

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SPECIAL MEETING,

HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 22, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING,

HELD AT NORMAL, JAN. 18, 1882.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

	NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
	J. A. ENANDER,	1883	6 S. Clark St., Chicago.
	B. G. ROOTS,	1883	Tamaroa.
	E. L. WELLS,	1883	Oregon.
HON.	J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,	1883	160 LaSalle St., Chicago.
HON.	Wm. H. GREEN,	1885	Cairo.
	E. A. GASTMAN,	1885	Decatur.
HON.	MICHAEL DONAHUE,	1885	Clinton.
	HENRY S. COMSTOCK,	1885	Colona.
	THOMAS SLADE,	1885	Normal.
	GEORGE HOWLAND,	1887	1420 Wabash Av, Chicago
	RUFUS COPE,	1887	Flora.
	B. L. DODGE,	1887	Oak Park.
	ISAAC LESEM,	1887	Quincy.
	H. L. BOLTWOOD,	1887	Ottawa.
	JAMES P. SLADE (ex-officio),		Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

AT SPECIAL MEETING, HELD JUNE 22, 1881.

NORMAL, ILL., JUNE 22, 1881.

A special meeting of the BOARD OF EDUCATION was held in the Reception Room of the Normal University, on Wednesday, June 22, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to the call of the Secretary of the Board.

The following members were present:—Messrs. W. H. Green, E. A. Gastman, H. L. Boltwood, Thomas Slade, Michael Donahue, J. A. Enander and James P. Slade.

On motion, W. H. Green was elected president *pro tem*.

Thomas Slade presented the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first, second and third quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, for the current year, the installments being the one-eighth part of the aggregate amount of the whole of the annual interest on the College and Seminary Fund, together with the one-fourth part of the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500), as said installments become due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Normal University, at Normal, and for additions to the library," approved May 28, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first, second and third quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the library thereof, as the same becomes due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3, of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the library thereof," approved May 27, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

On motion of E. A. Gastman, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was authorized to have a connection made to the bell, to strike the hours of the day, if, in the judgment of the committee, such an arrangement should seem to be a feasible one to make.

On motion, the Secretary of the Board was requested to prepare a revision of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, for submission to the next regular meeting of the Board.

The following resolution, presented by J. A. Enander, was, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, At the last session of the Legislature, the bill providing for an auxiliary school building and janitor's cottage, failed to pass, and on account of said failure and the continued crowded condition of the building—

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be, and they hereby are, authorized to examine into the propriety of converting the ladies' dressing rooms, on the east side of the building, into recitation rooms, and the rooms occupied by the janitor into ladies' dressing or cloak rooms, and of procuring a house outside of the building for the janitor.

That if, in the judgment of said committee, this arrangement can be made, they proceed to so arrange until the subject of the pressing need for additional room can be again brought before the Legislature.

Adjourned.

JAMES P. SLADE,
Secretary.

W. H. GREEN,
President pro. tem.

PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AT REGULAR MEETING, HELD JANUARY 18, 1882.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILL., Jan. 18, 1882. }

The BOARD OF EDUCATION met in the Reception Room of the Normal University at 10 o'clock A. M., the President, B. G. Roots, in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT—Messrs. B. G. Roots, E. L. Wells, E. A. Gastman, Thomas Slade, George Howland, H. L. Boltwood, J. A. Enander and Rufus Cope.

The oath of office was administered to Rufus Cope by Thomas Slade.

Minutes of the special meeting of June 22, 1881, were read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion of H. L. Boltwood, the Secretary was instructed to have the minutes of this special meeting printed with those of this meeting.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved.

President Hewett appeared and read his report, as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN:—I am glad to say to you that the internal affairs of this Institution have gone forward with accustomed prosperity, since your last meeting. The

ATTENDANCE

in the Normal Department has filled our rooms to their utmost capacity; and the rooms of the Model Department have been well filled, but not crowded to the same extent.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Fall Term—Ladies.....	238	
Gentlemen.....	111	—349
This Term—Ladies.....	248	
Gentlemen.....	121	—369

HIGH SCHOOL.	
Fall Term—Ladies	28
Gentlemen.....	33— 61
This Term—Ladies	42
Gentlemen.....	42— 84
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Fall Term—Females	57
Males.....	56— 113
This Term—Females	42
Males.....	53— 95
PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
Fall Term—Girls.....	19
Boys.....	20 —39
This Term—Girls.....	18
Boys.....	19 —37
TOTAL ENROLLMENT.	
Fall Term—Normal Department	349
Model Department, all grades	213— 562
This Term—Normal Department.....	369
Model Department, all grades.....	216— 585

Compared with last year, these figures show a slight falling off in the Model Department, but the enrollment in the Normal Department for both terms of the present year, exceeds that of last year. In my report of one year ago, I stated that the number enrolled in the Normal Department for the winter term was greater than the number enrolled at *any* previous time; the number this term exceeds that of one year ago by fourteen.

REPRESENTATION.

Although the attendance in the Normal Department exceeds that of last year, the number of counties represented is not quite so great—sixty-four were represented in the Fall term, and sixty-seven, the present term. This will appear from the tables below:

FALL TERM.			
Adams	2	Ford.....	3
Bond.....	1	Fulton.....	2
Boone.....	6	Gallatin.....	1
Brown.....	1	Greene.....	3
Bureau.....	6	Grundy.....	3
Carroll.....	3	Henderson.....	5
Cass.....	9	Henry.....	1
Champaign.....	5	Iroquois.....	5
Christian.....	6	Jefferson.....	1
Clay.....	3	Jersey.....	1
Cook.....	7	JoDaviess.....	9
DeKalb.....	1	Kane.....	1
DeWitt.....	11	Kankakee.....	1
Effingham.....	1	Kendall.....	1

Knox.....	3	Pike.....	3
LaSalle.....	8	Putnam.....	1
Lee.....	4	Rock Island.....	2
Livingston.....	12	St. Clair.....	3
Logan.....	11	Sangamon.....	2
McDonough.....	1	Scott.....	5
McHenry.....	1	Shelby.....	7
McLean.....	74	Stark.....	1
Macon.....	10	Stephenson.....	3
Macoupin.....	4	Tazewell.....	11
Marion.....	9	Vermillion.....	5
Marshall.....	6	Whiteside.....	1
Mason.....	1	Will.....	10
Massac.....	1	Winnebago.....	5
Mercer.....	6	Woodford.....	18
Montgomery.....	3		
Morgan.....	3	Arkansas.....	3
Moultrie.....	4	California.....	2
Ogle.....	3	Indiana.....	1
Peoria.....	2	Kansas.....	1
Platt.....	2	Pennsylvania.....	1

PRESENT TERM.

Adams.....	2	JoDavies.....	10
Boone.....	6	Johnson.....	1
Brown.....	1	Kane.....	1
Bureau.....	7	Kankakee.....	1
Carroll.....	4	Kendall.....	1
Cass.....	9	Knox.....	4
Champaign.....	3	LaSalle.....	9
Christian.....	7	Lawrence.....	1
Clay.....	3	Lee.....	2
Coles.....	1	Livingston.....	14
Cook.....	8	Logan.....	10
DeKalb.....	1	McDonough.....	2
DeWitt.....	13	McHenry.....	2
Effingham.....	1	McLean.....	82
Ford.....	3	Macon.....	9
Fulton.....	2	Macoupin.....	3
Gallatin.....	1	Marion.....	8
Greene.....	3	Marshall.....	7
Grundy.....	3	Mason.....	1
Henderson.....	2	Massac.....	1
Henry.....	1	Mercer.....	7
Iroquois.....	4	Montgomery.....	4
Jefferson.....	1	Morgan.....	3
Jersey.....	1	Moultrie.....	4

Ogle.....	3	Vermilion.....	5
Peoria.....	2	Warren.....	1
Piatt.....	4	Whiteside.....	1
Pike.....	2	Will.....	10
Putnam.....	1	Winnebago.....	6
Rock Island.....	2	Woodford.....	19
St. Clair.....	2		
Sangamon.....	2	Arkansas.....	2
Scott.....	5	California.....	1
Shelby.....	8	Indiana.....	1
Stark.....	1	Kansas.....	1
Stephenson.....	1	Missouri.....	2
Tazewell.....	12	Pennsylvania.....	1

THE NEW CLASSES.

During the Fall term, 192 persons presented themselves as candidates for admission to the Normal Department, an excess of eight over the number applying in the Fall term of last year.

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	141	51	192
Rejected.....	33	15	48
Received.....	108	36	144
Left before the end four weeks.....	6	7	13

Although the number applying was larger than last year, fewer were admitted; it will be observed that just 25 per cent. of the applicants were rejected on examination. Sixteen of those who were rejected being from McLean county, and having reached a standing of between 60 per cent. and 85 per cent. were allowed to take up the work by *paying tuition*. An unusually large number left before the end of four weeks; in several cases they did so in response to earnest calls to take schools in the neighborhood of their homes. Others were tempted to leave for the same reason.

Those admitted represented 53 counties, as will appear from the following table:

Alexander.....	3	Greene.....	2
Boone.....	2	Grundy.....	1
Brown.....	1	Henderson.....	1
Bureau.....	6	Henry.....	1
Carroll.....	2	Iroquois.....	3
Cass.....	2	JoDaviess.....	2
Champaign.....	4	Kane.....	1
Christian.....	1	Kendall.....	1
Clay.....	3	Knox.....	2
Cook.....	3	LaSalle.....	5
DeWitt.....	8	Lee.....	1
Effingham.....	1	Livingston.....	5
Ford.....	3	Logan.....	5
Fulton.....	2	McLean.....	2
Gallatin.....	1	Macon.....	2

Macoupin	1	Shelby.....	5
Marion	7	Stark.....	1
Marshall.....	7	Tazewell.....	3
Mason.....	2	Vermillion.....	3
Mercer.....	4	Whiteside.....	1
Montgomery.....	2	Will.....	5
Morgan.....	2	Winnebago.....	2
Moultrie.....	2	Woodford.....	4
Peoria.....	1		
Piatt.....	2	Arkansas.....	1
Pike.....	1	California.....	2
Putnam.....	1	Indiana.....	2
Rock Island.....	1	Kansas.....	1
Sangamon.....	1	Pennsylvania.....	1
Scott.....	3		

During the present term 76 persons have applied for admission—a slight increase over the number for the same term last year:

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	53	23	76
Rejected.....	18	9	27
Received.....	35	14	49
Left before the end of four weeks.....	1	1	2

Here, it will be noticed that more than one-third of the whole number of applicants we rejected on examination. The explanation of the large number rejected this year, probably, is an elevation of the standard, or rather an increase in the severity of the examination. Eleven from McLean county were allowed to take up the work by paying tuition, as their standing on examination would have admitted them had they come from any other county.

The forty-nine persons admitted represent twenty-seven counties, as follows:

Bureau.....	1	Macon.....	2
Cass.....	1	Marion.....	1
Christian.....	1	Marshall.....	2
Coles.....	1	Mercer.....	1
Cook.....	1	Morgan.....	2
DeWitt.....	3	Piatt.....	1
Fulton.....	1	Scott.....	1
Jo Daviess.....	2	Shelby.....	1
Johnson.....	1	Tazewell.....	3
LaSalle.....	2	Vermillion.....	1
Lawrence.....	1	Winnebago.....	1
Livingston.....	3	Woodford.....	2
Logan.....	1		
McHenry.....	1	Missouri.....	2
McLean.....	9		

Before leaving the subject of statistics, I would again remind gentlemen of the Board that *in no case* do I allow persons to enter the Normal Department unless

they sign the pledge of intention to become teachers; nor do we count any person on our enrollment who is not a member *at least four weeks*; this will explain why some counties that are represented by admissions to the entering classes are not represented in the report of our enrollment.

THE SUMMER TERM

For teachers was held in the month of August, according to previous announcement; the roll contains the names of 140 women and 90 men—a total of 230—none who were not present for six days were enrolled. The attendance was fifteen per cent. in excess of the previous year, yet it was not quite so large as we had expected. Fifty-eight counties of the State were represented—literally stretching from the Wisconsin border to the Ohio, and from the Mississippi to the Wabash. Something more than half of those in attendance had never been members of the Normal University, in any capacity. The work of the session was made to take the character of the regular drill-work of the school, so far as the brevity of the session would allow. Many of those who attended were profuse in their expressions of gratification and satisfaction with the work done; if there were words of dissatisfaction or complaint, they did not reach my ear. I believe these Summer sessions are doing, and will do, much to instruct and elevate the teachers of the State, to diffuse the spirit of our Normal work, and to strengthen the Normal University in the good opinion of our people.

CALLS FOR TEACHERS.

I have received many urgent calls for teachers during the Fall and Winter, from all grades of schools, offering salaries ranging from such as were shamefully meager up to such as would command our most competent graduates. To very many of these applications I have been obliged to say that I had no one to send. So great has been the pressure for teachers, however, that many excellent students considerably advanced in their course, are now out teaching, who, in other circumstances, would be with us preparing for graduation. For the same reason, several promising young persons who joined the school last Fall, left after a few days, in response to earnest solicitations to teach. For the reason just given, at least in part, our

SENIOR CLASS,

to graduate next May, will scarcely number more than the class of last year. The truth is, that any of our students who have completed two years of our course satisfactorily, and who have the personal qualifications for successful teaching, find very excellent openings for immediate work; the same may be said of many who have been with us but one year. When, as is so often the case, the student is in urgent need of funds, such calls become a very strong temptation to draw him away from school—often money must be had, and he must leave. In this way, very many of our best students go out from us, fully intending to return and finish their course. Some do return; but many who are most successful are further tempted by the offer of advanced salaries, or new ties are formed, and they never return to complete their study here and to take our diploma. Nor do I see any great reason to expect much change in this respect; it seems to me that these conditions are likely to continue, and to be followed by the same results. It is easy to see, however, how much this state of things detracts from the reputation of the Institution, with that large class of people who are disposed to estimate the results of the school simply by looking at its *graduates*. It is a plain fact that our graduates do not represent one-

half—probably not one-fourth—of the effect and influence of the Institution. I have just given one of the principal reasons why a large number of our pupils leave us before their course is complete; but I believe that, in every case where the person has the ability to do good work as a teacher, if he would have patience and perseverance enough to finish his work here, even at the sacrifice of some present tempting offer, he would find himself the gainer financially at the end of ten years. For, my constant experience is that, among all the calls made upon me for teachers, I find the most difficulty in naming suitable candidates for the *best places*.

OUR FACULTY.

I need to spend but little time on this topic. Most of our Faculty have been with us so long, and their work is so well understood, that when I say that I believe they are doing their work as faithfully and successfully as they ever have done it, I have said enough about them. Your Committee on Teachers appointed Miss Mary E. Skinner as an additional assistant in the Normal Department, in accordance with your vote at your last meeting. She entered upon her duties at the beginning of the Fall term. She had made special preparation for instruction in Reading; and her work has been confined to that branch. I have watched her work with some care, and am pleased to say that it seems to be intelligent, earnest and fairly successful. I think she has commanded the confidence and respect of all her pupils from the start. Miss Skinner's appointment has enabled me to give Miss Pennell less class-work to do, thus leaving her free to exercise some special care and oversight over the young ladies. I think it needs no argument to show that a quarter of a thousand young women massed together need a supervision such as they are not likely to receive if none of our lady teachers can give them anything but the fragments of time remaining after hearing five or six classes a day.

Mr McHugh continued to fill the place of second assistant till the close of the year 1881. At that time he was chosen to take charge of the public schools of Normal, and accepted that trust. Since the beginning of the new year Miss Julia Scott, of the class of 1879, has been filling the position. Her classes are very large and the work is difficult; but, from many visits to her room, I am led to believe that she will show herself very competent both for the work of instruction and that of management.

A GRAVE BLUNDER.

You are all aware of the grave blunder at Springfield last spring, by which more than one-fourth of our appropriation is unavailable. Thus far, owing to the large amount derived from tuition and the kindness of our bankers, we have not been crippled in the payment of our salaries. But, I see no way of getting through the present quarter without serious trouble on that score. Your President and several members of your body had an interview with the Governor, on this subject, not long since; I have no additional facts to lay before you. But it seems to me that some action should be taken at this time looking to a way out of the difficulty, if such a thing be possible—or that some course of action should be determined upon, at any rate, that shall be practicable, in view of all the facts as they exist. Owing to this unexpected lack of funds, nothing has been done towards re-covering our stairways, nor in supplying a new bell, nor in attending to some repairs that are very much needed. The plastering has fallen from the ceiling in several places, and others are threatening. A few evenings since the large chandelier

put into the large hall last spring, fell with a crash, entirely ruining the chandelier, breaking all the lamps and threatening a general conflagration, that was only prevented by the coolness and the active exertions of two young men who were present. I think the accident was largely due to an improper hanging of the chandelier.

TUITIONS.

Such of our patrons as are bound to pay tuition for pupils here have generally met the demand cheerfully and promptly. But there are a few cases of delinquency of long standing; and my opinion is that, in some of them at least, suits should be brought to recover the amounts due. There are some students, too, who have received free tuition in the Normal Department, and have failed, partially or entirely, to keep their pledges to teach. Some of these are graduates who are now prospering in other professions, some are young ladies who have married well-to-do husbands, and have left their obligations to teach unredeemed. I suggest that it would be proper and just to demand tuition of such persons; and, if it is refused, I should be glad if some way could be found to collect it by law.

I mentioned in a former report that some steps have been taken by our *Alumni* to celebrate the

QUARTER-CENTENNIAL

of our Institution in a becoming manner, at the close of the present school-year. If such an understanding commends itself to the Board, I should be glad if you would take some action recognizing the movement and tending to promote its successful accomplishment.

I am happy to say that the

HEALTH

of teachers and pupils has been uniformly good since your last meeting, with only a few exceptions, most of which were unimportant. But, during the present term, we have lost one young man by death. This is the first time for about seven years that any person has died while a member of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN O. HEWITT.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Jan. 18, 1882.

On motion, the report of the President was received, and ordered printed.

On motion of J. A. Enander, it was voted that all unpaid bills be referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Treasurer, Thomas F. Mitchell, made the following report, which was, on motion, referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee:

BLOOMINGTON, January 18th, 1882.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of your Honorable Body, showing the amount of moneys received, and the sources from which it was derived, Also the amount of money paid out, and the vouchers authorizing the payment. For specific items I would refer you to accompanying sheets.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

THOMAS F. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, *Treasurer,*

In account with Board of Education. Illinois:

1881.

May 24,	This amount balance general fund on hand.....	\$5,580 96
May 24,	“ “ “ land “ “	834 50
July 3,	“ “ Thomas Slade.....	175 00
July 9,	“ “ State Treasurer.....	4,375 00
July 15,	“ “ “ “	1,125 00
Sept. 3,	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	597 24
Oct. 6,	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	350 00
Oct. 20,	“ “ State Treasurer.....	5,500 00
Oct. 31,	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	514 50
Dec. 1,	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	488 00

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Jan. 6,	“ “ State Treasurer.....	5,500 00
Jan. 12,	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	650 50

Total receipts to Jan. 18th, 1882.....\$25,690 70

Total paid out as per vouchers..... 21,434 36

Total balance Jan. 12th, 1882..... \$4,256 34

Above balance consists—Balance General Fund.....\$3,421 84

“ Land Fund 834 50

\$4,256 34

The following report in regard to the bond of the Treasurer, was read, and, on motion, accepted:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

The resident member of your Board, to whom was referred the matter of receiving the new bond of your Treasurer, Hon. Thos. F. Mitchell, and temporarily approving the same, in the interim between the last and the present meeting of the Board, would report that said Treasurer promptly executed and deposited with your Committee a good and sufficient bond, with Peter Whitmer, President of the Peoples' Bank, and Hon. John M. Hamilton, Lieut. Governor of the State, as securities. Your Committee refer said bond to the Board for its ratification and approval.

Respectfully,

THOMAS SLADE,

Special Committee for above purpose.

On motion of George Howland, the bond of the Treasurer was approved.

The chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication from Henry Augustine, the present lessee of the University tract of land just west of the Normal Uni-

versity site, (for communication see page 16 of printed proceedings of May, 1881, meeting,) would respectfully report, that the said tract is covered with nursery stock; that his lease expires December 1st, 1882; that it is very necessary that he should know at once whether he can have the tract for a longer period, and if so, on what terms. Your Committee express themselves well pleased with his care and improvement of the tract, and would recommend that his present lease be extended for a period not to exceed five years, on the same terms and conditions expressed in the old lease: *Provided*, the Committee on Building and Grounds have power to vary the terms in the interest of the Board, if on further consideration and negotiation such modification in the interest of the said Board be feasible and attainable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS SLADE,
Committee on Building and Grounds.

On motion of E. L. Wells, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be requested to ascertain what position the State Legislature has taken in relation to the insurance of State property, and report the same to this Board at its next meeting.

The following report of the expenditure of the Contingent Fund placed in the hands of the President, was, on motion, approved:

JANUARY 18th, 1882.

State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the President of this University with the Contingent Fund, together with the accompanying vouchers, numbered 1 to 56 inclusive, showing a balance of \$12.94 in the hands of the President, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

THOMAS SLADE,
of the Auditing Committee.

The following regarding the report of M. L. Seymour, in account with the Chemical and Botanical Laboratories, was, on motion, approved:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN—Your Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Prof. M. L. Seymour, Professor of Natural Science, showing the disbursements of the Contingent Fund of three hundred dollars (\$300), placed to his credit by the Board at its last meeting, May 25th, 1881, for the benefit of the Chemical and Botanical Laboratory. Your Committee have also examined the vouchers accompanying said account and report, and find them and said account correct; that there is now in Prof. Seymour's hands a balance of six dollars and eleven cents (\$6.11). Your Committee would recommend that said account be approved.

Your Committee would further report that Prof. Seymour estimates that the sum of fifty dollars additional will be necessary to furnish specimens for dissection for the use of physiological classes, and for procuring plants for botany classes during the remainder of the current year.

Your Committee would recommend, if, in the opinion of the Board, the financial condition of the University will warrant it, that said sum be placed to Prof. Seymour's credit as a contingent fund for the use of his department. Said appropriation seems to your Committee to be as nearly indispensable as any appropriation which could be made by your honorable body.

THOMAS SLADE,
of the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated as a Contingent Fund to M. L. Seymour, for his department.

The following report on the account of the President with the Library Fund, was, on motion, adopted:

JANUARY 17, 1882.

To the State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the report of E. C. Hewitt, (President) in account with the Library Fund, together with the accompanying vouchers, numbered from one (1) to ten (10) inclusive, showing a balance at this date of \$86.46, and find the same correct. Your Committee would recommend that the same be approved by the Board.

THOMAS SLADE,
of the Auditing Committee.

The following report on the account current of S. A. Forbes with the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History, was, on motion, adopted:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the "Account Current of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History for the quarter ending June 30th, 1881," together with the accompanying vouchers, as per statement of accounts filed with the same, showing receipts \$1,000, and disbursements amounting to \$1,000, and find the same correct, and recommend that said statement and report be approved.

THOMAS SLADE,
of the Auditing Committee.

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

NORMAL, January 18, 1882.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying bills, numbered one (1) to twenty (20) inclusive, and find the same correct. Your Committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

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of the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BILLS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

1	E. J. Lewis, postage, etc.....	\$10 61
2	Jesse Blackburn, lumber, etc.....	20 29
3	Jesse W. Fell, wood.....	42 00

4	Maxwell & Co., books, etc.....	\$ 7 75
5	Harwood Bros. & Co., repairs	3 50
6	F. J. Philbrook, labor, etc.....	27 65
7	A. S. Barnes & Co., books.....	19 44
8	Holder, Melner & Co., merchandise.....	90
9	J. Sweeting, labor and materials.....	70 47
10	Springfield Journal Co.....	30 00
11	George Champion, hardware, repairs, etc	17 29
12	Charles Dodge, glazing, etc.....	26 75
13	Frank Burr, stationery, books, etc.....	42 93
14	Julia E. Kennedy.....	32 30
15	Pantagraph (W. O. Davis, proprietor).....	21 75
16	Peter C. Ketelson, materials, labor, etc.....	16 95
17	Mrs. P. C. Ketelson, washing.....	24 75
18	Charles Ketelson, labor.....	1 50
19	Johnson & Glace, incidentals.....	28 70
20	James Dodge, repairs.....	1 50

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

A committee of the graduating class presented a petition asking that all the members of the class be allowed to speak on commencement day. On motion, action on the petition was deferred.

Adjourned to half-past one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The successor of B. F. Barge, H. S. Comstock, who came in during the forenoon session, was duly sworn, the oath being administered by Thomas Slade.

On motion, the following report was adopted:

To the Hon. State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, embracing a period from date of last report to the present time, viz: from May 24, 1881, to Jan. 12, 1882, inclusive, would respectfully report that they have examined said report and the accompanying vouchers, numbering from 572 to 640, inclusive, showing—

Total receipts,.....	\$25,690 70
Total expenditures,.....	21,434 36
Balance, including land fund of \$834 50,.....	\$4,256 34

Your committee find the said report and vouchers correct, and recommend that the said report be approved.

THOS. SLADE,
Of the Auditing Committee.

On motion of E. A. Gastman, the bill due the Telephone Company was ordered paid, and further use of the telephone, on the present terms, was authorized.

The two resolutions following, presented by George Howland, were adopted :

Resolved. That the President and Secretary of the Board be and hereby are authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fourth quarterly installment of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, for the current year, the 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 seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500 00), as said installment becomes due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3, of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Normal University, at Normal, and for additions to the library," approved May 28th, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Resolved. That the President and Secretary of the Board be and hereby are authorized to draw an order on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fourth quarterly installment of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the Library thereof, as the same becomes due and payable, as provided by sections 1, 2 and 3, of "An act making appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History, at Normal, and for the improvement of the Library thereof," approved May 27, 1881, and in force July 1, 1881, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

On motion of E. A. Gastman, the sum of \$250 00 was voted as a Contingent Fund for the President.

The following report was read, and, on motion, approved:

Thomas Slade, to whom was given the \$55.00 appropriated by the Board at its May meeting, 1881, to pay for the use of the Telephone now in the University building, would report, that he has paid bills for the use of said Telephone to the extent of \$55.00, as will appear by accompanying vouchers therefor, and would recommend that the report and vouchers be referred to a special committee to audit and approve,

THOMAS SLADE,
Resident member.

By appropriation for above purpose.....	\$55 00
Vouchers paid, as per vouchers.....	\$55 00——
Herewith filed.	\$55 00

The petition of the graduating class was next considered, and after some discussion, the following resolution, offered by E. L. Wells, was adopted:

Resolved, That all the members of the graduating classes of the University be allowed to take part by speaking in the graduating exercises on commencement day, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

On motion, the Board selected by ballot a person to keep the book and stationery store for the next year.

Mr. David W. Reid was chosen.

The Secretary, who, at the special meeting of the Board in June last, was requested to revise the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Board, submitted a report. After the report was read, it was, on motion of Thos. Slade, referred back to the Secretary, and he was requested to include in the report the organic acts of the Legislature now in force pertaining to the Normal University, and the resolutions of the Board intended for its future guidance; and to submit the report when thus amended, to a special committee of three members of the Board, of his own choosing, and to present the same at the next meeting of the Board.

President Hewett reported the action of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries in selecting teachers.

After hearing his report, the Board, on motion of George Howland, appointed as teachers in the University, Miss Mary E. Skinner and Miss Julia Scott, the two teachers selected by the committee.

The Board then passed the following, presented by the President:

WHEREAS, The Thirty-second General Assembly intended to appropriate to the use of this Board in the management of the Illinois State Normal University, annually, the half of the interest on the College and Seminary Funds, in addition to the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars that was appropriated; which purpose is clearly shown by Senate Bill No. 367, in the House, printed as amended, and by the Journal of the House; and

WHEREAS, This purpose of the General Assembly was defeated solely by a clerical error, not discovered until after adjournment, by which error an amendment offered by a member of the House, in terms referring to words and lines of the printed bill which lay before him and the other members of the House, was taken to refer to the written bill in such a way as to cut out the appropriation of the half of the interest on said funds; and

WHEREAS, This Board, being strictly forbidden by the act of Feb. 14, 1861, to create any debt or liability against the State without the sanction of the Legislature first obtained, finds itself very seriously embarrassed by this loss of more than one-fourth of the intended appropriation, and unable to devise any means by which the institution in its charge can be lawfully continued in operation without said expected income; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, Governor of the State of Illinois, to include the matter of appropriating to our use the said half of the interest on the College and Seminary Funds for the two years ending June 30, 1883, in his proclamation, if he shall convene the General Assembly in special session.

On motion of Rufus Cope, the President of the Board, was instructed, in case he finds the appropriation for the support of the University will

be exhausted, to notify the teachers and other employés of the Board that the Board will not be responsible for their salaries after the exhaustion of the appropriation for the support of the school.

On motion of E. L. Wells, E. A. Gastman and James P. Slade were appointed a committee to present to the Governor the views of the Board regarding its present pecuniary embarrassment.

On motion of George Howland, it was voted that the efforts of the Alumni of the University to celebrate the

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this year meet with the hearty approval of the Board, and that E. A. Gastman be appointed to represent this Board in making arrangements for the celebration.

Adjourned.

JAMES P. SLADE,
Secretary.

B. G. ROOTS,
President.