

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 21, 1892.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WILLIAM H. GREEN	1897	Cairo.
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E. C. ROSSETER	1897	Kewanee.
WILLIAM R. SANDHAM	1897	Wyoming.
ROBT. F. EVANS	1897	Bloomington.
ELLA F. YOUNG.....	1895	Chicago.
MATHEW P. BRADY	1895	Chicago.
RICHARD EDWARDS.....	1895	Carlinville.
P. B. WALKER	1895	Rockford.
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B. L. DODGE.....	1893	Oak Park.
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IRA C. MOZIER.....	1893	Essex.....
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 Financé	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, Mozier.

The President of the University is *ex-officio* a member of each of these committees.

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.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 21, 1893.

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NORMAL, ILL., December 2, 1892.

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 and Cope.

The printed minutes of the meeting, June 22, were approved.

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

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

Mr. President and members of the Board—The fall term of the year 1892-3 began September 12 and will close on December 23.

THE ENROLLMENT

For the term was as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.			
Ladies.....	353		
Gentlemen.....	147		
	500		500
HIGH SCHOOL.			
Ladies.....	67		
Gentlemen.....	82		
	149		149
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.			
Girls.....	67		
Boys.....	58		
	125		125
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.			
Girls.....	24		
Boys.....	39		
	63		63
PRIMARY SCHOOL.			
Girls.....	59		
Boys.....	42		
	101		101
Total.....		938	938

The following counties are represented in the Normal Department this term:

Adams.....	1	McDonough.....	2
Alexander.....	1	McHenry.....	9
Bond.....	1	McLean.....	37
Boone.....	1	Macon.....	9
Brown.....	4	Macoupin.....	6
Bureau.....	8	Madison.....	5
Calhoun.....	1	Marion.....	1
Carroll.....	4	Marshall.....	1
Champaign.....	10	Mason.....	5
Christian.....	14	Menard.....	3
Clark.....	2	Mercer.....	6
Clinton.....	2	Monroe.....	1
Coles.....	9	Montgomery.....	1
Cook.....	4	Morgan.....	2
Crawford.....	1	Ogle.....	5
DeKalb.....	8	Peoria.....	2
DeWitt.....	7	Perry.....	3
Douglas.....	1	Piatt.....	6
DuPage.....	9	Pike.....	2
Edgar.....	2	Pope.....	6
Fayette.....	2	Putnam.....	1
Ford.....	10	Randolph.....	2
Fulton.....	10	Richland.....	3
Gallatin.....	3	Rock Island.....	3
Greene.....	2	St. Clair.....	16
Grundy.....	3	Sangamon.....	8
Hancock.....	5	Schuyler.....	9
Henderson.....	3	Shelby.....	10
Henry.....	6	Stark.....	7
Iroquois.....	9	Stephenson.....	5
Jasper.....	2	Tazewell.....	11
Jersey.....	1	Union.....	1
JcDaviss.....	3	Vermilion.....	8
Kane.....	5	Warren.....	4
Kankakee.....	7	Washington.....	1
Kendall.....	4	Wayne.....	1
Knox.....	7	Whiteside.....	5
Lake.....	2	Will.....	9
LaSalle.....	9	Winnebago.....	2
Lee.....	4	Woodford.....	23
Livingston.....	9		
Logan.....	1	Total.....	82

OTHER STATES.

Arkansas.....	1	Virginia.....	1
Missouri.....	1	Oklahoma.....	1
Ohio.....	1	Iowa.....	1
Nebraska.....	1		
Kansas.....	1	Total.....	3

There are, in addition to the 37 above noted, 49 other pupils from McLean County, each of whom pays tuition at the rate of \$1 per week. These persons were unable to make an average of 85 per cent. in their admission examination, but did make an average of more than 60 per cent., consequently they are admitted upon payment of tuition. It will be remembered that all applicants from McLean County are required to make an examination average of 25 per cent. more than applicants from other counties.

THE ENTERING CLASS.

The whole number of persons applying for admission this term is 292. The following table shows the method of admission:

By appointment of County Superintendent.....	39
By first grade certificate.....	11
By High School diploma.....	56
By promotion from Preparatory.....	21
By transfer from Southern Normal.....	1
By examination.....	66

The per cent. of failures on the part of those examined is about 27½.

THE FACULTY.

The additions to the Faculty the present year consist of, Charles A. McMurry, Ph. D., whom we elected to succeed Dr. Frank McMurry, now in Europe; Miss Amelia F. Lucas, who was selected as a successor to Miss Raines; Miss Mary R. Potter, selected to succeed Miss Fell; and Mr. S. F. Parson, whom you elected at the June meeting, to succeed Mr. Hall, as Principal of the Grammar School. Dr. McMurry is a graduate of our High School, finished the sophomore year at Michigan University, and studied four years in the universities of Jena and Halle, receiving his degree from the latter. He was engaged for several years in public school work in this State and in Colorado, and came to us from the State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota, where he has been in charge of the Training Department—work similar to that which he is doing here.

Miss Amelia F. Lucas is a Massachusetts lady and a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory in Boston. The course of Study and Practice in this school covers a period of three years. Its graduates have been unusually successful as teachers of reading and physical culture, and they were very highly commended to me by some of my friends among the Normal School Principals. After an extended correspondence with a number of applicants and a personal interview with several, I selected Miss Lucas. I am very well satisfied with the choice. I desire especially to call the attention of the Board to her work both in reading and physical culture.

Miss Mary R. Potter is a graduate of the Northwestern University, having finished her course there last year. She is the daughter of Prof. Potter of the Wesleyan University, well known as a teacher of excellent reputation. Her mother was, for many years, a High School teacher in Indianapolis. Coming from a family of teachers, we had good reason to expect excellent work from Miss Potter. We have not been disappointed.

Mr. Parson finished our course with the class of '92. He has taught for several years and the advantages of his experience are clearly manifest in the excellent condition of our Grammar School.

THE REPAIRS IN THE OLD BUILDING.

You are respectfully referred to the report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for a somewhat detailed statement of the repairs made on the old building during the last summer. Your attention is called to our increased facilities, especially in the matter of Library accommodations. Previous to September, 1890, the only reading room was a hallway on the second floor. The total available floor area was about 160 square feet, fully half of which was occupied by tables. At the beginning of that year we fitted up the room now used as an office and employed a regular librarian. The Library was kept open all day instead of once a week, as had been the custom with all of our previous Library, except that consisting of reference books. At present we have about 2,000 square feet of floor area and we are already beginning to feel that even with these accommodations we cannot do for our pupils what we desire, and what they seem to require.

JANITORS.

For the last few years an effort has been made to keep the house clean by employing students as assistants to the janitor. That the system was a failure, had, I think, become apparent to several of your number. I found it impossible to keep the house in a condition of reasonable cleanliness. The resignation of our janitor last June afforded an opportunity for a re-organization of the force having charge of the buildings. As now organized, one man has exclusive charge of the heating plant; a second, of the new building, and a third, with an assistant, of the old building. The entire cost of this force is \$2,130 a year, which is about what we were

obliged to pay before for heating and cleaning the old building. The improvement is so marked that it will hardly escape the attention of the most casual observer.

THE LIBRARY.

We have added to the library, during the current term, 130 bound volumes and a number of pamphlets. The circulation for the term is 7,917 volumes, 717 persons having drawn books. The largest circulation in any previous term was 5,644 volumes. The increase in the number of those using the reading room is still greater.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Shortly after my appointment, an arrangement was made by which our students could receive instruction in gymnastics. As many of them come to us from an active life, they feel very keenly the transition to the sedentary occupation of the student. During a portion of the year we have been able to utilize the campus in such a way as to furnish entertaining sports that would attract the young people, and thus secure a degree of physical exercise somewhat commensurate with their needs. But during more than half of the year the campus can render us no such service for obvious reasons, and there is consequently an imperative demand for some systematic exercise. The experiment with a specialist was so satisfactory in its results that, in September, 1891, we employed a regular teacher, part of whose time was given to this work. The only suitable place for exercises of this sort is the large hall on the third floor. Unfortunately, however, we have been obliged to discontinue using it for that purpose because of the way in which the exercises shake the building. We are now endeavoring to use one of the basement rooms but it is too small, and, because of the lack of light and proper ventilation, it is unfit for such purposes. It is very clear to me that the time has come to ask our General Assembly for an appropriation of not less than \$15,000 with which to construct a suitable Gymnasium. In a recent visit to one of the Wisconsin State Normal Schools I made a careful study of a building erected for that purpose. The school is not so large as ours, hence we need a somewhat larger building for our purposes. The members of the Board will remember the information that I gave them one year ago respecting the movement among the students to secure new society halls. Their subscriptions have now reached something more than \$5,000. This amount will be materially increased within the next few months. The plan that I have in mind provides for a building two stories in height. The first story, which should not be less than twenty feet, would provide an ample and convenient Gymnasium, the second story would supply the needed society halls. An appropriation of \$15,000, supplemented by the subscriptions of the students and friends of the school would enable us to erect and equip such a building. I will not occupy space in this report with an argument on the great need of such an addition to our equipment. The results of gymnasium work are so generally understood and so well appreciated that further comment is unnecessary.

THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

I made mention, in my last report, of the fact that an appropriation of \$2,000 had been made for an exhibition of the work of this institution at the World's Columbian Exposition. An area twenty-seven by twenty-nine feet in the east wing of the Illinois building has been set aside for our uses. Plans and specifications for cases were prepared and are now in the hands of the proper committee. The preparations of the exhibit is well under way. It will be so separated as to give each department of work an opportunity of illustrating its special methods. Beside exhibits of science work, drawing, geography and history, different phases of pedagogical work, &c., there will be quite a full exhibit of photographs, showing buildings, various rooms, classes at their work, the whole school in session and any other element that will serve to throw light upon our

equipment and the methods of doing our work. The fund is sufficiently large to provide a custodian, who will be present to make such explanations as are necessary. While our space is somewhat limited, it is sufficiently large to exhibit characteristic features of our work.

NEEDS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

The attention of the Board is respectfully called to the great need of an additional teacher in the Normal Department. Many of our classes are too large. It is impossible to divide them since the teachers are already overburdened with work. We also need two additional training teachers in the Practice School. It seems to me, also, that the time has come when we should add a Kindergarten to our equipment. Most Normal Schools now regard such a department as essential to the best work.

As the Board is well aware, we have been unable to do anything toward improving these beautiful grounds. A beginning ought to be made at once. It cannot have escaped your observation, also, that the fence is not only very unsightly, but that it is about to fall down in several places. I do not think it advisable to leave the campus unprotected, consequently some sort of fence is necessary I think. It seems to me that something can be found that will be at once attractive in appearance and will also serve to protect the grounds. If all of these plans are to be carried into execution, we shall need an increased appropriation. An addition of about \$3,500 to our present appropriation will be sufficient with the exception of the fence item I am unable to make any estimate as to the probable cost. I suggest that the committee on buildings and grounds be instructed to investigate the matter and to ascertain the amount of money necessary and to include it in the bill for the Gymnasium fund.

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

I suppose that we shall all be willing to acknowledge that we have by no means attained perfection either in the organization or in the management of our school. The Normal School is a comparatively new institution. There is no such consensus of opinion respecting its curriculum as there is in the case of the college and the university. The problem is a very grave and difficult one. All agree that the function of the school is the preparation of teachers. As to how that end shall be realized, there is by no means an entire unanimity of opinion. We are at present engaged in preparing a pedagogical course for the first year to take the place of our present work, which lacks proper articulation and logical sequence. This course we shall be ready to submit to the Board for its approval or disapproval, at the June meeting. Certain other changes will also be recommended at that time.

I have visited one of the Wisconsin Normal Schools recently, and shall visit other State Normal Schools before the close of the year. I find these visits very valuable, since they afford me an opportunity of looking at the Normal School problem from several points of view. I am more and more impressed with the difficulties that surround it, but I hope that we shall be able to make some respectable contributions to its solution. Thanking the Board for its uniform consideration to me personally, and for its devotion to the institution under its charge, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. COOK,
President.

This report was referred to the respective committees.

The following report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., December 21, 1892.

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

Mr. President and Members of the Board—On June 21, 1892, the date of my last report, I held, as your Treasurer, a balance of \$13,294.42, since which time I have received from the State Treasurer \$13,746.78, consisting of the July and October quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University, \$6,873.39 each; from Henry Raab, balance of land sale, fifteen cents; from President John W. Cook, for tuition, \$4,543.20, and from sale of furniture, \$74.20; and from R. F. Evans, for rents, \$212.18, making, with balance, a total of \$31,870.93.

The disbursement has amounted to \$30,505.17, as evidenced by seventy-five vouchers, which I return herewith, together with a detailed statement of account. The balance now in my hands is \$1,365.76.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. MARQUIS,
Treasurer.

The following communication of the Faculty was referred to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries:

NORMAL, ILL., December 19, 1892.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Faculty of this Institution December 13, 1892, after a long discussion, the following votes were taken:

1. Moved that the Faculty recommend to the Board of Education that the Book-store be discontinued after this school year. *Lost!*

2. Moved that the Faculty recommend that in awarding the Book-store the Board of Education fix the maximum price at which each text-book shall be sold in the University Book-store, and also that the Board fix a sliding scale of maximum profits at which stationery and other supplies shall be sold to students. *Carried!*

3. Moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Messrs. Coen and McCann, the "down-town" booksellers, and ascertain whether these gentlemen, in case the University Book-store should be discontinued, would agree to sell text-books and standard supplies at a fair price, as agreed upon with the Board of Education. *Carried!*

Committee—Messrs. Cook, Felmley and Miss Milner.

Committee to report on Friday, December 16, at 3 P. M.

At the special meeting Friday, December 16, 1892, the aforesaid committee reported—

1. That the American Book Co. will give to any reliable dealer who will contract to retail at wholesale list prices a discount of twenty per cent.; the same discount is given to Normal Schools or their accredited agents.

2. That Messrs. Coen and McCann expressed themselves as willing to retail the "A, B, C" books at wholesale list and other *text books* at an equal rate of profit, and also to handle certain designated forms of tablets, note-books and other supplies at a reasonable rate of profit, as might be agreed upon with the Board of Education—all this on condition that the University Book-store be discontinued.

The votes on Motions 1 and 2, at Tuesday's meeting, were reconsidered and affirmed; *i. e.*, the Faculty voted favoring the continuance of the Book-store and the fixing of maximum prices by the Board.

DAVID FELMLEY,
Secretary.

The following reports of the Committee on Auditing and Finance were read and adopted. The recommendations of the Committee, namely:

An appropriation to the President's Contingent Fund, \$700.

An appropriation to the Library Fund, \$400.

An appropriation to the Natural History Fund, \$300.

were concurred in by the Board by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Rosseter, Sandham, Evans, Mrs. Young, Messrs. Edwards, Walker, Dodge, Harrington, Mozier, Benedict and Raab. Noes—None. Absent—Messrs. Brady and Cope.

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, from 1,896½ to 1,970 inclusive, showing a balance on hand of \$1,365.76, finds the same correct, and recommends its approval.

B. L. DODGE,
R. F. EVANS,
J. D. BENEDICT,

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, 1 to 117 inclusive, showing a balance of \$2.87, and finds the same correct. And your committee recommends that \$700, in addition to said balance, be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
R. F. EVANS,
J. D. BENEDICT,

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 29 accompanying vouchers, and showing a balance of \$0.35, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct, and recommends that \$400, in addition to said balance, be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
R. F. EVANS,
J. D. BENEDICT,

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 1 to 14 inclusive, amounting to \$2,169.60, 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.

B. L. DODGE,
R. F. EVANS,
J. D. BENEDICT,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

CURRENT BILLS.

1	Watson Stewart, labor.....	\$40 45
2	Henry Keiser Mill Works, repairs	25 09
3	Clark, Churchill & Co., repairs.....	19 74
4	J. W. Evans & Son, changing stairs.....	290 00
5	F. Morrison, repairs on heating plant	360 85
6	Smead Warming and Ventilating Co., dry closets.....	350 00
7	George H. Miller, architect's fees.....	250 00
8	Thomas Sylvester, dry closets.....	186 40
9	Public School Publishing Co., advertising.....	41 67
10	R. Loudon, repairs on heating plant.....	63 40
11	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., printing and supplies.....	185 00
12	McLean County Coal Co., fuel.....	246 25
13	Patten & Merker, supplies	50 75
14	Central Telephone Co., telephone.....	60 00
	Total.....	\$2,169 60

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 \$21.89, begs leave to report that it has examined said account, with the accompanying vouchers, from 1 to 26 inclusive, and finds the same correct. The committee recommends that the sum of \$300 be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
R. F. EVANS,
J. D. BENEDICT,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was read and, on motion of Mr. Rosseter, seconded by Mr. Gastman, adopted as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds herewith submits a report on the construction of the Training School Building, and on the repairs made during the last vacation:

At the June meeting of 1891, the erection of the Training School Building was entrusted to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, the President of the Board having been added to the Committee. Owing to the fact that three members of the Committee lived at a distance, the duty of supervising the construction of the building devolved almost entirely upon the resident members. After submitting the plans and specifications to builders and contractors, the contract was finally awarded to John W. Evans & Son, of Bloomington, their bid being some \$1,500 less than that of any other competitor. The contract price was \$17,978, exclusive of blackboards and of the heating plant. The building was begun about the first of August and was ready for occupancy April 1, 1892. Slight changes seemed inevitable, but there were also rebates on account of delay of completion, which substantially balanced the extras.

The following tabulated statement will show the several amounts expended on the building and furnishing:

Paid John W. Evans & Son, contractors	\$17,978 90
.. R. Loudon, for heating plant.....	2,816 00
.. W. A. Olmsted, for blackboards.....	339 48
.. Frank Morrison, for plumbing.....	342 79
Picture rods.....	31 75
Architect's fees.....	1,040 00
Walks.....	336 64
Grading.....	125 25
Total.....	\$23,005 81

The Committee decided also to put into the building the Smead Dry Closet system. This has been done at a cost of about \$650. The system is now on trial and will not have to be paid for immediately. The indications now are that it is an entire success. The stairs, as originally planned, were found to be too difficult of ascent. The Board directed, at its last meeting, that they be taken down and entirely reconstructed. They are now the most comfortable stairs on the premises. The expense of this change is about \$290.

It became necessary to purchase some additional furniture for the new building, although we made the old furniture answer our purposes so far as possible. The expense for this item was \$741.50, making the total amount expended on the new building up to date, \$24,409.56.

Since we receive an appropriation of only \$18,000, it will be seen that over \$6,000 had to be taken from our general revenues. As the possibility of a building was foreseen two years ago, special efforts were made to keep expenses as low as possible, in order that a fund might accumulate to supplement the inadequate appropriation of the Legislature.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE OLD BUILDING.

At the last meeting of the Board, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was instructed to make such repairs as were deemed necessary in the old building, the funds received from the sale of swamp lands to be used for that purpose. Your Committee found, upon a careful examination, that the building was in a very serious condition. Repairs had been neglected for many years. It was determined, however, to begin at the basement and go as far toward the top of the building as the funds would permit.

The old boiler room was floored and whitewashed. The lower halls were painted and grained. The dressing rooms in the southeast corner were changed so as to render them more commodious, were refloored and equipped with new boxes and were re-ceiled with wood ceilings. In general, it may be said that we have endeavored to substitute the wooden ceiling for the plaster in all of the rooms as rapidly as possible. Three additional rooms in the basement were thoroughly overhauled, putting that part of the house in very good condition.

On the first floor all defective ceilings were covered with wood, new floors were laid in the main hall, three new doors were cut through the walls, a partition was removed in the southwest corner, thus throwing two rooms into one for the accommodation of the drawing department. Room 15 was divided into two rooms, one of which was furnished with washbowls and is used by the ladies of the Faculty as a dressing room. The other is used by the High School for recitation purposes. The shelving was removed from the Library to the room opposite, which, with the old grammar room, was furnished with suitable appliances for the uses of the Library. Dressing rooms were furnished with new boxes and racks. All of the woodwork on this floor was repainted and regrained. The stairs leading to the basement were thoroughly repaired, and those on the west side leading to the second story were put in good condition. The committee found itself unable to make such changes in the east stairs as were desired by some members of the Board at the last meeting. That matter should be attended to at the close of the school year, if the funds will permit, and some plan may be devised for accomplishing the purpose. All the woodwork on the second floor was repainted and regrained. All defective blackboards were removed and new boards upon a new ground were substituted. The stairways and wainscoting leading to the third floor were also painted and grained.

The establishment of an Electric Light plant in the town made it possible for us to dispense with the further use of oil. The building is now equipped with lights that are found to serve our purposes in the most admirable way, and which are found to relieve us of much anxiety

hitherto felt on account of the old way of lighting. The heating apparatus was found to be in a somewhat dilapidated condition and required quite a radical overhauling. Things are now in a reasonably good condition so far as our repairs extended. The following tabulated statement will show the several sums of money expended:

Paid A. T. Fagerburg for painting, graining, papering and for curtains	\$1,500 00
Cunningham & Kofoid, carpenter work and material	2,664 43
for iron work	160 75
for plastering	221 27
for repairs on roof	242 20
for stone coping at north doors of basement	45 00
for plumbing and steam fitting	159 00
blackboards	357 00
for matting for Library	92 28
for carpets	201 35
for furniture	300 00
for wiring for electric light	273 00
Total	\$6,216 28

There still remain the following bills:

Fees for supervising architects	\$250 00
For plumbing and steam fitting, about	400 00
For electric light fixtures, about	100 00
Total	\$750 00

We have included in the above several items of expense that ought not to be charged to the land fund, for the expenditure would have been necessary if no extended improvements had been made.

The condition of our heating plant could not have been foreseen. It has been in use many years and occasional break downs are unavoidable. We had by no means anticipated the necessity of so large an expenditure. It is now in reasonably good condition, and we hope that we shall find little need of repair for some time to come.

The needed improvements in the building, however, are by no means completed. The third story needs a thorough overhauling. The outside of the building should be painted. Your committee recommends that hereafter the Legislature shall be asked for not less than \$1,000 per year to be devoted to repairs. The building should never again be permitted to get into the dilapidated condition in which your committee found it last July.

On the resignation of Mr. J. M. Houseman, who had served as janitor and engineer for several years, your committee deemed it expedient to separate these two offices. They employed as engineer Mr. R. D. Thompson at a salary of \$65 per month for ten months. For janitor, Mr. Sherman Hunt was employed, at a salary of \$600 per year of twelve months, and an allowance of \$50 per year for evening service at societies, Faculty meetings, etc. Mr. W. F. Wells was employed as assistant janitor, at a salary of \$35 per month, for ten months. The attention of the Board is respectfully called to the improved condition in respect to cleanliness and general comfort.

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

Likewise, the report of the same committee with regard to rents received.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds beg leave to report the receipt of rents as follows:

Augustine & Co., rent six months	\$137 18
packing yard.....	75 00
Total	\$212 18

and the same has been handed to the Treasurer.

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

The Committee on Text-books and Course of Instruction submitted the following report which was, on motion of Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Sandham, adopted, as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Text-books and Course of Instruction recommends that Cook's Advanced Arithmetic be substituted for White's Complete Arithmetic, in the beginning classes of the University.

HENRY RAAB,
R. EDWARDS,
ELLA F. YOUNG.

The report of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries was received, and, on motion of Mr. Benedict, seconded by Mr. Dodge, adopted as follows:

NORMAL, ILL., December 21, 1892.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries are pleased to report that we visited several of the classes and heard their recitations yesterday. We were impressed with the spirit of enthusiasm and good feeling that prevailed in all departments of the School. We notice with pleasure the change in the appearance of the building and hope it may have the desired effect in the School. We are glad that we are able to present the name of Miss Amelia F. Lucas for the position of assistant in Reading and teacher of Gymnastics. We think this a subject that should be taught in this institution. We recommend her appointment, with a salary of \$700 per year.

We recommend the appointment of Miss Mary R. Potter to the position of assistant in the High School, with a salary of \$450 per year.

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

Committee.

The President appointed Mr. Mozier a member of the Committee on Museum of Natural History and Libraries, vice Mr. Robbins, resigned.

Mr. Walker presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Moved: That the Book-store be discontinued at the close of the present year and that the President of this institution be authorized to arrange for such discounts as will be for the interests of the students.

Mr. Rosseter seconded the motion and it was adopted.

Mrs. Young presented the following resolution and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That the Committee on Text-books and Course of Instruction be instructed to report at the next meeting upon the advisability of establishing a fund for the purchase of books, to be loaned without charge to those pupils who, in the judgment of the President, should have the use of such books.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sandham, 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 was authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds was given further time to report on the sale of certain lots in the city of Bloomington.

The following order of the Board, introduced by Mr. Raab, seconded by Mr. Walker, was passed unanimously:

Ordered by the Board that the December meeting of the Board be held Wednesday of the last week of the Fall term.

A petition from the senior class, requesting that they be allowed to secure a speaker to deliver an address at their commencement exercises, was referred to the Faculty.

And the Board adjourned.

W. H. GREEN,
President.

HENRY RAAB,
Secretary.