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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING,
HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 25, 1879.

SPRINGFIELD :
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
HON. S. W. MOULTON	1881.	Shelbyville.
HON. R. S. CANBY	1881.	Olney.
H. H. HILL	1881.	506 Mansfield Av. Chicago.
ISAAC LESEM	1881.	Quincy.
H. L. BOLTWOOD	1881.	Princeton.
HON. J. D. CATON	1883.	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.
B. F. BARGE	1885.	Geneseo.
THOMAS SLADE	1885.	Normal.
JAMES P. SLADE (ex-officio)		Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

HELD JUNE 25, 1879.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, June 25, 1879. }

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION met in the Reception Room of the Normal University at ten o'clock, A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT—MESSRS. J. P. Slade, B. G. Roots, W. H. Green, E. A. Gastman, M. Donahue, E. L. Wells, J. C. Knickerbocker, H. H. Hill, H. L. Boltwood, B. F. Barge and Thomas Slade.

The Board proceeded to organize by choosing a President. E. L. Wells nominated B. G. Roots, who was elected.

Messrs. Thomas Slade and B. F. Barge, newly appointed members, were sworn in, the oath being administered by the President.

B. F. Barge and Thomas Slade were appointed to fill vacancies in the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Treasurer, Thomas F. Mitchell, was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

REPORT.

BLOOMINGTON, June 25, 1879.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report as Treasurer of your honorable body, showing the amounts received and paid out since last report to this date.

For an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures, you are respectfully referred to the accompanying sheets and vouchers.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

Balance on hand Dec. 18, 1878.....		\$2,110 13
1879.		
January 11th, To amount from State Treasurer.....		6,174 76
“ “ “ “ E. C. Hewett, Model School.....		168 66
March 15, “ “ “ “ “ “.....		200 00
April 15, “ “ “ “ “ “.....		262 50
“ 10, “ “ “ State Treasurer.....		6,174 78
“ 26, “ “ “ E. C. Hewett, Model School.....		554 59
June 12, “ “ “ “ “ “.....		300 00
“ “ “ “ “ rent of land.....		50 00
“ “ “ “ Jos. Carter, hay sold.....		18 00
“ “ “ “ Thos. Slade, rent of land.....		175 00
Total amount received.....		<u>\$16,188 42</u>
June 25, Paid out as per vouchers.....		12,664 90
Balance on hand June 25, 1879.....		3,523 52
Total.....		<u>\$16,188 42</u>

Mr. Knickerbocker presented a bill of W. S. Coy for services rendered, which was, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Burrington, Principal of the High School, presented his resignation, which was accepted. He made a report showing the receipts of the school for the past year to have been in excess of eighteen hundred dollars. By vote of the Board, the President and Secretary were ordered to draw an order in his favor for three hundred dollars, as per vote of the Board in June, 1878.

The Chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries presented the following report :

NORMAL, ILL., June 26. 1879.

To the State Board of Education :

We, your Committee on Teachers and Salaries, respectfully report:

Soon after the December meeting of the Board, we were informed that L. L. Burrington, Principal of the High School, would vacate his position at the end of this school year. Many members and other friends of the University were requested to favor us with suggestions. A large number responded, and many names have been under our consideration. Among these are J. M. Crow, of Elmwood, C. A. Smith, of Ottawa, I. E. Brown, of Decatur, H. R. Burrington, of Chicopee, Mass., E. J. McEwan, of Chicopee, Mass., Col. C. C. Forbes, of Cobden, and E. J. James, of Evanston. The commendations which these gentlemen have furnished us, and those which have been presented by the friends who have suggested the names of those who were not direct applicants, are present, and subject to the inspection of the Board. The only reason that we do not advise the appointment of all of them is, that so many are not needed. We believe that all are good men, and that each would fill

the place with credit to himself and benefit to the University. We respectfully and cheerfully recommend E. J. James to fill the vacancy.

While we were corresponding with the gentlemen whose names we were considering, the Normal appropriation bill was undergoing discussion in the Illinois Legislature, and we mentioned the uncertain condition of our finances to the gentlemen then under consideration. We were informed that C. A. Smith, of Ottawa, would probably accept the position at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Messrs. Forbes and James did not wish to be considered cheap candidates, nor to receive the appointment upon the ground that they would work cheap; but as the condition of the appropriation bill rendered the financial ability of the Board somewhat unknown, each of them (James and Forbes) replied that he was willing to have the amount of salary to be fixed by the Board.

B. G. ROOTS,
E. L. WELLS,
Committee on Teachers.

Action on the report was, on motion, deferred till twelve o'clock, M.

E. C. Hewett, President of the University, read the following report :

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

GENTLEMEN:—To-day the Normal University closes the work of its twenty-second year; to-morrow it sends forth its twentieth class. And I am happy to report to you that, notwithstanding the "hard times," the depressed and depressing prospects of those who are looking to the work of teaching, and the bitter and unjust opposition manifested in the State Legislature and elsewhere, prosperity still crowns our efforts. The year now closing has been marked by hard work on the part of teachers and pupils, by quiet and good order in our internal affairs, and by frequent reports of flattering success on the part of those who have left us to take up the business for which they prepared here.

The year has been a prosperous one, and the last two terms have not been the least prosperous part of the year.

THE ATTENDANCE

for the two terms is shown by the following tables :

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Winter Term—

Ladies	171
Gentlemen	92—263

Spring Term—

Ladies	148
Gentlemen	104—252

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter Term—

Ladies	25
Gentlemen	47— 72

Spring Term—

Ladies	23
Gentlemen	48— 71

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

<i>Winter Term—</i>	
Females.....	30
Males.....	37— 67
<i>Spring Term—</i>	
Females.....	29
Males.....	21— 50

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

<i>Winter Term—</i>	
Girls.....	14
Boys.....	16— 30
<i>Spring Term—</i>	
Girls.....	15
Boys.....	19— 34

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

<i>Winter Term—</i>	
Normal Department.....	263
Model Department, all grades.....	169
Total.....	432
<i>Spring Term—</i>	
Normal Department.....	252
Model Department, all grades.....	155
Total.....	407

From this, it appears that, for the winter term, the aggregate attendance was less than for the same term of last year by 27; but in the Normal Department the falling off was 41. For the spring term the aggregate attendance exceeded that of last year by 38; while in the Normal Department it was six less.

We have seats in the Normal Department for 270 students. It would be well if they could all be filled. But any number greater than that would be more than our present teaching force could attend to, properly.

REPRESENTATION.

Fifty-nine counties of Illinois, and eight States besides our own, were represented in the Normal Department, during the winter term, as will appear from the following list :

Boone	3	Douglas	2
Brown	1	DuPage	2
Calhoun	1	Fayette	1
Carroll	3	Ford	3
Cass.....	3	Fulton	1
Champaign	6	Greene	1
Clark	2	Grundy.....	1
Clay	1	Hancock.....	1
Coles.....	2	Henry	1
Cook	3	Iroquois	1
DeKalb.....	2	Jo Daviess.....	11
DeWitt.....	4	Kankakee	3

Knox.....	1	Randolph.....	1
Lake.....	1	Rock Island.....	4
LaSalle.....	10	St. Clair.....	1
Lee.....	1	Shelby.....	3
Livingston.....	5	Stark.....	1
Logan.....	3	Stephenson.....	2
McDonough.....	2	Tazewell.....	13
McLean.....	74	Vermilion.....	1
Macon.....	4	Warren.....	1
Macoupin.....	1	Whiteside.....	1
Madison.....	8	Will.....	6
Marshall.....	1	Winnebago.....	5
Marion.....	1	Woodford.....	12
Menard.....	1		
Montgomery.....	1	OTHER STATES.	
Morgan.....	9	Arkansas.....	1
Moultrie.....	2	Connecticut.....	1
Ogle.....	4	Indiana.....	1
Perry.....	1	Iowa.....	2
Piatt.....	3	Kansas.....	1
Pike.....	4	Minnesota.....	1
Putnam.....	4	Nebraska.....	3
		Ohio.....	2

In the spring term, the number of counties represented was exactly the same, but the number of other States was ten, instead of eight. The table is as follows:

Adams.....	2	Lake.....	1
Boone.....	2	LaSalle.....	7
Brown.....	2	Lee.....	1
Carroll.....	1	Livingston.....	2
Cass.....	4	Logan.....	2
Champaign.....	1	McDonough.....	4
Clay.....	1	McLean.....	70
Clinton.....	2	Macon.....	7
Coles.....	1	Madison.....	5
Cook.....	3	Marion.....	4
Cumberland.....	1	Marshall.....	1
DeKalb.....	3	Mason.....	4
DeWitt.....	1	Menard.....	1
Douglas.....	2	Morgan.....	8
DuPage.....	2	Moultrie.....	2
Edgar.....	1	Ogle.....	4
Effingham.....	1	Peoria.....	1
Fayette.....	3	Piatt.....	3
Ford.....	2	Pike.....	6
Fulton.....	2	Putnam.....	4
Green.....	2	Rock Island.....	4
Hancock.....	1	St. Clair.....	1
Iroquois.....	1	Shelby.....	4
Jo Daviess.....	11	Stephenson.....	2
Kane.....	1	Tazewell.....	8
Kankakee.....	2	Vermilion.....	4
Knox.....	1	Warren.....	1

White	1	Iowa	1
Whiteside	1	Indiana	1
Will	2	Kansas	1
Winnebago	5	Minnesota	1
Woodford	14	Missouri	1
OTHER STATES.		Nebraska	3
Arkansas	1	Ohio	1
Connecticut	1	Pennsylvania	1

It is curious to notice how uniform is the number of counties represented; it has scarcely varied from the numbers here shown, for several terms, although the individual counties are considerably different. These lists show that our students come from all parts of the State, and that some of the distant counties are largely represented, although, as might be expected, the fullest representation is from the counties near us. The truth is, that, so long as no deserving persons are excluded, it is a comparatively unimportant question where the pupil comes from. It does not follow at all that he will return to teach in the same county from which he comes.

NEW CLASSES.

Thirty-five ladies and seventeen gentlemen presented themselves for admission at the winter session. On examination, we rejected five gentlemen and five ladies. Of the forty-two who were admitted, two left before the close of the first month; consequently, their names do not appear in our enrollment, leaving the number in the class entering for that term, forty. This class was smaller, by ten members, than the class which entered one year before.

The forty-two who were admitted represented eighteen counties and five States, besides Illinois, as is shown below :

Cass	1	Madison	3
Douglas	2	Morgan	3
DuPage	1	Platt	1
Ford	1	Stephenson	1
Greene	1	Will	2
Iroquois	1	Woodford	2
Jo Daviess	1	OTHER STATES.	
LaSalle	2	Arkansas	1
Lee	1	Indiana	1
Livingston	1	Iowa	1
McDonough	1	Nebraska	1
McLean	12	Ohio	1

During the spring term, twenty-seven ladies and thirty-two gentlemen applied for admission. On examination, we rejected four ladies and two gentlemen. Of the fifty-three who were admitted, six left before the end of four weeks, leaving forty-seven in the class. This was seven more than constituted the new class one year before. The fifty-three who were admitted represented twenty-two counties of our State, as is shown in the following table :

Adams	1	McLean	17
Clinton	2	Macon	2
Cook	1	Mason	1
Edgar	1	Massac	3
Effingham	1	Morgan	2
Fayette	4	Peoria	1
Ford	1	Piatt	1
Greene	1	Pike	2
Jo Daviess	2	Shelby	1
Kankakee	1	Vermilion	2
McDonough	2	Woodford	4

OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL.

The work in the several departments and grades of the University has gone on as heretofore. In all respects, I believe it has been in a good degree successful. The students in the Normal Department are held strictly to the professional work, without any exception. And I think it is growing in favor with them, from term to term; although many, when they first join us, can not be made to feel that drill in some particular study, as Arithmetic or Grammar, is less important for them than the work of observing classes in the Model School. During the first year about one hundred of our Normal students have instructed classes in the Model Department, mostly from the Grammar and Primary grades. Their work has been critically supervised by Prof. Metcalf and his assistants, in the way explained in former reports.

A PROPOSED CHANGE.

For a long time, I have felt that something could and should be done to extend the benefits of our work more fully and directly to those who are actually teaching in the schools of the State. I have been reminded of this frequently by receiving letters inquiring if a summer session was to be held for teachers. After consulting with the Faculty, and by their unanimous approval, I submit the following plan for your sanction:

First—Let the *regular* work of the year be reduced to thirty-six weeks, divided into three equal terms of twelve weeks each. No studies are to be dropped from the course, nor are any substantial changes to be made in those studies. We would simply reduce the amount of work done, where the curtailing of the time should make it necessary.

Second—The arrangement of the calendar would be about as follows: The first term would begin as near the first of September as possible, and close about November 20th or 25th. The second term would begin the next Monday, without vacation, and close about the 25th of February. In this term there should be a recess to include Christmas and New Year's. The third term would begin early in March, after a vacation of one week, and close about the last of May.

I consider the recess in the second term as quite objectionable, but unavoidable. But the proposed arrangement of terms would have two decided advantages. 1st. The first term would close before the winter term of the country schools begins, thus avoiding the present necessity of many of our students, to leave in the fall, before their term's work is complete. 2d. The third term would end before harvest begins. Now, many of our young men, especially from the southern counties, have to leave before the spring term is finished.

Third—We propose a special term for teachers, with a special course of work, to be held four weeks in August, closing just before the regular work of the year begins. At this session, all the members of the Faculty would take part; and instruction would be given suited to the teachers of different grades.

If we consulted merely our own convenience, or ease or comfort, we should not make this proposition; with only those aims in view, the present arrangement suits us better. But I am confident that, in this way, we shall meet a real want, shall enlarge the influence and usefulness of the Normal School, and shall do much to enlist the sympathy and favor of the actual teachers of the State. Moreover, we shall be falling in with a course which is already followed by several Normal Schools of the country.

OUR PRESENT WANTS

are not very numerous; they lie chiefly in the direction of Laboratories, the Library and a few slight repairs. The professors having charge of the Laboratories will present their needs. If the state of our finances will warrant the outlay, and I think it will, I would earnestly urge an expenditure of from \$300 to \$500 in increasing our Library. We have done almost nothing in that direction for a long time. The

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

at its recent session, reduced our annual appropriation by about twenty-two hundred dollars. But, with the reduction of teachers' salaries made one year ago, and the special appropriation for Laboratory of Natural History, this ought not to cripple us seriously.

The opposition to our institution shown by some members of the Assembly was most bitter and unrelenting. The debates, however, developed very little that was new in the ground of that opposition. The same old arguments, if they can be called such, were urged. The information respecting the work of our students in teaching, as collected by Prof. Cook, presented a most convincing argument in answer to some of the attacks. There is little doubt that this opposition will be renewed hereafter; and, being fore-armed, we ought to be fore-armed. It seems that the Board, at its present session, should take this matter into serious consideration, and decide upon some vigorous and efficient line of action. It is certain that the people in many parts of our State need to be more fully informed concerning the Normal University and its work. I merely suggest that something ought to be done, and leave it to your wisdom to decide what it should be.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The year has been a very prosperous one for this school. But, as you will have learned, Prof. Burrington now proposes to leave us, having received a call to a more lucrative position. You will be called upon at this session to appoint his successor. Your Committee on Teachers have the names of several gentlemen who are proposed as candidates for the place; and it seems to me that it will not be difficult to appoint a worthy and competent person, under whom this important grade shall lose nothing in its efficiency. I regard Mr. Burrington's work here as highly successful. We part with him with deep regret, and wish for him abundant success in his new field of labor.

One word in closing: I regret that we so seldom see members of this Board in our Halls, to witness the ordinary working of the Institution. If it is practicable, I hope, before the next meeting, that several of your number may spend some time with us, to become more fully acquainted with our work from actual observation,

and to give us the benefit of any suggestions tending to increased efficiency. I am sure that we are faithfully trying to accomplish the ends for which the Institution was established, and I have full faith that we are succeeding in a fair degree. But we desire to come nearer to our ideal, and we wish to avail ourselves of all aids in that respect. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT, *President.*

NORMAL, June 24, 1879.

Judge Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, any teacher in the University may receive an order for his or her monthly pay for the months of July and August, in case the year's service of such teacher is then complete.

Recess till twelve o'clock, M., when the report of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries was considered. The balloting for the selection of a Principal of the High School resulted in the election of Edwin J. James, whose salary was, on motion, fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.

President Hewett made the following supplementary report :

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

GENTLEMEN :—The Faculty of the State Normal University respectfully present the following named ladies and gentlemen as candidates for graduation :

NAME.	COUNTY.	NAME.	COUNTY.
S. Annette Bowman.....	Rock Island	Jennie L. Wood.....	Woodford
Amanda M. Crawford.....	LaSalle	Emanuel R. Boyer.....	Fulton
Mary S. Cummings.....	Macon	Charles R. Cross.....	Winnebago
Fannie C. Fell.....	McLean	Silas Y. Gillan.....	Tazewell
Hattie Follette.....	McLean	Frank B. Harcourt.....	Logan
Daisy A. Hubbard.....	McLean	Nelson K. McCormick.....	McLean
Harriet E. Morse.....	McLean	Frank M. McMurry.....	McLean
Nettie B. Porter.....	McLean	Oscar L. McMurry.....	McLean
Lizzie Ross.....	Livingston	Horace E. Powers.....	DeKalb
Julia Scott.....	Winnebago	William C. Ramsey.....	Putnam
Emily A. Sherman.....	Tazewell	Thomas Williams.....	McLean
Mary Sudduth.....	McLean		

Of the foregoing, Misses Fell, Follette and Sudduth, and Messrs. Harcourt, McCormick, F. M. McMurry, O. L. McMurry and Williams, have completed the High School courses.

Miss Sherman and Mr. Gillan have completed both the Normal and the High School courses.

EDWIN C. HEWETT, *President.*

On motion, it was ordered that Diplomas be conferred upon the students recommended by the Faculty for graduation.

The Chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries reported as follows :

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries, believing Prof. Seymour to have shown himself a successful teacher in the chair of Natural Science, cheerfully recommend that his salary in the future shall be the same as that of the other Professors of the University, \$1,800 per annum.

B. G. ROOTS.

E. L. WELLS.

Adopted.

Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

J. C. Knickerbocker 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 orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first and second quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, for the ensuing 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, together with the one-fourth part of the sum of sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars, as said installments become due and payable as provided by sections one and two of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, and for additions to the Library, Museum and apparatus thereof," approved May 21, 1879, and in force July 1, 1879; 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 orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first and second quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the Library thereof, and for the increase of the Natural History collections of the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, at Springfield, for the ensuing year, as the same become due and payable as provided by sections one and two 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; and for the increase of the Natural History collections of the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, at Springfield," approved May 27, 1879, and in force July 1, 1879; and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Adjourned till half past two o'clock, P. M., when the Board was called to order by the President.

Thomas Slade read the following letter :

NORMAL, ILL., June 25, 1879.

To the Board of Trustees State Normal University, Normal, Ill :

GENTLEMEN :—There are a number of acres of the University farm rendered worthless for cultivation, on account of sloughs running through the farm. About 250 rods of tile would drain the farm completely. The cost to drain with 2½ and 3 inch tile would not exceed \$120. We will agree to purchase the tile and do the work as cheaply as possible, and pay half the expense if you will allow us to deduct the balance out of next year's rent for the farm. Hoping our proposition will meet your approval, we are very respectfully yours,

AUGUSTINE & CO.

The proposition of Augustine & Co. was referred to Thomas Slade, with power to act for the board.

E. L. Wells read the following communication from M. L. Seymour:

NORMAL, ILL., June 24, 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Education, Illinois State Normal University:

GENTLEMEN:—At the last December meeting you appropriated \$100 for the purchase of a skeleton, and for Laboratory and Botanical purposes. I herewith submit a report, with vouchers for the expenditure of said sum :

No. 1, Bill of Skeleton.....	\$60 00
No. 2, " " Elec. Ap.....	14 38
No. 3, " " Col. Specimens.....	10 00
No. 4, " " Physiol. Specimens.....	4 00
No. 5, " " " ".....	4 50
No. 6, " " Chem.....	1 50
No. 7, " " ".....	1 40
No. 8, " " ".....	90
No. 9, " " Express.....	1 29
No. 10, " " ".....	1 05
No. 11, " " ".....	50
No. 12, " " ".....	40
Total	<u>\$99 92</u>

In view of the classes to be formed for Laboratory practice during the fall term, and in view of the proposed change in the course of study for the University, it becomes my duty to report the following list of apparatus as necessary for more efficient work in chemistry:

Tanks for H. O.....	\$60 00
Pressure Gauge.....	15 00
Filling.....	15 00
Bags—rubber.....	10 00
Rubber goods.....	10 00
Case for Ap.....	14 00
2 doz. Stools.....	10 00
Lantern for Calcium Light.....	20 00
Furnace for Assay Work.....	25 00
Apparatus for students.....	50 00
Chemicals.....	50 00
Insulated Wires.....	6 00
Battery Plates.....	8 00
Electrical Apparatus.....	40 00
Bot. for Qual. Anal.....	8 00
Ap. for Liquid Nitrous Oxide.....	16 00
Two latest works on Chem., for students' use.....	10 00
Two recent works on Physiol. for students' use.....	10 00
Total	<u>\$382 00</u>

The liberal appropriation of your honorable body last year was spent in thoroughly fitting the Laboratory for use. I believe you will seriously consider the need of adding Apparatus to make it thoroughly efficient for the students that are to teach this important branch of Science in the High Schools of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. SEYMOUR,
Teacher Nat. Sciences.

On motion, the sums asked for, amounting to \$382, were appropriated.

E. A. Gastman presented the following:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of apparatus for the Department of Physics.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows :

We, the undersigned, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer and the accompanying vouchers, and find the same correct, and your Committee recommend that said report be approved and placed on record.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
(By Thomas Slade.)

THOMAS SLADE,
Committee.

On motion, the report of Committee was received, and the recommendation adopted.

On motion of H. L. Boltwood, an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars was appropriated for the incidental expenses of the Laboratory of Natural History.

The following resolution, offered by E. L. Wells, was adopted :

Resolved, That the regular work of the year, as indicated in our present course of study, be done in three terms of twelve weeks each, and that a session four weeks in length, with a special course of study, be held annually in the month of August, said session to be for the benefit of actual teachers.

On motion of W. H. Green, the Board instructed the President to appoint a committee of three to prepare and recommend a plan for this session of four weeks.

W. H. Green, H. L. Boltwood and James P. Slade were appointed said committee.

It was moved and carried that the semi-annual meetings of the Board be held the third Wednesday in January.

The Treasurer's bond was presented and examined. As but one name was attached as surety, the bond was, on motion, returned for the addition of another name as security—the same to be approved by the resident trustee, Thomas Slade.

Moved and carried that seven hundred dollars be appropriated for fuel for the current year.

Moved and carried that three hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the President, as a contingent fund.

Moved and carried that three hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library, the purchase to be made by E. C. Hewett.

One hundred and fifty dollars were, on motion, appropriated for the printing of Catalogues.

The one hundred dollars appropriated to obtain information regarding the work done by Normal students, was, on motion, ordered to be paid to J. W. Cook.

By a vote of the Board, Prof. Cook's labor in collecting information regarding Normal Students was commended, and he was requested to continue the work of collecting statistics and information relating to their employment and success.

Thomas Slade, of the Auditing Committee, reported, recommending the payment of the following bills :

C. E. Blake, for books and stationery.....	\$63 51
T. J. Philbrook, scavenger work and hauling.....	16 50
John Betts, glazing.....	11 34
Geo. Champion, repairs and janitor's supplies.....	15 73
Peter Ketelson, extra labor.....	54 70
Western Bank Note Co., diplomas.....	57 50
Maxwell & Co., books and stationery.....	8 50
J. Blackburn, lumber.....	6 36
M. F. Leland, printing.....	1 75
Jansen, McClurg & Co., Cyclopedias.....	8 00
W. O. Davis, printing and books.....	24 95
R. Loudon, repairs.....	382 20

On motion, the reported bills were approved and ordered to be paid.

The President announced the appointment of Standing Committees.
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On motion, the Board adjourned.

B. G. ROOTS, *President.*

JAMES P. SLADE, *Secretary.*