDavieess.....	9
DeKalb.....	1	Johnson.....	1

There is no doubt that our spring classes are much smaller in consequence of our change in time of beginning; as many who would come, cannot close their schools before about the first of April.

Our present

SENIOR CLASS

numbers twenty-three—the same as the class of last year. One of the present class, Mr. Beecher, graduates from the High School course; the others are from the Normal Department.

The Faculty unanimously recommended for diplomas, at this time, the ladies and gentlemen whose names and residences are as follows:

Mattie V. Bean.....	Macon County
Matilda Glanville.....	Ogle County
Camilla Jenkins.....	Montgomery County
Lida A. Kelly.....	McLean County
Cora A. Lurton.....	Jersey County
Mattie B. Maxwell.....	Will County
Lillian W. Pillsbury.....	McLean County
Mattie L. Powell.....	Lee County
Florence Hubbard Reid.....	Woodford County
Louisa M. Scott.....	McLean County
Lettie J. Smiley.....	Will County
B. Bayliss Beecher.....	McLean County
Charles Fordyce.....	Woodford County
Jesse F. Hannah.....	Boone County
James V. McHugh.....	Jo Daviess County
Murray M. Morrison.....	Brown County
George W. Reeder.....	Moultrie County
Milton R. Regan.....	DeWitt County
Edwin E. Rosenberry.....	Christian County
Charles N. Smith.....	Vermilion County
William J. Smith.....	Sangamon County
Evens W. Thomas.....	Lee County
Franklin L. Williams.....	Woodford County

It seems unfortunate for us, and I think it is more unfortunate for them, that so large a number of our students are drawn away from us before graduating. Any of our promising and successful students who have completed two years of our course, can command very respectable places as teachers; many for the want of funds are obliged to leave us for a time; and, of course, the greater their success in teaching, the stronger the temptation to remain away is likely to be. It sometimes requires a good deal of faith in the future to reject present offers of good position and good pay and come back here, at an outlay of time and money, to finish our course. Many have not self-denial enough to do it; or very likely, they drift on, from year to year, looking for a favorable time to return; but the time never comes. I know that several of the present class deserve commendation for remaining or returning to finish their work here, in spite of strong temptations to teach.

I have the names of thirty persons in the Normal Department who express a de-

termination to finish their course next year. I presume that, for various reasons, some of them will fail to do so; but I am quite sure I have not the names of all candidates. Hence, I am encouraged to expect that our next class will be considerably larger than any other, for quite a number of years.

In respect to our

INTERNAL AFFAIRS,

There is little that needs to be said. The health of both teachers and pupils has been generally good—better, I think, than the general health of this, and of the neighboring communities. We have had no epidemic of any kind, although there have been a few cases of measles. The general harmony and efficiency of our work have received no serious check from any cause; no case of severe discipline has arisen.

Our teachers, during the term, have been the same as at your last meeting; and I have no opinion to express concerning any one of them, that would differ from what I have said in previous reports.

RESIGNATIONS.

I hand you, with this report, the resignations of Misses Skinner and Scott. Both of these ladies have been faithful and successful in their work; and the other members of the Faculty and the students both will regret their departure from us. Mr. Ketelson, also, after sixteen years of faithful service, desires to retire from his post of janitor and engineer, on the first of next month. The filling of the places thus made vacant will demand your careful attention.

OUR FINANCES,

since the General Assembly, at their late special session, corrected the mistake mentioned in my last report, will be found in a healthy condition. I think we shall have money enough to meet all necessary current expenses, and to make needed repairs. The plastering needs attention in many places—the blackboards need repairing; I think some of the walls need whitening. Our stairways need new covering; we need a new bell; and the bell tower should be put in better condition to keep out the rain. Our boilers need attention; and I think there is some reason to doubt if one of them can be used much longer, with safety.

Arrangements should be made with the new janitor to occupy quarters outside of the building, excepting that one man should lodge in the building at night, I think. The present janitor's rooms can be made available to relieve to some extent the present pressure for recitation rooms. But, I desire to say that I have serious doubts whether it will be wise, as has been proposed, to put the ladies' dressing rooms in the basement; it would considerably increase the necessity for climbing stairs, on the part of our ladies; and there is even now considerable complaint by some, of injury to health arising from this cause. Whatever changes of rooms may be made, I want to enter an earnest plea for a room for

OUR LIBRARY.

Our present quarters are quite inadequate for the books that we now have. If we can have another room, I propose to use the present shelves only for strict reference books, and to put the books of a more general character by themselves, and to allow them to be drawn out once a week. I think I observe a growing interest in the use

of the library; and, when we have a place to put them, I hope we may increase the number of books for general use, very materially.

I take the liberty of calling your attention again to the subject of

SALARIES.

Four years ago, in a time of general depression of business, reduction of salaries elsewhere, and of low prices for the cost of necessary articles of subsistence, you reduced the salaries of the President and most of the Faculty, *ten per cent.* All these things are now changed. It is a time of business activity; salaries, in many places, have been increased lately; and I am quite sure that the cost of the necessities of life has been higher, on the average, for the last six months than I have ever known it since I have been in the State. One year ago you restored the salaries of all but the President and the male Professors, to their former figure. I earnestly suggest that, in my opinion, these should be restored. In addition to what I have just said, it is true that the present General Assembly increased our appropriation for this very purpose; this was the plea for an increase that was made before the committees, and the increase was granted on this ground, as I understand it. Certainly, the men employed in these places ought to be worth the salaries paid before the reduction; if those now filling the chairs are not such men, their places should be filled by men whose services are worth these sums. I have taken the liberty to express my views thus frankly; of course, you will receive them with such consideration as you judge to be best.

The Alumni have thought best to defer our

QUARTER-CENTENNIAL

celebration until the 24th and 25th of August next, and hold it in connection with our special term of teachers. It was found that a much larger number of the Alumni could attend at that time, than at the present. Arrangements are in successful progress to celebrate the event in a manner befitting the occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT,

President.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, May 24, 1882.

On motion of J. C. Knickerbocker, that part of President Hewett's report relating to salaries, was referred to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

The Secretary reported a revision of the By-Laws. The report was, on motion of W. H. Green, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and the Secretary was requested to have the revision of the By-Laws printed, and to have two copies sent to each member of the Board.

The following resolution was offered by E. A. Gastman:

Resolved, That the officers of this Board who may submit to the committees of the next Legislature, estimates for the support of the institution for the next two years, be instructed to include a separate amount sufficient to secure an insurance of fifty thousand dollars upon this building.

On a motion to adopt it, the ayes and nays were called for, with the following result:

Those voting aye were: E. A. Gastman, E. L. Wells and W. H. Green.

Those voting nay were: J. A. Enander, J. C. Knickerbocker, H. S. Comstock, Thomas Slade, Geo. Howland, B. L. Dodge, H. L. Boltwood and James P. Slade.

The Treasurer, Thos. F. Mitchell, read his report, as follows:

BLOOMINGTON, May 24th, 1882.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report, showing the amount of cash received and paid out since my last report. For specifications you are respectfully referred to the accompanying sheets and vouchers, showing in detail, the sources from which cash was received, and to whom it was paid out.

I have also to report that I have notice that the bill appropriating the one-half interest on Seminary and College Fund for the last year, was passed by the General Assembly at the special session, and the amount will be available for the use of the Institution July 1st, 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL,
Treasurer.

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, Treasurer,

In account with STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Dr.

1882.			
Jan. 18.	To this amount balance General Fund.....		\$3,421 84
" 18.	" " " " Land Fund.....		834 50
" 21.	" " Thomas Slade.....		129 50
Feb. 24.	" " E. C. Hewett.....		580 00
Mar. 14.	" " Thomas Slade.....		75 00
" 30.	" " State Treasurer.....		5,500 00
Apr. 29.	" " E. C. Hewett.....		405 00
May 6.	" " E. C. Hewett.....		285 00
" 19.	" " Thomas Slade.....		35 00
" 20.	" " E. C. Hewett.....		471 67

Total receipts to May 21st.....\$11,737 51

Total paid out as per vouchers.....9,974 18

Total balance on hand May 21st.....\$1,763 33

Above balance consists of General Fund.....\$928 33

" " " " Land Fund.....834 50

\$1,763 33

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

W. H. Green offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the University be requested to report to the next meeting of this Board a list of the text books used in each class of each department of the University at this date, and also report whether any changes in text books are necessary.

Thos. Slade read the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations made therein were approved:

To the Hon. State Board of Education:

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds would respectfully recommend that the Board authorize the erection of a new flight of steps at the north entrance of this building, similar to the flight on the south side. Soon it will be necessary to replace the east and west ones, which are rapidly crumbling and giving way. By judicious repairing, the latter can be kept up till our appropriations shall prove sufficient for the erection of iron ones in their place; but the north flight has been tolerated already too long for the credit of this institution.

LIGHTNING RODS.

Your Committee would further report that years ago, when the roof was painted, the lightning rods were taken from the roof, except the one on the dome, and were never replaced; and now, with the exception of the one above referred to, the rods lead from the ground to the cornice of the building, connecting at the top with nothing except the atmosphere. Your Committee would recommend that these rods be put into good condition.

WALKS.

Your Committee would further recommend that the east and west walks through the grounds of this University are in a very dilapidated condition; that, in the opinion of your Committee it would be economy to replace them with new. Your Committee would suggest that it would be the truest economy to replace with brick and use the old lumber in repairing other walks in the grounds; that the first cost of a brick walk is not much more than plank, and, in the end, would prove more economical and in every way preferable.

BOILER.

At the May Meeting, 1881, (see page 18), the matter of putting in a new boiler in place of the one which has been in service for about eighteen years, was referred to this Committee with power to act. The partial failure of the Normal appropriation caused a delay in purchasing a new boiler. By judicious repairing, and the exercise of great caution, we have been able to go through the winter without any accident. We hope to make this needed improvement during the coming vacation.

HOSE.

Your Committee would further report that they have endeavored to see that the hose kept in the building for fire and other purposes, be always in good condition and ready for use. The coil in the basement, made up of two old ones, is used for a great variety of purposes, and is a good deal worn. Your Committee would recommend the purchase of a new coil, as there should be two in the basement as well

as on each floor. The old one in the basement will serve as one of two and do very well, but should not be relied on for service on that floor in case of fire.

TREES.

Your Committee would further report that during the spring your Committee has thoroughly cleared up the grounds of this University, and to a limited extent trimmed the trees and cut others. In many parts of the grounds the trees are still too thick, and some of them worthless for ornamentation. Your Committee would recommend that they be authorized to exercise a wise discretion in further trimming and cutting out worthless trees, or where they are so thick as to injure each other, or mar the beauty of the grounds. The value of the wood would probably pay for the work.

BELL.

The putting in of a new bell, authorized by the Board, has also been delayed by the partial failure of our legislative appropriation. But as the Legislature, at its called session, has made the appropriation good, we are now in a condition to replace the broken bell. We have figures, and are prepared to act.

CONVERTING LADIES' DRESSING-ROOMS INTO RECITATION-ROOMS, ETC.

At the special meeting of this Honorable Board, June 22d, 1881, (see page 6), this Committee was authorized to convert the ladies' dressing-rooms into recitation rooms, and to convert the janitor's rooms into dressing or cloak rooms for the ladies. This improvement was also necessarily postponed on account of the partial failure of the Normal appropriation referred to. Your Committee would suggest that they be allowed a discretion as to whether the ladies' dressing-room or the gentlemen's be converted for the purposes aforesaid. It is generally thought that the ladies should not be compelled to take the extra flight of stairs, which a dressing-room for them, on the basement floor, would necessitate; and that it would prove an advantage all round to employ the gentlemen's dressing-room on the west side of the first floor for the desired recitation rooms. This would bring all the pupils into the east side of the building, nine-tenths of whom come from that direction, and would bring the model rooms more nearly together.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS SLADE,
J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The following resolution, offered by W. H. Green, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be instructed to report to this Board at its next meeting an economical plan for the laying-off of the grounds with walks and drives, and that in the meantime the said Committee expend the sum of one hundred dollars in making one main walk, extending south in a line from the front steps to such distance as it can be made with said sum of one hundred dollars.

The five reports following were made by J. C. Knickerbocker, and, on motion, approved:

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the fund of the State Laboratory of Natural History, for the quarter ending March 31, 1882, showing receipts thirteen hundred and six dollars and ninety-five cents (\$1,306.95), disbursements eleven hundred and ninety-six dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,196.33), and an unexpended balance of one hundred and ten dollars and sixty-two cents (\$110.62), accompanied by vouchers numbered 1 to 61 inclusive, and find the same to be correct, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

May 23d, 1882.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the Physical Apparatus fund, accompanied by vouchers numbered from 1 to 22, showing receipts amounting to \$421.08, disbursements \$419.43, and leaving a balance on hand amounting to \$1.65, and find the same correct, and recommend that said account be approved, and that fifty dollars be appropriated to said fund.

Respectfully submitted.

May 24th, 1882.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Auditing and Finance Committee would respectfully report, that they have examined the report of President E. C. Hewett with the Library fund, together with the accompanying vouchers, numbered 1 to 4 inclusive, amounting to thirteen dollars and twenty two cents (\$13.22), showing a balance of seventy-three dollars and twenty-four cents (\$73.24) in his hands, and find the same correct. Your Committee recommend that the said report be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

May 23d, 1882.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the President, with the contingent fund, accompanied by vouchers numbered 1 to 28 inclusive, showing a balance of seventy-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$76.52) in the hands of the President, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

May 23d, 1882.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Prof. M. L. Seymour, teacher of Natural Science, showing the disbursements of the contingent fund, of fifty dollars (\$50.00), placed at his disposal at the last meeting of your honorable Board, for the benefit of the Chemical and Botanical Laboratory, together with vouchers numbered 1 to 17 inclusive, showing a balance in his hands of fifty-five (55) cents, and find the same correct, and recommend that said account be approved. Your Committee further recommend that there be placed to the credit of the Chemical and Botanical Laboratory a contingent fund of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 24th, 1882.

The Auditing and Finance Committee reported as follows on the list of bills given below:

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 21 inclusive, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-six cents (\$790.76), and find the same correct. Your Committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 23d, 1882.

BILLS AGAINST STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY, MAY 23, 1882.

1—James Dodge.....	\$6 50
2—Cooper & Co.....	78 00
3—Leader Publishing Co.....	2 50
4—Funk & Lackey.....	29 35
5—John Sweeting.....	5 00
6—Robert Loudon.....	37 30
7—Robert Loudon.....	181 15
8—George Champion.....	5 12
9—W. O. Davis.....	49 84
10—Western Bank Note and Engraving Co.....	90 00
11—Maxwell & Co.....	6 10
12—Illinois School Journal.....	100 00
13—J. Blackburn.....	30 11
14—Frank Burr.....	38 60
15—Peter Ketelson.....	4 30
16—Peter Ketelson.....	21 75
17—F. J. Philbrook.....	47 87
18—Amos Kemp.....	17 52

19—H. S. Tucker.....	1 75
20—Robert Thompson.....	22 00
21—Springfield Journal Co.....	36 00
Total.....	<u>\$790 76</u>

On motion, the report was approved, and the bills ordered paid.

The following report on the Treasurer's report, was, on motion, adopted:

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, from January 18, 1882, to May 21, 1882, inclusive, would respectfully report that they have examined said report and the thirty-nine vouchers accompanying the same, showing receipts \$11,737.51, disbursements \$9,974.18, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,763.33, and of which balance \$834.50 belongs to the Land fund, being proceeds of Woodford county land sale. Your Committee find said report correct, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOMAS SLADE,

May 24th, 1882.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The following resolution, offered by J. C. Knickerbocker, was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved. That the salary of the Treasurer of this Board be, and the same is hereby, fixed at two hundred dollars per annum, until the further order of the Board.

The following report, made by Thomas Slade, was, on motion, referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee:

Report of Thos. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to moneys received by him for rents, etc., from June 1, 1881, to May 24, 1882:

1881.

June 13—Rent on lot west of University grounds, occupied by Philbrook....	\$5 00
July 2—Six months' rent from Augustine & Co., on land west of University grounds.....	175 00
July 9—Received for grass on University grounds.....	24 50
Jan. 21, '82—Received of Augustine & Co., on six months' rent of University farm, west of grounds.....	100 00
Feb. 4—Received balance of rent from Philbrook, for lots west of University grounds, to March 1, 1881, (1½ years).....	15 00
Mar. 13—Balance of rent of University tract leased by Augustine & Co., to Dec. 31, '81.....	75 00
April 11—Received for triangular piece of University grounds, two years, from Thos. Metcalf.....	20 00
	<u>\$414 50</u>

1881.					
July 2—	Paid Treasurer, Thos. F. Mitchell,	.....	\$175	00	
1882.					
Jan. 21—	“ “ “ “	.....	129	00	
Mar 13—	“ “ “ “	.....	75	00	
May 19—	“ “ “ “	.....	35	00	
					\$414 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

J. C. Knickerbocker, of the Auditing and Finance Committee, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the Honorable 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, and find the same correct; that he has collected the sum of \$414.50 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.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 24th, 1882.

Thos. Slade made the following report of the Contingent Fund placed to his credit:

To the State Board of Education:

The undersigned, the resident member of the Board, would respectfully report as to the Contingent Fund placed to his credit for incidental labor and repairs in and about the University building and grounds:

1881.

May 24—	Balance on hand May 24, '81.....	\$146	15
June 3—	By order from President on Treasurer.....	53	85

\$200 00

May 24—	To p'd Snodgrass, for wood.....	\$2	25
June 4—	“ James Sweeting, for repairs on east steps.....	1	00
Aug. 31—	“ Hammond, for carpenter work.....	12	93
Sep. 22—	“ Morse, for carpenter work.....	2	00
Sep. 22—	“ Mr. Himer for cutting grass about the building.....	3	00
Nov. 1—	“ Tucker, for painting privies.....	17	85
Dec. 8—	“ L. Morse, for carpenter work.....	12	00
Dec. 9—	“ for postage for University use.....	1	00
1882.			
Jan. 31—	“ Jno. C. Laughlin, for cleaning out University wells..	7	50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$200 00
Feb. 17— “	Curtis, for labor on grounds, trimming trees, etc....	4 37
Feb. 25— “	Curtis, for labor and work, with team, hauling off brush, etc.....	10 00
Apr. 6— “	David McBride, for work.....	1 25
Apr. 24— “	Wm. Henniger, for 4½ days, with team.....	11 25
Apr. 26— “	Wm. Henniger, for 14½ days' work, on fence and grounds.....	21 75
Apr. 26— “	Henry Crist, for 14½ days' work on fence and grounds	21 75
May 13— “	Henniger and Crist, for 7½ days' labor about grounds	11 25
		141 15

Balance on hand..... \$58 85
 The undersigned would request that the sum of \$141 15 be placed to his credit as a contingent fund, for repairs and incidental expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Resident member.

The report was referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

J. C. Knickerbocker made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Honorable the State Board of Education:

The Auditing and Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Thomas Slade, the resident member of the Board, 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 16 inclusive, showing a balance in his hands of \$58.85, and find the same correct, and recommend that said report and account be approved.

Your Committee would further report that Mr. Slade's request that the sum of \$141.15 be placed to his credit for a contingent fund for incidental expenses, for repairs, etc., seems to be a reasonable and necessary one. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that \$141.15 be appropriated and placed to his credit as a contingent fund for incidental repairs and labor in and about the building and grounds of this University.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 24th, 1882.

On motion of E. L. Wells, the request made by M. L. Seymour for a change of text books, was referred to the Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction, with power to act.

The following communication from S. A. Forbes, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act:

ILLINOIS STATE LABORATORY OF NATURAL HISTORY,
 NORMAL, May 23, 1882.

Chairman Committee on Buildings and Grounds:

DEAR SIR—I wish respectfully to call the attention of your Committee to the condition of the ceiling in the rooms in this establishment. Much of the plastering

is loose; and a large piece of it fell recently, quite seriously hurting one of my assistants. I also respectfully request that the floor of the Laboratory may be painted this summer, if practicable. The old coat of paint is nearly all worn off, and the boards have become so rough that it is impossible to keep the floor clean, or, in fact, to prevent its becoming offensive. I would also suggest that some definite understanding be had with the Janitor, when engaged, as to the amount of work he is to do in the Laboratory rooms. At present, although from five to ten persons are constantly at work in them, they are swept but once a week, and the windows have not been washed for several years.

Very respectfully,

S. A. FORBES, *Director*.

On motion of E. L. Wells, Prof. Metcalf was allowed leave of absence during the special term, on condition that he provide a suitable person to teach in his stead.

James P. Slade presented the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

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, the installments 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, 2 and 3 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Illinois State Normal University, at Normal," approved May 2, 1882, and in force July 1, 1882, together with the one-fourth part of the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500), as said installments 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 Normal University, at Normal, and for additions to the library," approved May 28, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, 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 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 May 27, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

On motion of W. H. Green, the sum of seven hundred dollars was appropriated for fuel and lights.

The following communication was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to report at the next meeting of the Board:

To the Board of Education:

NORMAL, ILL., May 24, 1882.

The wood-work of the Hall of the Wrightonian Society was in such a condition that it became necessary to have it painted. Some of the plastering had fallen. The Society has made repairs to the cost of \$70.00. We therefore present this bill to the Auditing Committee, asking that the State bear the expense.

W. F. PUCKELL, Pres. of Soc'y.

ELLA J. CAUGHEY, Sec.

A petition, signed by nearly 150 students, was presented to the Board by the Secretary, requesting that a U. S. drill officer be procured to give instruction in military science.

On motion of B. L. Dodge, the communication was received and placed on file.

On motion of W. H. Green, the sum of \$160 00 was appropriated for printing catalogues.

On motion of E. A. Gastman, the sum of \$300 00 was ordered to be placed in President Hewett's hands as a contingent fund.

An application for the position of Janitor, was, on motion of W. H. Green, referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act for the ensuing year.

On motion of Thos. Slade, it was voted that the Chairman of the Committee on Text Books and Course of Study, with the President of the University and the teachers, Mr. Metcalf, Miss Pennell, and Miss Kennedy, shall constitute a committee to make any changes in the course of study that they shall unanimously consider should be made in the interests of the University.

On motion, it was voted the word "*only*" be omitted in the affirmation required of students upon entering the University.

The letter of Miss Kennedy requesting the reseating of the primary room and a new piano for the same room, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act.

On motion of Thos. Slade it was voted that the subject of increase of Teachers' salaries be now considered. Under this resolution the salary of the President was fixed at \$3,500; of Prof. Cook, \$2,000, and an allow-

ance of \$200 for clerical and statistical work; of Prof. Metcalf, \$2,000; of Prof. Forbes, \$2,000; of Prof. Seymour, \$2,000.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet at 8:30 A. M., Thursday, May 25th, 1882.

MAY, 25, 1882.

Board met at 9 o'clock A. M.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. W. H. Green, was adopted:

Resolved, That no change in the course of instruction in any department of the University shall take effect until it has been recommended by the Committee on Course of Study, and approved by the Board, except in reducing the amount of work in any particular study, as provided in a resolution adopted yesterday.

On motion of E. L. Wells, the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, was requested to consider the subject of salaries, and to make a report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of E. L. Wells, the Secretary was instructed to extend the thanks of the Board to Governor Shelby M. Cullom for including in the call for a special session of the Legislature the matter of correcting the mistake made at the regular session in the bill appropriating money for the maintenance of the University.

Adjourned.

B. G. ROOTS,
President.

JAMES P. SLADE,
Secretary.