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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING:

HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 24TH AND 25TH, 1868.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

JUNE 24TH AND 25TH, 1868.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, JUNE 24TH, 1868. }

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met, at their rooms, in the University Building, on Wednesday, June 24, 1868, at ten o'clock A.M.

PRESENT:—Messrs. S. W. Moulton, Henry Wing, C. P. Taggart, T. R. Leal, Jesse W. Fell, J. H. Moore, W. H. Wells, B. G. Roots, Walter L. Mayo, John H. Foster, Newton Bateman—11.

ABSENT:—Messrs. Calvin Goudy, W. H. Green, W. M. Hatch, E. C. Dupuy—4.

Hon. S. W. Moulton, President of the Board, in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Secretary reported that, in compliance with the resolutions of instruction, passed by the Board at its last meeting, he had caused the reprint of a sufficient number of the missing Board Proceedings to make nine more complete sets, and that he had the same bound, uniform with those previously delivered, and they were now ready for use—making in all seventeen complete sets.

The Secretary also reported that, as directed, he had addressed a communication to the Attorney-General of the State, relative to the right of the State Board of Education to the whole amount of the interest of the College and Seminary Funds, under the 8th section of the Act of February 18, 1857, establishing the State Normal University, requesting from that officer a written opinion on the case—that none had been received—and that, subsequently, Judge Thomas, on

behalf of the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, had applied to the Supreme Court of the State for a writ of *Mandamus* against the State Auditor, compelling him to pay the amount in controversy to the said Deaf and Dumb institution — in which condition the whole matter then remained, the court having as yet rendered no opinion in the case.

The special order was then taken up, being the resolution of Judge Green, proposed at the last meeting, relative to the sale of the lands lying northwest of the University Building; and, on motion of Mr. Fell, the further consideration of said resolution was postponed till the next regular meeting of the Board.

A brief discussion followed in respect to the salaries of the Professors in the University, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Officers, to report at this meeting of the Board.

By request, President Edwards appeared and read his stated semi-annual Report, as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN: The condition of the Normal University, for the past year, has been one of prosperity unparalleled in its annals.

In the Normal School, the number of students for the year has been 412, against 327 for the previous year. In the entire Institution, the numbers have been 1043, against 907 in the year before. The ratio of increase for the year has been, in the Normal, 26 per cent.; in the entire Institution, 15 per cent. It is a matter of great satisfaction to notice that the increase has been chiefly in the Normal Department.

The number of graduates this year is 19 in the Normal, and 2 in the High School. The largest number heretofore has been 15 in the Normal.

An increased demand for the services of our graduates and pupils as teachers is a cheerful indication of the public appreciation. Higher salaries are offered this year than heretofore.

The Faculty for the year have been the same as heretofore, with the exception of Miss Martha Foster, in the Intermediate, in the place of Miss Olive A. Rider. But Miss Edith T. Johnson, the accomplished Principal of the Primary School, has just accepted a very eligible position in St. Louis, and her place must be filled for the next year. Miss Johnson is a teacher of more than ordinary zeal and power. It is not too much to say that she has imparted to our Primary School an extraordinary degree of excellence. There has been the most charming order, with no boisterous demonstrations. And her teaching has been earnest, cheerful, wide-awake, philosophical, and thorough. May she find, in her new field of labor, a full appreciation of her quiet skill and high-toned earnestness.

For the first time, the grounds about the building give promise of

the display of trees which has been so much needed. Under the direction of Hon. J. W. Fell, a wonderful transformation has already been wrought. The details will doubtless be reported by him.

Prof. J. W. Powell has given to our Museum, and to the subject of Natural History, as here represented, a national reputation. By special appropriation from Congress, he is enabled to pursue his scientific investigations in the Western Country, at a great saving of expense, and with the advantage of efficient protection from Indians. His report will set forth the particulars.

The loyalty of several members of our Faculty has been severely tried since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Sewall and Prof. Powell, in particular, have been repeatedly urged to accept higher salaries and easier labor. But their love for the Normal, and their hope of better things to come in respect to salaries here, have enabled them thus far successfully to resist all such appeals.

This Institution can not be kept at its present status with its present means. Either it must descend from the high position it now occupies, or there must be larger appropriations for it. The question can not much longer remain unsettled.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

The Report was ordered to be printed, as usual, with the Proceedings of the Board.

Mr. Hatch here appeared, and offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine Mr. Fell's vouchers and work in connection with the improvement of the grounds.

The resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Hatch, Roots and Moore were appointed as said committee.

Dr. Wing offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Prof. Powell be requested to report to the Board the state of his work, and also present the fruits of his expedition now in the Museum; and that the hour of six P.M. be assigned to that business.

On motion of Gen. Moore, it was ordered that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet again at two o'clock P.M.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Taggart, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the water-closets of the Normal University be removed from the building during the coming vacation; and that proper out-houses be erected, under the superintendency of the Chairman of the Building Committee.

Mr. Hatch, who was empowered by the Board at its last meeting to sell certain real estate belonging to the Board, submitted the following report of his doings:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the resolution of this Board, passed December 18th, 1867, authorizing me to sell the lots in Normal and Bloomington, and the land in Woodford county, belonging to this Board, I have sold one lot only, to wit: Lot seven (7) in Block one (1) in the Western Addition to the City of Bloomington, for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00), which sum I paid to the Treasurer of this Board and took his receipt therefor, which is hereto attached and made a part hereof. For the land in Woodford county I have had no offer. Offers have been made for several of the lots in Bloomington, and I might probably have sold them all before this time; but owing to the prospective improvements, in the way of new railroads about to be constructed to Bloomington, all those lots are increasing in value; and I thought best to hold them a few months longer. On consultation with Mr. Fell, a member of this Board, I found his views coincided with my own in that particular, and I have accordingly held them for an increase of price. Probably during the next six or twelve months they can all be sold for a much larger sum than immediately after the order for sale was made.

One of the lots was taken possession of some years ago, by an Irishman, and a house built on it, which I understand he has sold. I would suggest that legal proceedings be instituted to get possession of it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. HATCH, Committee.

The report was received, and its recommendations concurred in. Gen. Moore offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to proceed, as soon as possible, to erect suitable temporary out-houses, for water-closets, on the grounds of the University.

The resolution was adopted.

Gen. Moore also offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by this Board to make a full estimate of the expense likely to accrue in making the necessary repairs in heating and ventilating the department of the University, and for erecting suitable water-closets upon the grounds.

Resolved, That said committee consist of the following, viz: S. W. Moulton, W. M. Hatch, and W. H. Wells; and that said committee be authorized to present these estimates to the next Legislature, through the Report of the Board, and urge upon that body the requisite appropriations.

Mr. Wells, Chairman of the Committee on Officers, to whom was referred the subject of the salaries of Professors, reported as follows:

The Committee have carefully considered the subject referred to

them, and would recommend that the respective salaries of the President, Professors and Teachers in the University be hereafter as follows, viz:

President Edwards.....	\$4,000 per annum.
Professor Sewall.....	2,000 " "
Professor Metcalf.....	2,000 " "
Professor Stetson.....	2,000 " "
Professor Pillsbury.....	2,000 " "
Miss Dryer.....	1,100 " "
Mrs. Haynie.....	900 " "
Teacher in place of Prof. Hewett.....	1,500 " "
Teacher in place of Miss Johnson.....	700 " "

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. WELLS, }
W. M. HATCH, } Committee.

The Report and recommendations of the committee were, after remarks by several members of the Board, unanimously approved and adopted.

Mr. Fell, of the special committee to whom was referred the matter of compensation for the professional services rendered the Board by Walter M. Hatch, Esq., submitted the following report and resolution:

The committee to which was referred the subject of a proper compensation to W. M. Hatch, Esq., for professional services in removing the incumbrances heretofore existing on the grounds pertaining to the University building, have had the same under consideration, and, having conferred with Mr. Hatch in reference thereto, would recommend to the Board the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Board be and are hereby instructed to execute a Deed, with proper covenants, conveying to said W. M. Hatch a title in fee-simple to Lots seven and eight of Block thirty of the First Addition to Normal, in full satisfaction for all professional services to this date.

S. W. MOULTON, }
JESSE W. FELL, } Special Committee.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned till two o'clock P.M.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
JUNE 24, 2 O'CLOCK P.M. }

The Board convened at the hour named in the order of adjournment,—President Moulton in the chair, and the same members being present as at the morning session.

Mr. Fell made a full verbal report of his doings and progress in laying out and ornamenting the University Grounds, all of which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Hatch, Roots, and Moore.

Mr. Hatch, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, submitted the following reports, which were separately considered and approved by the Board:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims referred to them, and recommend that they be allowed and paid:

FROM THE STATE FUND.

To John M. Major.....	\$9.57
“ N. W. Rokker, for binding.....	6.75
“ Ira Lackey & Bro., for feather brush.....	5.00
“ S. Bogardus, for stationery.....	51.54
“ L. W. Pillsbury, for postage and repairs.....	17.45
“ J. F. Geiser, for barrels and drawing water.....	44.50
“ D. Hegarty, for hardware, etc.....	13.50
“ J. W. Fell, for carriage to Normal for the Board.....	5.00
“ Paist and Marmon, for drayage.....	3.35
“ Haggard & Powers, hardware for Museum.....	26.50
“ D. D. Haggard, for “ “ “.....	7.95
“ Elihu Rogers, for three cords of wood.....	24.00
“ Joshua Kelly, for work and materials for heating building...	176.00
“ P. L. Kreuter, for work.....	8.00
“ Peter Ketelson for storing coal.....	20.00
“ John Ollis, for repairing pump.....	3.00
“ A. Gridley, for steam pipe in building.....	32.37
“ Andrew Synder, engineer.....	25.00
“ Maxwell, Hogg & Co., stationery.....	55.65
“ N. C. Nason, for printing and binding.....	90.00

FROM NATURAL-HISTORY FUND.

To A. S. Williams.....	\$93.50
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The Auditing Committee beg leave to further report that they have examined the Report, and accompanying vouchers, of President Edwards, relative to his disposition of the contingent fund, and find the same correct.

The following is a synopsis:

Amount in his hands at the last meeting.....	\$42.62
Received since from the Treasurer.....	250.00
	—————\$292.62
Amount paid, as per report and vouchers.....	335.91
Amount due Pres. Edwards, June 24, 1868.....	<u>\$43.29</u>

The Auditing Committee further report that they have examined

the Treasurer's report, with the vouchers accompanying the same, and find it correct.

The following is a synopsis:

STATE FUND.

Balance on hand at last report	\$367.44
Amount received from State of Illinois.....	12,445.99
" " " Model School.....	3,586.15
	<u>\$16,399.58</u>
Amount paid out of this fund.....	14,759.64
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$1,639.94</u>

BUILDING FUND.

Amount on hand at last report.....	\$69.06
" received for sale of Lot of Land.....	125.00
	<u>\$194.06</u>

FUND FOR ORNAMMENTING GROUNDS.

Amount on hand at last report	\$537.33
" received from State of Illinois.....	1,500.00
" transferred from State Fund	190.08
	<u>\$2,227.41</u>
Amount paid out of this fund to Jesse W. Fell.....	\$547.33
" " " Jesse, W. Fell.....	1,500.00
	<u>\$2,047.33</u>
Balance on hand, June 24, 1868.....	<u>\$180.08</u>

HEATING FUND.

Amount on hand at last report	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
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FUND FOR CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

Amount received from State of Illinois.....	\$1,500.00
Paid to J. W. Powell.....	\$600.00
Balance on hand.....	900.00
	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

FUND FOR NATURAL-HISTORY SOCIETY.

Amount received from the State of Illinois.....	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. HATCH,	} Auditing Committee.
T. R. LEAL,	
JOHN H. FOSTER,	

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. Hatch and Fell be a committee to provide fuel for the use of the University for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty dollars be place in the hands of President Edwards, as a contingent fund.

Mr. Hatch offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

It having come to the knowledge of this Board that Miss E. T. Johnson has resigned her position as Principal in the Primary Department of the Model School, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to her for the very able and faithful manner in which she has discharged her duties while connected with this Institution.

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby instructed to communicate this resolution to Miss Johnson.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following students are entitled to graduation, with the highest honors, in the Normal University and High School, respectively, viz:

Miss Ruthie E. Barker,
 " Jemima S. Burson,
 " Lydia A. Burson,
 " Ann Eliza Bullock,
 " Etta S. Dunbar,
 " Anna C. Gates,
 " S. Grace Hurwood,
 " Lucia Kingsley,
 " Eliza A. Pratt,
 " Emma T. Robinson,

Miss Mary J. Smith,
 " Cornelia Valentine,
 " Elma Valentine,
 " Clara E. Watts,
 Mr. Stephen Bogardus,
 " William A. McBane,
 " Henry McCormick,
 " Jacob R. Rightsell,
 " William Russell,

of the Normal School, and

Miss Annie M. Edwards,
 of the High School.

Mr. R. Arthur Edwards,

Dr. Wing offered the following:

Resolved, That the successful working of the Normal School requires that there should be some general and uniform standard of acquirements in the pupils admitted.

Resolved, That, to accomplish this much-desired end, the Secretary be requested to endeavor to establish such a uniformity, by concert with the County Superintendents. That he devise, with the assistance of the President, and recommend to said Superintendents, a system of examinations, requesting them to use the same in such examinations.

Resolved, That, at the next meeting of the Legislature, efforts be made to make such system legally binding.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned till six o'clock P.M.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
 JUNE 24TH, 6 P.M. }

The Board met. The attendance of members was the same as at the two former sessions.

Prof. J. W. Powell appeared, and gave a very interesting account of his past labors, and of the proposed route and field of exploration in the new expedition upon which he was about to enter. After which he accompanied the Board to the Museum, and pointed out, with brief explanations, the additions thereto from the large collections made in his former trip to the Rocky Mountains. Much of the material has not yet been prepared and classified. The value of the Museum has already been doubled.

Returning to the place of meeting, Dr. Wing submitted the following monograph relative to the pronunciation of the word *Illinois*, which, after an animated discussion, was received and by vote adopted as expressing the sense of the members of the Board upon the point to which it relates — but one member dissenting:

The Board of Education feel an interest in the pronunciation of the name of the State, on grounds of euphony, and taste, and historic association.

We believe that the sounding of an *s* at the end of the name is new, and not euphonious — the hissing sound of *s* is distasteful.

We should regret to see adopted a pronunciation of the name of the State which would exclude that name from epic and song, in which the deeds of her sons will hereafter live.

While we have great deference for the opinions of persons authorized to teach in high places, we express our own personal opinion that the usage which we deprecate is not the best in any sense. We believe that our knowledge of the usage which has prevailed in the State, from the early days until now, warrants us in saying that it has been such as we advocate.

We would therefore most respectfully ask the President and Teachers of Normal to give the most favorable consideration, consistent with their judgment, to the usage which we deem "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

On motion of Mr. Roots, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Board be authorized to draw an order on the Natural-History Society fund, in favor of J. W. Powell, Curator, for four hundred dollars (\$400.00), to enable him to purchase such philosophical instruments as will be needed in the exploring expedition to the Colorado River, and in connection with his services as Curator.

Dr. Wing offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Board regard with deep interest the expedition to the Rocky Mountains, which Prof. J. W. Powell is about to undertake. The general and even national interest that is felt in the expedition, and the confidence reposed in its leader, have been abundantly manifested by the special and generous act of Congress in its behalf, and by the cordial indorsement and coöperation of the Smithsonian Institution, and of other scientific bodies, and by prominent men of science in different parts of the country.

As the expedition is undertaken in the interest of science alone, and not of any particular individuals, institution, state or portion of the country, we earnestly solicit for Prof. Powell and party such facilities and favors from our liberal and public-spirited railroad, steamboat, and other transportation companies, as their generosity may prompt, and as may be necessary to promote the worthy objects of the expedition.

The Board then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
JUNE 25TH, 9 O'CLOCK A.M. }

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:— MESSRS. Fell, Roots, Mayo, Foster, Wing, Leal, Bateman.

In the absence of the President, Dr. John H. Foster was called to the chair.

Mr. B. G. Roots submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the standard of qualifications for admission to the Normal University should be materially elevated.

Resolved, That appropriate diplomas or certificates should be awarded to such as desire them, when they are considered qualified to organize and teach primary or common district schools; and diplomas of a higher grade to those who are qualified to become principals of Grammar and High Schools.

Resolved, That the policy of the University should be so modified as to enable persons who already possess the necessary scholarship, but who desire a special course in the Theory and Art of Teaching, to pursue such special course, and to graduate as soon as the same shall have been fully accomplished.

The foregoing resolutions were received, and, on motion, laid over till the next stated meeting of the Board; and Mr. Roots was requested to prepare a written report thereon, to be submitted at that time.

Messrs. Moulton, Moore, Hatch, and Wells, here appeared and took their seats in the Board.

The Auditing Committee, through their Chairman, W. M. Hatch, presented the following supplementary and special Report, which was considered and unanimously approved by the Board:

The Auditing Committee further report that they have examined the following bills and find them correct, and recommend that they be allowed:

FROM THE STATE FUND.

To Wetherby and Miner, for books..... \$24.50

FROM THE MUSEUM FUND.

To Major J. W. Powell, for money paid out by him, on his Western expedition, in 1867, to December 20, as per vouchers accompanying his Report, which we have examined and find correct..... \$507.26
 Appropriated by the Board..... 500.00
 Balance due Major Powell..... \$7.26

We have also examined said Powell's Report and vouchers, for money expended by him since the meeting of this Board, in December, 1867, amounting in all to..... \$810.00
 Amount received by said Powell, prior to this day..... 1100.00
 Leaving a balance in his hands amounting to..... \$282.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. HATCH,
 T. R. LEAL,
 J. H. FOSTER, } Auditing
 Committee.

Dr. Wing offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the requirement of this Board, adopted June 22, 1865, of a paper from the candidates for graduation, on some subject of geology, botany, or natural history, be published in the next Catalogue in connection with the requirements for graduation.

Resolved, That the subjects of such papers as are so presented shall also be given in the Catalogue, in connection with the names of graduates.

The resolutions of Dr. Wing were unanimously adopted; and, in connection therewith, the carefully-prepared and valuable Essay of Miss S. Grace Hurwood, of the graduating class, upon "The Mosses of McLean County," was referred to by several members of the Board, in expressions of marked commendation, and the hope was entertained that the important requirement of the Board, mentioned in the resolutions, would hereafter be complied with to the fullest practicable extent.

The Board then adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.