

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DEC. 9, 1891.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
H. W. ROKKER, PRINTER AND BINDER.
1891.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
WILLIAM H. GREEN	1897	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1897	Decatur.
E. C. ROSSETER.....	1897	Kewanee.
WILLIAM R. SANDHAM	1897	Wyoming.
ROBT. F. EVANS.....	1897	Bloomington.
ELLA F. YOUNG.....	1895	Chicago.
MATTHEW P. BRADY	1895	Chicago.
RICHARD EDWARDS.....	1895	Springfield.
P. R. WALKER.....	1895	Rockford.
RUFUS COPE	1893	Flora.
B. L. DODGE	1893	Oak Park.
GEO. B. HARRINGTON.....	1893	Princeton.
JOSEPH ROBBINS.....	1893	Quincy.
JNO. D BENEDICT.....	1893	Danville.
HENRY RAAB (<i>ex-officio</i>).....	1895	Springfield. ☐

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	President.
HENRY RAAB	Secretary.
FRANK D. MARQUIS, Bloomington.....	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing and Finance.....	Dodge, Cope, Benedict.
Buildings and Grounds.....	Evans, Dodge, Gastman.
Text Books and Course of Instruction.....	Raab, Edwards, Mrs. Young.
Teachers and Salaries.....	Walker, Rosseter, Sandham.
Training School.....	Gastman, Mrs. Young, Harrington.
Museum of Natural History and Libraries.....	Sandham, Brady, Robbins.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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 their order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Unfinished business.
10. General business.

Next meeting of the Board will be held June 22, 1892.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NORMAL, ILL., December 9, 1891.

The Board of Education met in the library of the University at 9 A. M., the President, William H. Green, in the chair.

All the members of the Board were present except Messrs. Brady, Robbins and Evans.

After a correction on page 15, line 19 from below, of the minutes of June 24, 1891, where \$800 was inserted in place of \$900, the minutes of June 24, 1891, were adopted as printed.

The President of the University then read his semi-annual report as follows:

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

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: The one hundred and third term of the institution under your care began on September 7, and will close December 18.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The present term is the highest in the history of the school. The increase is noticeable in the Normal department. The enrollment is:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies.....	357
Gentlemen.....	150
Total.....	507

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies.....	89
Gentlemen.....	86
Total.....	175

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females.....	79
Males.....	61
Total.....	140

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Girls.....	17
Boys.....	36
Total.....	53

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	47
Boys.....	38
Total.....	85

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal department.....	507
Model department.....	453
Total.....	960

The attendance exceeds that of the corresponding term of last year by seventy-two.

The following statement shows the gradual growth in attendance for the last five years:

1886, Fall term.....	660
1887,	663
1888,	735
1889,	824
1890,	868
1891,	950

The entrance examinations have been made somewhat more difficult, and the number of failures on the part of applicants for admission to the Normal department has quite materially increased. Such persons usually enter the Preparatory department, however, and after a suitable preparation they are admitted to the Normal department.

While our new building will increase our capacity somewhat, it will not enable us to admit any larger number to the Normal department. The question is becoming a serious one. There are several ways in which the building may be changed so as to permit a large increase in the number of Normal pupils, but such changes will require an expenditure of five or six thousand dollars, hence it is needless to discuss them now.

I shall probably submit a plan for your consideration at the next meeting.

THE APPLICANTS

for admission to the Normal department numbered 217 ladies and 75 gentlemen. Of this number 41 were graduates of high schools, and were admitted upon presentation of their diplomas; 58 were appointed by county superintendents in accordance with the statute; 10 were admitted upon first grade certificates; 18 were promoted from the preparatory class, and 3 were admitted from the Southern Illinois Normal School. The remaining 162 were examined. Forty-six ladies and 22 gentlemen failed to meet the requirements for admission to free tuition.

Thirty of the applicants were from McLean county.

A rule of the Board requires an admission average of 85 per cent. from residents of this county, whereas residents of other counties are admitted if they reach an average of 60 per cent. on examination. Only five of the thirty were admitted to free tuition. Thirteen of the remaining twenty-five, making an average of 60 per cent. or more, were enrolled upon payment of tuition at the rate of \$39 a year.

The pupils admitted to the new class represent 71 different counties. The pupils admitted to free tuition are distributed as follows:

Adams.....	1	Logan.....	1
Boone.....	3	Macon.....	9
Brown.....	1	Macoupin.....	4
Bureau.....	2	Madison.....	1
Carroll.....	2	Marion.....	2
Cass.....	1	Marshall.....	3
Champaign.....	11	Marion.....	1
Christian.....	5	McDonough.....	2
Clinton.....	2	McHenry.....	5
Coles.....	9	McLean.....	5
Cook.....	2	Mercer.....	4
Crawford.....	1	Montgomery.....	4
Cumberland.....	3	Morgan.....	1
DeKalb.....	1	Ogle.....	2
DeWitt.....	3	Peoria.....	3
Douglas.....	5	Perry.....	1
DuPage.....	1	Platt.....	4
Edwards.....	2	Pike.....	3
Ford.....	3	Pope.....	2
Fulton.....	9	Putnam.....	4
Gallatin.....	3	Richland.....	2
Greene.....	1	Rock Island.....	1
Hancock.....	1	Sangamon.....	4
Henderson.....	1	Schuyler.....	3
Iroquois.....	4	Shelby.....	3
Jasper.....	2	Stark.....	4
Jefferson.....	2	St. Clair.....	6
JoDaviss.....	2	Stephenson.....	3
Kane.....	1	Tazewell.....	6
Kankakee.....	2	Vermilion.....	4
Knox.....	1	White.....	2
Lake.....	4	Whiteside.....	1
LaSalle.....	6	Will.....	7
Lawrence.....	1	Winnebago.....	6
Lee.....	2	Woodford.....	4
Livingston.....	5		

Three-fourths of the applicants are from the farm. The whole number of counties in Illinois represented this term is eighty-four.

The following list gives the number of pupils from each county receiving free tuition in the Normal Department. All have taken a pledge to teach. Thirty-eight students from McLean county, and a few from other states pay tuition at the rate of \$39 per year.

Adams.....	3	Logan.....	2
Boone.....	5	Macon.....	17
Brown.....	2	Macoupin.....	6
Bureau.....	6	Madison.....	9
Carroll.....	2	Marion.....	4
Cass.....	1	Marshall.....	6
Champaign.....	14	Mason.....	3
Christian.....	9	McDonough.....	4
Clay.....	1	McHenry.....	5
Clinton.....	2	McLean.....	55
Coles.....	18	Mercer.....	6
Cook.....	5	Monroe.....	1
Crawford.....	1	Montgomery.....	4
Cumberland.....	3	Morgan.....	2
DeKalb.....	11	Ogle.....	5
DeWitt.....	3	Peoria.....	4
Douglas.....	10	Perry.....	2
DuPage.....	3	Platt.....	4
Edgar.....	2	Pike.....	9
Edwards.....	2	Pope.....	2
Fayette.....	1	Putnam.....	4
Ford.....	10	Randolph.....	1
Franklin.....	1	Richland.....	3
Fulton.....	11	Rock Island.....	2
Gallatin.....	2	Sangamon.....	6
Greene.....	1	Schuyler.....	6
Grundy.....	5	Scott.....	1
Hancock.....	5	Shelby.....	12
Henderson.....	1	Stark.....	4
Henry.....	2	St. Clair.....	4
Iroquois.....	8	Stephenson.....	13
Jasper.....	2	Tazewell.....	5
Jefferson.....	3	Union.....	7
JoDaviss.....	3	Vermilion.....	1
Kane.....	6	Warren.....	7
Kankakee.....	2	Washington.....	2
Kendall.....	6	White.....	1
Knox.....	2	Whiteside.....	2
Lake.....	3	Will.....	3
LaSalle.....	5	Winnebago.....	10
Lawrence.....	9	Woodford.....	6
Lee.....	1	Other States.....	13
Livingston.....	6		6
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THE GENERAL HEALTH

of the school has been good. The location has been shown to be an exceedingly healthful one. Ten pupils find their health improved to one who has a contrary experience.

Your attention is called to the admirable spirit manifested by our pupils. Recognizing the fact that they are to be teachers of the young, they endeavor to conform to all reasonable requirements with a promptness and faithfulness that cannot be too highly commended.

THE FACULTY.

Mr. Edward Manley tendered his resignation on June 29, to take effect August 31. He had been in the employ of the Board for three years, as assistant in the high school. His services were very acceptable, but an offer of the principalship of the Bloomington High School, with an increase of fifty per cent in his salary was too tempting an offer to be resisted.

I am obliged, also, to report the resignation of Miss Ruth Morris, our Preceptress and Professor of English Literature. She came here in 1888, as the successor of Miss Julia E. Kennedy, the primary training teacher. At the beginning of the winter term, last year, she was transferred to the Normal department as Miss Pennell's successor, and at the close of the year was appointed Professor of English Literature to succeed Professor Jones.

I can not easily express my sense of loss in being obliged to see Miss Morris leave the institution. She undertook no task that was not rarely performed. Her influence was in all respects inspiring and most admirable. The duty of finding her successor devolves upon the Board at this meeting.

Acting under the instructions of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, I employed Jacob A. Bohrer, as Mr. Manley's successor, at a salary of \$850, and Miss Lucia W. Raines, as assistant in reading and as instructor in gymnastics, at a salary of \$800.

Mr. Bohrer graduated from our high-school department in 1887, and from Williams College last June. I had watched his course in college with great interest, knowing his excellent qualities, and expecting that we should need him to succeed Mr. Manley, whom I feared we should be unable to retain. Mr. Bohrer has given us entire satisfaction.

Miss Raines was recommended very highly by persons in whose judgment I had confidence. She is a Memphis lady, who has spent some years in fitting herself for the work of instruction in elocution and physical training. We are giving this work a thorough trial, and the results promise to be highly satisfactory.

Mrs. Lida P. McMurry, who was appointed assistant training teacher in the primary school, entered upon her work at the beginning of the present term. Her services are highly satisfactory. While employed in the town schools she superintended the work of several pupil teachers, and thus became so familiar with our system that she was not obliged to serve an apprenticeship in order to prepare herself for her duties.

THE TRAINING-SCHOOL BUILDING

is approaching completion somewhat slowly. The work has been well done, however, and that is at least some compensation for the vexatious delay. It will be ready for occupancy at some time next term. We shall be able to complete it and warm it. The old furniture must answer for a time, however. By the most rigid economy, and without disturbing the salaries of the employés, we have accumulated a sufficient surplus to pay for the heating plant and for the services of the supervising architect, and also to put the dry closet system into the basement. We are now corresponding with competing firms in order to secure the best bid for the job. When received, the plans and specifications will be submitted to the building committee.

THE LIBRARY

is steadily growing. I am endeavoring to supply the books that are most urgently needed. The figures furnished by the librarian show how rapidly the number of students that make use of it has increased.

By reference to the report of the President, in the last "Proceedings," you will observe that during the fall term of last year 2,515 books were taken from the room. During the winter term the number increased to 3,041, and during the spring term to 3,589. During the term now closing the number has reached 5,493. The room is a great improvement over our former facilities, but it is altogether too small to accommodate those desiring to use the Library. When the new building shall be occupied rooms No. 9 and No. 10 can be used instead of the present room. This will give us about two and a half times our present space, and will enable us to devote the reception room to its original purposes. The inconveniences to which the Board of Education is now subjected on account of the lack of a suitable room for meeting will then be removed and we shall again have a room that may be especially furnished for reception purposes.

I shall be able to report the expense of moving our present shelving and suitably preparing the rooms at the June meeting. If the plans meet the approbation of the Board the work can be completed in the summer.

THE GROUNDS

surrounding the building may well be the pride of the Board of Education, as they are of the citizens of this community. But nothing has been done that looks toward their proper ornamentation. I suggest that a beginning should be made in this direction, and that the rent of the Normal farm should be set aside, in whole or in part, for that purpose.

A man and team might be employed from May first to October first at a cost of about three hundred dollars, and a preparatory survey made and a system of improvements begun.

The changes in

THE COURSE OF STUDY

made a year ago, have proved to be highly satisfactory. We have now tried our plans for the work in drawing an entire year. We should be very unwilling to go back to the former arrangement. When the plan of substituting drawing for each of the regular studies once in two weeks was introduced, thus giving drawing lessons two days a week, it was thought that we should be able to accomplish nearly or quite as much as before with the regular studies on account of the recreative element in the drawing work. Our experience shows that we were not in error in that opinion.

The additional term in psychology has also proven to be highly satisfactory to all concerned.

We are endeavoring to strengthen the

PROFESSIONAL FEATURES

of our work all of the time. To this end, in addition to the regular faculty meetings which occur once in two weeks, we are spending two evenings each month in discussing ways and means to promote the general welfare of the school, and especially to formulate a distinct body of educational doctrine that may be kept before our classes and illustrated in the ordinary work of instruction. We hope to merit the name of a Normal School.

Since September of last year I have visited four Normal Schools and have studied their characteristic features. I desire to continue these visits until I shall know what is doing in those schools for teachers that have made honorable reputations.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION

is excellent, as is shown by the statement laid before you two weeks ago.

Thanking the Board of Education for the readiness shown to aid me in every possible way in the discharge of my extremely difficult and delicate duties, and asking your criticisms, not less than your approval, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. COOK, *President.*

This report was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Treasurer of the Board submitted his semi-annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The President appointed Mr. Harrington a member of the Committee on Training School in place of Mr. Raab, who asked to be released from serving on said committee.

Mr. Raab moved that the sum of \$100 be appropriated to Mr. R. F. Evans for services as agent of the University.

Mr. Rosseter seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Mrs. Young and Messrs. Raab, Walker, Cope, Dodge, Edwards, Harrington, Benedict, Green, Gastman, Rosseter and Sandham. Noes—none. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Robbins and Evans.

The report of the the Committee on Teachers and Scholars was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Mrs. Young, Messrs. Raab, Walker, Cope, Dodge, Edwards, Harrington, Benedict, Green, Gastman, Rosseter, Sandham. Noes—none. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Rollins and Evans.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 9, 1891.

To the State Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries begs leave to report as follows:

Since our last meeting we have received the resignations of Mr. Edward Manley, assistant in the high school, and Miss Ruth Morris, Preceptress and Professor of English Literature.

We recommend the following:

That Mr. Jacob A. Bohrer be appointed assistant in the high school in place of Mr. Manley, with a salary of \$850.

That Miss J. Rose Colby be appointed Preceptress and Professor of English Literature, with a salary of \$1,500, in place of Miss Morris, resigned.

That Miss Lucia W. Raines be appointed for this year assistant in reading, with a salary of \$800.

P. R. WALKER,
W. R. SANDHAM,
E. C. ROSSETER.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee on Textbooks and Course of Instruction, moved that Meyer's General History be substituted for Swinton's "Outlines," as a textbook in Ancient and Mediaeval History, and that Reed & Kellogg's "Higher Lessons in English" be used in the second term work in Grammar. Mr. Sandham seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds submitted the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds beg leave to report. In accordance with instructions at the June meeting of the Board, plans were carefully considered for the new training school building and submitted to the architect for final revision. Bids were advertised for about July 1st, and were opened, as follows, about the 15th:

W. T. Hoyle, Lincoln	\$22,775
J. E. Thomas, Bloomington.....	19,977
W. L. Schroeder & Co., Peoria.....	18,663
J. H. Bryant & Son, Bloomington.....	18,647
J. W. Evans & Son, Bloomington.....	17,974

The contract was let to J. W. Evans & Son, and the work commenced at once.

Your committee thinks the price at which the contract was secured is a low one, and they are of the opinion that the work is being substantially done. They do find fault, however, in that the job is not being pushed nearly as rapidly as the contractors agreed. We have a time clause, with forfeit attached, taking effect after January first, and shall endeavor to hold the contractors on it, for any unnecessary delays after that date.

Your committee would be glad to have the members of the Board inspect the building while here.

R. F. EVANS,
E. A. GASTMAN,
B. L. DODGE,

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

On motion of Mr. Rosseter, seconded by Mr. Sandham, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Young moved that a summer school may be conducted in the University during vacation and that the teachers in the same must be approved by the President of the University. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance made the following report:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 9, 1891.

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

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—On June 23, 1891, the date of my last report, I held as your treasurer a balance of \$7,072.75, since which time I have received from the State Treasurer \$31,746.78, consisting of the July and October quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University, \$6,873.39 each, and \$18,000 for the building of a training school; from President J. W. Cook, for tuition, \$4,579.75, and from R. F. Evans, for rents, \$525, making, with balance, a total of \$43,924.28. The disbursement has amounted to \$29,701.07, as evidenced by fifty-one vouchers, which I return herewith, together with a detailed statement of account. The balance now in my hands is \$14,223.21.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer.*

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In account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

		Dr.		
1891.				
June	23	To balance		\$7,072 75
July	2	Evans, R. F. (rent)	\$525 00	
"	4	State Treasurer	6,873 39	
"	4	(Training School)	18,000 00	
Oct.	9	" " " "	6,873 39	
Nov.	14	Cook, J. W. (tuition)	1,000 00	
Dec.	5	" " " "	3,579 75	
				36,851 53
				\$43,924 28
Dec.	8	To balance		\$14,223 21

No.	Cr. BY VOUCHERS.			
1797	Cook, J. W		\$2,533 40	
1798	Parson & Carson		89 44	
1799	Andrews, A. H. & Co.		69 67	
1800	McLean Co. Coal Co.		324 37	
1801	Ewing, Jas. S.		100 00	
1802	Rogers, R. C. & Co.		28 10	
1803	Public School Pub. Co.		58 10	
1804	Clark, Churchill & Co.		95 50	
1805	Shinkle, C. F.		68 20	
1806	Stewart, Watson		53 25	
1807	Parker Bros.		6 85	
1808	Loudon, R.		7 20	
1809	Evans Bros.		17 25	
1810	Cole Bros.		6 25	
1811	Pantagraph Sta. Co.		33 90	
1812	Funk & Lackey		15 23	
1813	Stilhamer, H. W. & Co.		62 75	
1814	Champion, G. W.		9 10	
1815	Beath, J. L. & Co.		3 25	
1816	Jones, R. D.		333 34	
1817	Marmon, W. W.		3 69	
1818	Leader Pub. Co.		52 90	
1820	Houseman, Mrs. J. M.		33 50	
1821	Bulletin Pub. Co.		165 00	
1822	Fish, S. L.		45 00	
1823	Western Bank Note & Eng. Co.		37 50	
1824	The Vidette		25 00	
1825	Colton, B. P.		200 00	
1826	Cook, J. W.		700 00	
1827	" " " "		400 00	
1828	Sandham, W. R.		11 00	
1829	Rosseter, E. C.		20 00	
1830	Gastman, E. A.		10 00	
1831	Green, W. H.		31 00	
1832	Dodge, B. L.		25 00	
1833	Walker, P. R.		18 00	
1834	Raab, Henry		5 00	
1835	Morrison, F.		146 23	
1836	Young, Mrs. Ella F.		12 00	
1837	Cope, Rufus		10 50	
1838	Cook, J. W.		2,356 57	
1840	" " " "		2,390 03	
1841	Evans, J. W. & Son		3,150 00	
1842	Cook, J. W.		2,560 92	
1843	" " " "		41 67	
1844	" " " "		250 00	
1845	Evans, J. W. & Son		3,442 50	
1846	Cook, J. W.		2,602 39	
1847	" " " "		2,702 52	
1848	Carpenter, G. S. & Co.		18 00	
1849	Evans, J. W. & Son		4,320 00	
Balance				\$29,701 07
				14,223 21
				\$43,924 28

J. D. BENEDICT,
B. L. DODGE,
Committee.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer, begs leave to report that it has examined said account, with accompanying vouchers, one (1) to fifty-three (53) inclusive, showing a balance on hand of \$14,223.21, finds the same correct, and recommends its approval.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Sandham, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the report of the Treasurer was approved.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance submitted the following reports:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Prof. B. P. Colton with the Natural Science fund, showing a balance on hand of \$104.20, begs leave to report that it has examined said account with the accompanying vouchers, numbered one (1) to twenty-four (24) inclusive, and finds the same correct.

And it recommends that the sum of \$300 in addition to said balance be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the current bills from one (1) to fifteen (15) inclusive, amounting to \$777.49, begs leave to report that it has examined the same, finds them correct and recommends that warrants be drawn on the treasurer for the respective bills to the persons respectively entitled to the same.

CURRENT BILLS, DECEMBER 7, 1891.

1	Pantagraph Sta. Co.....	\$64 85
2	Evans Bros.....	17 10
3	A. H. Andrews & Co.....	64 90
4	W. O. Davis & Co.....	4 10
5	Leader Pub. Co.....	10 00
6	Geo. Champion.....	18 15
7	McLean Co. Coal Co.....	204 65
8	Stellhamer & Co.....	76 75
9	Henry Zimmerman.....	15 00
10	Halder, Milner & Co.....	11 77
11	Union Foundry Co.....	3 55
12	Flora Dodge.....	120 00
13	Pub. School Pub. Co.....	50 00
14	Sutherland & Whitham.....	97 51
15	M. J. Houseman.....	19 16
		\$777 49

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the contingent fund, begs leave to report

that it has examined said account with accompanying vouchers one to ninety-seven, showing a balance of \$21.71, and finds the same correct. And your committee recommends that \$500.00 in addition to said balance be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the library fund, with 45 accompanying vouchers, and showing a balance of \$119.38, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct; and it recommends that \$200.00, in addition to said balance be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with the accompanying five vouchers, and showing a balance of \$11.30, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the assistant's fund—with three vouchers, showing a balance of \$175.00, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the catalogue fund, showing no balance on hand, begs leave to report that it has examined the same with the accompanying two vouchers, and finds it correct.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President of the history fund, with two vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$14.49, begs leave to report that it has examined the same, and finds it correct.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the literature fund, with one voucher, showing balance on hand of \$10.43, begs leave to report that it has examined the same, and finds it correct.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the gymnasium fund, (no vouchers) showing a balance on hand of \$1.30, begs leave to report that it finds the same correct and recommends that said balance be transferred to the library fund.

B. L. DODGE,
J. D. BENEDICT,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The reports were adopted and the recommendations for appropriating \$300 to the Natural History fund, \$777.49 for current bills, and \$500 to the President's contingent fund, were adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Mrs. Young and Messrs. Raab, Walker, Cope, Dodge, Edwards, Harrington, Benedict, Green, Gastman, Rosseter and Sandham. Noes—none. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Robbins and Evans.

Mr. Edwards moved that the local member be authorized, subject to approval by the President, to sell any lots in Bloomington belonging to the Board of Education, at what shall seem to him a fair price without reference to taxes, and report his doings at the next meeting, and, a sale being made, the President and Secretary be instructed to make a deed. Mr. Benedict seconded the motion, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Philip Merker and Miss Edith S. Patten were appointed to keep the University book store next year.

The following letter was read:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN—Will pay you \$5 per acre cash for all your lands situated in Jackson county, Ill., obtained by you from Jesse W. Fell and wife, and to which you have title.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH C. GLENN,
Mattoon.

On motion of Mr. Benedict, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary are hereby authorized to sell at public or private sale, any and all real estate belonging to this Board, or in which this Board may have an interest, located in Jackson county, Illinois. *Provided*, That said real estate shall not be sold at an average price of less than five dollars per acre.

The said President and Secretary are hereby fully empowered to make all conveyances, terms and arrangements which may be necessary to the disposition of said real estate upon the best possible terms.

On motion, the President and Secretary of the Board were directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the ensuing year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

And the Board adjourned.

W. H. GREEN, *President.*

HENRY RAAB, *Secretary.*