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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING:

HELD AT NORMAL, JUNE 25TH AND 26TH, 1873.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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JUNE 25TH AND 26TH, 1873.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, JUNE 25TH, 1873. }

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS convened Wednesday, June 25th, 1873, at nine o'clock A.M.,—President Moulton in the chair.

PRESENT—Messrs. Carter, Clarke, Coy, Gastman, Goudy, Green, Leal, Mayo, Moulton, Noetling, Roots, Wells, Worthington and Bateman—14. ABSENT—Dr. Foster—1.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Gastman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform the printer that the Proceedings of the Board must be printed within one month after any stated meeting.

This being the time for the stated biennial election of officers, on the motion of Judge Green, Hon. Samuel W. Moulton was unanimously reelected President of the Board; and Charles W. Holder, Esq., on the motion of Mr. Carter, was, without a dissenting vote, reelected Treasurer of the Board, to take effect upon his giving a good and sufficient bond approved by the Board.

By request, President Edwards appeared and read his stated Annual Report, which, on motion, was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this meeting. The report is as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN: The number of pupils in the institution during the year just closing, excluding all those whose attendance was less than one month, is as follows:

IN THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies	221
Gentlemen	221
Total in Normal	—442

IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Females	33
Males	44
Total in High School	— 77

IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females	56
Males	94
Total in Grammar School	—150

IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Females	28
Males	31
Total in Primary School.....	— 59
Grand Total in University.....	728

During the first and second terms of the year, the numbers were somewhat less than usual, on account (as we supposed) of the prevailing sickness. But the last term, that now closing, has been a large one. It has also been notable for its preponderance of young men.

DO OUR PUPILS TEACH?

During the last session of the legislature, a resolution was adopted in the House of Representatives, directing the State Superintendent of Instruction to ascertain, by inquiries addressed to the County Superintendents of Schools, the number and names of the teachers in their respective counties who had been educated at Normal.

On this subject there is much misapprehension in the minds of many. Some man hears of one or two pupils who fail to teach, and, adopting the maxim that from one the truth concerning all may be learned, at once infers and declares that many

thus fail. Some men are ready to say that none of our students are employed as teachers in their counties or neighborhoods. Notable instances of this occurred in the legislature. Honorable senators stood in their places and affirmed that no student from the University was engaged in teaching in their counties, when it afterward appeared, from the reports made to Dr. Bate-man by the County Superintendent, that from eight to a dozen of the most prominent educational places in the county were occupied by our graduates and students. These gentlemen may not be to blame for not knowing where the teachers of their own children were educated. Their daily duties may not bring them into contact with these facts. But surely, to condemn the institution on testimony so unreliable as these random statements is manifestly unjust.

And even the County Superintendents have not always been much better informed. While some of them sent in reports that were models of accuracy and care—as, for example, the reports from McLean and Tazewell counties,—the reports of many are remarkable only for the facts they do not contain. The County of Shelby reports no teachers from Normal. But the fact is that two of the most successful teachers in Shelbyville, the county seat, are from here. From Scott county the report is no Normal teachers. But the accomplished assistant in the High School of Winchester, the county seat, is one of our graduates. These omissions were at once recognized. How many more escaped observation in these and in other counties, because the facts did not happen to be known, it is impossible to tell.

At the present writing, the demand for our pupils as teachers is very great. The members of the present graduating class are rapidly securing eligible positions. Only the other day, one of the young men, with no recommendation but a letter from myself, was chosen from a company of eight or ten candidates, some of them experienced and successful teachers, to a fifteen-hundred-dollar position. Others are in correspondence which promises satisfactory results.

Another significant fact, bearing upon this question of the amount of teaching done by our students, is this: that of the thirty-five persons last year graduated in both the Normal and the High School, *all*, with possibly a single exception, have taught during the year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of volumes now in the Reference Library is 1021. Of these, 25 are Congressional Globes; 25 are Patent-Office Reports; 79 are Messages and accompanying Documents; 17 are American State Papers; and 116 are Encyclopædias. During the year, \$975.70 have been paid for new books and book-case, and \$69.20 for binding. The book-case cost \$155.00. There is a balance on hand of \$406.30. The library is in constant use. I have found it absolutely necessary to secure the attendance of some person at the library whenever books are used, or whenever the library is open. This was the only way in which the losing of books could be prevented. Under the present arrangement, every person consulting a book writes his name in a blank book kept for the purpose, and the attendant librarian enters opposite to it the name of the book he desires to consult. This entails an expense of about \$100.00 a year for librarians' services. The amount appropriated by the Board was fifty dollars. I do not think it possible to secure the right performance of the duty for less than the sum first named. At present there is one chief librarian, who spends some four or five hours a day in the library, and he is held for the care of the books. He receives at the rate of fifty dollars a year. At present the number of assistant librarians is three, to whom I have promised five dollars each per term. They attend during the hours when the chief librarian is attending to his school duties. The care of the library has been charged to contingent account.

CHEMICALS.

The amount paid out for chemicals since the last meeting of the Board is \$2826.79. Another bill is now due, which will overdraw the account somewhat. For \$250.00 of the amount expended the vouchers are in the hands of Dr. Sewall. The balance on hand at present is \$173.21.

FURNITURE FUND.

Of this fund there has been expended since the last meeting \$47.25. Balance on hand, \$99.50.

REPAIRS FUND.

At the last meeting this fund was overdrawn by the amount of \$169.87. Since that time \$184.66 has been paid out. Balance now on hand, \$245.47.

HEATING FUND.

Of this there was on hand at last meeting \$1068.86. There has been no expenditure from the fund and no addition to it.

PERSONAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

The expenditures since the last meeting are \$196.00. Balance now on hand, \$533.00.

FUEL FUND.

Of this fund have been paid out \$595.31. Balance on hand, \$870.06. An order for \$61.25 was issued at last meeting to A. C. Cowles for wood, but he declined it because interest was not paid. I judge that Mr. Cowles ought to be allowed his interest.

CARE-OF-GROUNDS FUND.

At the last meeting this fund was overdrawn \$46.55. There is now a balance on hand of \$78.45. No disbursements have been made.

JANITOR'S-SUPPLY FUND.

Amount paid out since last meeting, \$61.00. Balance on hand, \$66.30.

WATER-CLOSET FUND.

Balance on hand, \$76.48. There have been no payments nor receipts.

MUSEUM FUND.

Amount expended since last meeting, \$1404.73. Balance now on hand, \$762.68.

STATE FUND.

At the last meeting this fund was overdrawn \$2671.42. Since that time the amount disbursed has been \$11628.10. It is now overdrawn \$1701.29. But there are outstanding orders and or-

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ders due to the amount of \$7005.00. There are, however, other assets amounting to \$671.00 belonging to this fund.

There are now in the hands of the Treasurer, to the credit of the institution, the following sums:

On Library Account.....	\$406.30
“ Repairs “	245.47
“ Care-of-Grounds Account	78.45
“ Museum “	762.68
“ Expense “	533.09
“ Fuel “	870.06
“ Janitor’s-Supply “	66.30
“ Chemicals “	173.21
“ Water-Closet “	76.48
“ Heating “	1,068.86
“ Furniture “	99.50
Total	<u>\$4,380.31</u>
To this add other assets as above	671.00
	<u>\$5,051.31</u>
From this deduct amount overdrawn State Fund.....	1,701.29
	<u>\$3,350.02</u>
Liabilities (besides sundry bills to be presented).....	7,005.00
Balance against institution.....	<u>\$3,654.98</u>

By the recently-passed law, our funds are hereafter to be drawn in one account or under one head. But vouchers must be presented, satisfactory to the Governor, at the beginning of each quarter, for the expenditures of the previous quarter. It will be necessary, therefore, before drawing our July installment, to present to the Governor the original vouchers for the expenditures of the last three months.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT.

The internal management of the institution has been essentially the same for the last six months as it had been for the previous three. The utmost care, consistent with the performance of other unavoidable duties, has been bestowed upon the teaching in the Model School. There is no doubt that the character of that teaching has improved. This is the case especially in the Grammar and Primary Schools. As a proof of the progress in this respect in the Grammar School, it may be said that last year one-half of the applicants for the High School

failed on examination. This year, on questions of the same grade, prepared by the same man, Prof. Coy, 23 out of 25 applicants were passed. Of the improvement in the Primary School no one who has visited that school will entertain a doubt.

RESIGNATION OF MISS OSBAND.

Some days since, I was informed by our Preceptress, Miss Osband, that she intended to offer her resignation at the present meeting of the Board. I can only say that Miss Osband has been a laborious, as well as an accomplished and successful teacher, and that the school will greatly regret to lose her services. Her usefulness has increased with every term of work, and I think her latest teaching here has been her most successful.

OPPOSITION TO THE INSTITUTION.

Every criticism made upon the school by members of the legislature was promptly answered to the satisfaction of those making it, whenever an opportunity was given for such answer. No charge was made, so far as I know, that was not at once refuted, except those that were sprung at the last moment, on the final passage of the bill in the House. Many of the objections urged against our bill were of the most frivolous and unsubstantial character, and only needed to be heard to secure abundant refutation.

Among the charges was this: that the institution was aristocratic in its character, and practically open only to the children of rich parents. As an answer to this, it may be stated that about one-third of the students,—and among them some of the most successful and most honored in the school,—hire rooms and board themselves, for the reason, as supposed, that they are too poor to pay the ordinary prices for board.

A single fact may illustrate this point. During the second term of last year, a young lady, known as a most excellent and successful pupil, came into my study, evidently in some perturbation of mind. On being questioned, she disclosed the fact that she was nearly out of money, and expected to be compelled to leave school. Little by little, it came out that she had fifteen dollars still left, and that all her expenses for the long autumn term of fourteen weeks had been *twenty-three dollars*. Of course,

but one answer was admissible to her application to be excused from school. She was bidden to remain, and, when her funds should be exhausted, to call upon me for more. When at the end of the term she left us, her record was complete and honorable, and she bore in her hand a certificate, most cheerfully and heartily given, expressing her worth as a woman and a teacher. So much for aristocracy!

I understand that, on the final passage of the bill, in the House, it was charged by one member that our expenses were too great. I was much surprised by this, for I had been assured by members that no one objected to the school on that score. And the urging of this objection at that late hour, after entire silence on the subject when the bill was on its second reading, seemed to indicate that it was not expected to stand fire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD EDWARDS, President.

Judge Green offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That President Edwards is requested to make an abstract of his annual report for the year ending June 26th, 1873, and that he send it to every newspaper in the state, with a request to publish it.

Mr. Gastman moved the appointment of a special committee to consider the present condition and needs of the University, and what measures, if any, should be taken to increase its usefulness and efficiency; said committee to report at this meeting of the Board.

Messrs. Gastman, Green, Wells, Roots and Carter were appointed as such committee, who subsequently reported, submitting some important points and suggestions for the consideration of the Board.

The report was laid over for future consideration and action.

The following communication from Miss Osband was laid before the Board:

NORMAL, ILL., JUNE 25TH, 1873.

State Board of Education.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby resign the position of Preceptress and Instructress in Grammar and Drawing in Normal University, to

which I was appointed by your honorable body in December, 1870.

Accept sincere thanks for the great kindness and consideration you have shown towards me, while I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to discharge the duties and responsibilities which you intrusted to me.

Hoping that the future prosperity of the institution will equal and exceed its past, I am, gentlemen,

Most sincerely and gratefully yours,

M. A. OSBAND.

Miss Osband's resignation was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Roots, it was

Resolved, That the President of this body be requested to convey to Miss M. A. Osband the sincere regret of the Board, in view of the termination of her connection with the University, and their high appreciation of the fidelity and value of her services, and to assure her of the respectful regards of every member of the Board, and of their best wishes for her future prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Wells offered the following:

The Curator of the Museum is hereby authorized to arrange such duplicate specimens as he may think advisable, and loan the same to county superintendents, to be used by them at teachers' institutes and drills; said superintendents to be held responsible for the safe return of the same, and to pay all expenses of freight and expressage.

The resolution was adopted; the vote being taken by ayes and noes.

Judge Green, in behalf of the Auditing Committee, presented the following:

The Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the report of C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the Board, with its accompanying vouchers, have examined the same and find the same correct, and recommend its approval.

W. H. GREEN,	} Auditing Committee.
C. GOUDY,	
E. L. WELLS,	
W. S. COY,	

The report was received and approved.

The following is an abstract of said report:

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STATE FUND.

To cash received from State Treasurer of Ill.	\$10,722.50	
“ “ “ “ Model School	1,683.83	
“ “ “ “ Insurance refunded ..	191.99	
“ “ balance overdrawn	1,701.29	
		<u>\$14,299.61</u>

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 55 orders.....	<u>14,299.61</u>
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LIBRARY FUND.

To cash on hand, as per last report	\$852.00	
“ “ received from Treas. of State of Ill..	375.00	
		<u>\$1,227.00</u>

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 5 orders.....	\$820.70	
“ “ balance on hand	406.30	<u>1,227.00</u>

REPAIR FUND.

To cash received from Treasurer of State of Ill.....	\$500.00
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Contra.

By amount overdrawn, as per last report.....	\$169.87	
“ cash disbursed on 5 orders.....	84.66	
“ cash on hand, June 25, 1873.....	245.47	
		<u>500.00</u>

CARE OF GROUNDS.

To cash received from Treasurer of State of Ill	\$125.00
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Contra.

By amount overdrawn, as per last report.....	\$46.55	
“ balance on hand, June 25, 1873	78.45	
		<u>125.00</u>

MUSEUM FUND.

To cash bal. on hand, as per last report	\$917.41	
“ “ received from Treas. of State of Ill..	1,250.00	
		<u>\$2,167.41</u>

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 16 orders.....	\$1,404.73	
“ “ on hand, June 25, 1873.....	762.68	
		<u>2,167.41</u>

EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF BOARD.

To amount on hand, as per last report.....	\$479.00	
“ cash received from Treas. of State of Ill..	250.00	
	_____	\$729.00

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 10 orders	\$196.00	
“ “ on hand, June 25, 1873, to balance...	533.00	
	_____	<u>729.00</u>

* FUEL.

To cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$1,090.37	
“ “ received from Treas. of State of Ill...	375.00	
	_____	\$1,465.37

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 2 orders	\$595.31	
“ “ balance on hand, June 25, 1873.....	870.06	
	_____	<u>1,465.37</u>

JANITOR'S SUPPLIES.

To cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$78.20	
“ “ received from Treas. of State of Ill...	50.00	
	_____	\$128.20

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 3 orders	\$61.90	
“ “ on hand, June 25, 1873.....	66.30	
	_____	<u>128.20</u>

CHEMICALS AND APPARATUS.

To cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$2,250.00	
“ “ received from Treas. of State of Ill...	750.00	
	_____	\$3,000.00

Contra.

By cash disbursed on 6 orders	\$2,826.79	
“ “ on hand, June 25, 1873, to balance...	173.21	
	_____	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

WATER-CLOSET.

To cash on hand, as per last report	\$76.48	
	_____	<u>76.48</u>

HEATING APPARATUS.

To cash on hand, as per last report	\$1,068.86	
	_____	<u>1,068.86</u>

FURNITURE.

To cash on hand, as per last report \$146.75

RECAPITULATION.

State Fund, overdrawn	\$1,701.29	
Library, on hand.....		\$406.30
Repairs, " "		245.47
Care of Grounds, on hand.....		78.45
Museum, " "		762.68
Expenses, " "		533.00
Fuel, " "		870.06
Janitor's Supplies, " "		66.30
Chemicals, " "		173.21
Water Closet, " "		76.48
Heating Apparatus, " "		1,068.86
Furniture, " "		99.50
Cash balance on hand	\$2,679.02	
	<u>\$4,380.31</u>	<u>\$4,380.31</u>

The report was received, considered, and approved.

Mr. Carter proposed the following:

Ordered, That one more regular janitor be employed, and that both janitors be put under charge of President Edwards.

It was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Charles W. Holder, Treasurer-elect of the Board, presented his official bond for approval, and said bond being found in due form, and well secured, the same was approved by the Board.

Whereupon, the Board adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

NORMAL, 2 P.M., JUNE 25TH, 1873.

Board convened, pursuant to adjournment, the attendance being the same as at the morning session.

President Moulton announced the Standing Committees for the next two years, as follows:

On Course of Study—Messrs. Bateman, Worthington, and Leal.

On Text-Books—Messrs. Goudy, Green, and Clarke.

On Officers and Teachers—Messrs. Gastman, Wells, and Noetling.

On Rules and Regulations—Messrs. Roots, Clarke, and Carter.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. Green, Goudy, Mayo, Coy, and Wells.

On Buildings and Grounds—Messrs. Carter, Mayo, Gastman, Roots, and Noetling.

The President and Faculty of the University reported the names of the following ladies and gentlemen of the Senior Class as having worthily completed the regular course of study, and recommended that the Diploma of the institution be awarded them accordingly. The report and recommendation were received and approved, and it was ordered that diplomas be conferred upon the following members of the graduating class:

Charles DeGarmo, Shelby county.
Anna V. Sutherland, McLean county.
Putnam L. Brigham, Douglas county.
Lura M. Bullock, Lasalle county.
George M. Lecrone, Effingham county.
John B. Stoutemyer, McLean county.
L. Effie Peter, Schuyler county.
H. Amelia Kellogg, Cook county.
J. Lawson Wright, Stephenson county.
Mary M. Cox, Knox county.
J. Dickey Templeton, Tazewell county.
Erneis R. E. Kimbrough, Vermillion county.
Felix B. Tait, Macon county.
Mary I. Thomas, Logan county.
Arthur Shores, Logan county.
Ida L. Foss, Vermillion county.
Walter C. Lockwood, Lasalle county.
Ellen S. Edwards, McLean county.
Jasper F. Hays, Whiteside county.
M. Louisa Abraham, Iroquois county.
DeWitt C. Roberts, Ohio.
Emma W. Warne, Kane county.
Edmund J. James, McLean county.
Mary Hawley, McLean county.

The Faculty having decided that the final examinations of Mr. Elinzer N. Prindle were not, as a whole, up to the standard prescribed for graduation, he was allowed, at his own request, to make a statement of his case before the Board.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Gastman, it was

Resolved, That this Board find no sufficient cause to traverse the decision of the Faculty in the case of Elinzer N. Prindle.

Mr. Noetling offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Ordered, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and they are hereby, authorized to draw orders upon the Auditor of Public Accounts, as follows:

First—For the sum of six thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars, special appropriation to prevent a deficiency.—Section 3, Act approved April 25, 1873.

Second—For the first and second quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University at Normal; each installment being the one-fourth part of the aggregate amount of the whole of the annual interest on the College and Seminary Fund together with the sum of \$16,000, as said installments become due and payable.—Section 1, Act approved April 25, 1873.

And that the Treasurer of this Board, C. W. Holder, Esq., is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for said moneys.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That all pupils of the Soldiers'-Orphans' Home, of Normal, asking admission to this University, being qualified, be admitted to the High School without payment of tuition, and to the Normal Department on the same examination as other pupils from other counties than McLean; *provided*, at no time the whole number in attendance shall exceed ten pupils; and, *provided further*, that such admission shall not interfere with the rights of those who by law are entitled to instruction in this institution.

The Board then passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That President Edwards be, and he is hereby, authorized and requested to have suitable blank forms of vouchers, etc., printed, to facilitate the keeping of the financial accounts of the University, in conformity with the late acts of the legislature; and also, that all the several different funds, with which separate accounts have heretofore been kept, be merged, and hereafter considered as a part of the common funds of the institution, to be drawn upon for any lawful and proper uses.

The following, offered by Mr. Wells, failed to pass:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to advertise the University in the Illinois Schoolmaster, said advertisements to be at his discretion and not to exceed one page per month of that journal.

Prof. S. A. Forbes, Curator of the Museum, presented the annexed report of transactions in his department for the preceding six months:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

During the past six months, numerous additions have been made to the cabinets and library of our Museum of Natural History, the work of its thorough organization has been completed, and measures have been taken to increase its future value and efficiency as a means of popular education.

The material acquired by collection, purchase and exchange, will be shown by the inclosed lists, as far as it can now be ascertained.

As the science of Entomology was less fully represented than any other of equal interest and importance, I have given my time, during a large part of the season, to the collection of insects. A very good set of the fishes and reptiles of the state has also been secured; and considerable additions have been made to the collections of minerals, especially of such as are used within the state in the arts and manufactures.

It will be seen that my purchases have been almost wholly confined to such objects as we could not well collect or prepare for ourselves. I have obtained from Mr. Woodman, of Dubuque, Iowa, who is an experienced and skillful collector, a large quantity of specimens from the Florida Keys, many of which are designed for our public schools; and from Mr. Ward, of Rochester, N.Y., a set of mounted skeletons and detached skulls, so selected as to exhibit the characteristics of the different orders of mammals and of the different classes of other vertebrates. I have also obtained from abroad specimens of such families of vertebrates as had no representatives within the limits of our state.

Several additions have been made to the library, which, though small, contains only *recent* works of *standard* value, and is well adapted to its purpose.

The specimens of Indian arts received from Maj. J. W. Pow-

ell replace those sent by him from our Museum to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington. Although the collection is not the same as the one removed, it appears to be of equal value.

In compliance with a petition signed by many citizens of this county, the State Legislature, at its last session, so amended the law for the geological survey of the state as to include the Normal University among the institutions entitled to a full set of the duplicate geological specimens in the State Cabinet at Springfield. Nothing has as yet been received from this source.

Among the additions to the Museum, I may properly mention the valuable microscope bought by Dr. Sewall, which he has kindly placed at my disposal, for my personal use and for the use of students. This instrument opens to us some branches of natural history which we have hitherto been unable to pursue, and adds much to the value of many botanical and entomological specimens, which can now, for the first time, be satisfactorily studied.

Contributions have been few in number, although some of them have been of considerable value. My thanks are especially due to the St. Louis Academy of Science for a full set of its Transactions; to Dr. B. F. Long, of Alton, Ill., for a number of interesting specimens from this and other countries; to Mr. W. R. Head, of Centralia, for fossils from the Iowa rocks; and to the normal High School for a small cabinet of insects and other specimens collected by the graduating class while pursuing the study of zoölogy.

There has been nothing like a general response to my circulars issued to those connected with the public schools, but preparations are nevertheless making for an issue of specimens next winter, and in much greater quantity than heretofore. Valuable sets of marine specimens, such as the schools can not well obtain for themselves, illustrating the great branches of radiates and mollusks, well-selected cases of insects, and an abundance of botanical material, may be made ready for distribution by the first of January. It would seem that few schools to which we may send really useful cabinets would refuse us the aid we ask in working up the natural history of the state, especially as the very act of rendering us this assistance will be of the greatest profit to those engaged in it.

Much work has been done, during the last half-year, upon the

fossils and recent shells of the collection. Of the names now on our catalogues, thirty per cent. of the former and fifteen per cent. of the latter have been added during the past winter. The naming of specimens in all departments was carried as far as the facilities at our command would permit. Another work which has occupied much of my time is the selection and mounting of that portion of the plants of Dr. Vasey's collection to which the museum was entitled by the arrangement made between Maj. Powell and Dr. Vasey. This was a very long and tedious task, but is now nearly completed. The additions thus made to the herbarium will make it unnecessary to collect or purchase in this department for some time to come, either for our retained set or for distribution or exchange. I have also undertaken, during the past term, to supply the botany classes of the University with fresh specimens for study.

In doing what I could to enlarge the museum, to improve its organization, and in all ways to increase its usefulness, I have worked with constant reference to the plans approved by you at your last meeting, so that I may reasonably hope that every movement has been a progressive one.

If you would know more fully how much has been done towards carrying out these plans since you imposed upon me the duties of the curatorship one year ago, I can only ask you to compare the condition and prospects of the Museum as they present themselves to you to-day with its condition and prospects as they appeared to you at your last June meeting.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Normal, Ill., June 26th, 1873.

S. A. FORBES.

The subjoined tabular statements, furnished by Prof. Forbes as a part of his report, show in concise form the additions made by him to the library and cabinets of the Museum, during the last six months:

LIST OF SPECIMENS ADDED TO MUSEUM OF ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
AT NORMAL, ILL., DECEMBER, 1872, TO JUNE, 1873.

Number of Specimens.	Description.	Remarks.
3,300	Insects,	Collected by Curator.
200	"	Donated by Nor. High Sch'l.
50	Birds, [tebrates,	Purchased.
18	Skeletons and skulls of ver-	"
100	Minerals,	Collected by Curator.
118	Indian arts and civilization,	Rec'd from J. W. Powell.
75	Radiates,	Purchased.
20	Sponges,	"
100	Miscellaneous,	Donated.
3,981		

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY OF MUSEUM OF ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
AT NORMAL, ILL., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1873.

Number of Volumes.	Description.	Remarks.
16	Geology and Palæontology,	Purchased.
1	Mammalia,	"
19	Entomology,	"
4	Botany,	3 purchased, 1 donated.
3	Mineralogy,	2 " 1 "
10	Conchology,	Purchased.
50	Miscellaneous,	4 vols. rec'd from St. Louis Acad. of Nat. Sciences.
103		

The Curator's report was approved, and ordered printed with the proceedings of this meeting of the Board.

Prof. Forbes stated that Maj. J. W. Powell desired certain specimens, now in the Museum, to be forwarded to him at Washington, D.C., for the purpose of having them properly described, named and classified, etc., and then to be returned. Whereupon, the Board, on motion, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Curator be, and he is hereby, authorized and requested to forward to Major Powell the specimens designated by him, for the purposes mentioned, taking of said Powell his receipt therefor, and his assurance, in writing, that the same shall be returned to the Museum of this University as soon as practicable after the work of description, etc., shall be completed.

On the motion of Mr. Clarke, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Heating and Ventilation be discharged, and that the whole subject of heating and ventilation be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act.

Mr. Wells moved a reconsideration, and it was so ordered; when he offered the following amendment, which was agreed to:

Amend by adding Mr. Leal to the committee, and striking out the words "with power to act," and inserting the words, "to report at the next meeting of this Board the best plan, and the cost of carrying out the provisions of this resolution."

Whereupon, the resolution, as amended, was laid upon the table for future consideration.

On the motion of Judge Green, it was

Ordered, That President Edwards be authorized to purchase fuel, and report to this Board, at its December meeting, the cost of the fuel purchased. That he make careful inquiry as to the cost of fuel and purchase as cheap as possible. That \$800 is appropriated to purchase fuel, and that the President of the Board draw the necessary orders to pay for the fuel, upon presentation of vouchers duly received.

The Auditing Committee, through Judge Green, Chairman, presented the following report, which was approved:

The Auditing Committee have examined the following bills, and find the same correct, and recommend the payment thereof:

H. W. Van Doren, 1 cord wood, and 1 ton coal	\$9.50
T. J. Philbrook, cleaning privy vaults, at the times set out in the voucher, and for hauling 36 barrels of water..	15.00
Robert Fell, 33 brooms.....	11.00
D. Watkins, putting in window lights.....	2.25
Blackburn & Brown, 12 posts.....	1.80
McLean County Coal Company, coal.....	36.45
D. S. Ross, taking up dead trees, setting trees, etc.....	17.50

The above bills state the particular items of the bills.

WM. H. GREEN, C. GOUDY, W. S. COY, W. L. MAYO, C. F. NOETLING, }	Auditing Committee.
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On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the President of the Normal University, as a contingent fund to pay expenses for ensuing six months.

Mr. Wells, of the Auditing Committee, reported that they had examined the subjoined account of the Curator, with the vouchers therefor, and found the same correct:

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF MUSEUM OF ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY, AT NORMAL, ILL., FROM DECEMBER, 1872, TO JUNE, 1873.

Number of Abstract.	Description.	Amounts.	Totals.
	<i>Dr.</i>		
	To cash on hand, Dec. 1, 1872	\$98.56	
	To cash received from Treas'r.....	1,379.73	
	To cash rec'd from J. A. Sewall.....	32.00	\$1,510.29
	<i>Cr.</i>		
1	By "Improvement of Museum" ...	\$90.00	
2	" purchase of specimens	374.95	
3	" books and stationery.....	78.88	
4	" pay of assistants and janitors ...	82.00	
5	" postage and money orders.....	2.15	
6	" chemicals and materials.....	12.85	
7	" expense of collect'g specimens..	63.30	
	" services as curator	750.00	
	" cash on hand.....	56.16	1,510.29

S. A. FORBES, Curator of Museum.

The report was approved.

Judge Green, of the Auditing Committee, further reported as follows:

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the accounts set forth in the following list, find them correct, and recommend their payment:

To Peter Ketelson for cash paid C. H. Gmehlin, repairing locks and key	\$1.00
" Gould and Lincoln, for wall maps	58.27
" Paist & Marmon, for sulphate of copper	4.50
" Henry M. Sherwood, for furniture	47.25
" H. W. Van Doren, for wood and teaming	12.00
" Amos Kemp, for book-binding	69.20
" D. Watkins, for glazing	2.25
" Asher & Adams, for books.....	28.00
" H. W. Van Doren, for wood and coal	9.50
" McLean County Coal Company, for coal	36.45
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$268.42</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$268.42
To Blackburn & Brown, for fence posts	1.80
“ Loer & Son, for janitor’s supplies	10.55
“ Geo. W. Davison, for blacksmithing.....	.65
“ Peter Ketelson, for cash paid J. B. Thatcher, re- pairing	2.25
“ Peter Ketelson, for washing towels, etc	18.20
“ Daniel S. Ross, for labor on grounds	17.50
“ F. J. Philbrook, for work.....	15.00
“ A. C. Cowles, for wood and interest.....	55.50
“ Robert Fell, for brooms.....	11.00
“ Peter Ketelson, cash paid I. Lackey & Bro.....	3.00
“ F. J. Philbrook, for work	7.50
“ Geo. McIntosh, repairing steam pipes, etc.....	384.10
“ Holder, Milner & Co., for hardware.....	63.83
“ Maxwell, Batchelder & Co., for pictures and frames for primary school.....	15.06
“ S. S. Ventres, for books	12.44
“ J. F. Hays, for stationery and books.....	91.00
“ Western Bank Note and Engraving Company, for diplomas.....	31.25
	\$1,009.05

W. H. GREEN, }
 C. GOUDY, }
 W. S. COY, } Auditing
 } Committee.

Mr. Wells, of the Auditing Committee, made further report, as follows:

The within report of Mr. Edwards, of the Contingent Fund, has been examined by the Auditing Committee and found correct.

W. S. COY, }
 W. L. MAYO, }
 E. L. WELLS, } Auditing
 C. GOUDY, } Committee.

The following is the report:

Nov. 30th, H. Jamieson, freight.....	\$2.50
Dec. 1st, Paist and Marmon, dusters.....	3.25
“ 10th, Chicago Schoolmaster, advertising	20.00
“ 13th, A. Jamieson, freight75
“ 19th, J. S. Ross, work on pump	6.00
Jan. 1st, Jno. S. Scibird, P.O. box, Bloomington.....	.48
“ “ Park & Burr, advertising	6.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$38.98

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		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$38.98
Jan.	1st, Thos. F. Hastie, express.....	2.27	
"	2d, Jno. S. Scibird, paper-wrappers	3.20	
"	3d, A. Jamieson, freight95	
"	4th, Thos. F. Hastie.....	14.75	
"	15th, Fred. H. Wines	10.00	
"	16th, R. B. Green, hauling water	1.25	
"	22d, John L. Shorey.....	1.20	
"	" C. Van Pelt75	
"	25th, Thos. F. Hastie, express30	
"	31st, John Cunningham	10.00	
"	" Joseph Carter	40.00	
Feb.	7th, J. P. Hodge, care of library	5.00	
"	8th, Kirkendall, Pierpont & Co	42.65	
"	15th, National School Furniture Co	7.50	
"	17th, A. Jamieson	2.70	
"	" N. C. Nason, advertising	18.00	
"	20th, M. W. Tewksbury, (Prang's Natural-History Series).....	8.00	
Mar.	25th, A. Jamieson, telegram.....	.90	
"	27th, J. P. Hodge, care of library	12.50	
"	" Emma J. Conable, care of library.....	5.00	
"	29th, J. Lawson Wright, care of library	10.00	
"	" Wm. H. Chamberlin	5.00	
April	1st, John S. Scibird, P.O. box48	
"	10th, L. A. Hovey, postage81	
May	1st, Paist and Marmon, sulphate of copper	4.50	
"	15th, Thos. F. Hastie.....	.25	
"	30th, A. Jamieson.....	6.98	
June	5th, John Cunningham	9.00	
"	" A. Jamieson.....	.45	
			<u>\$263.37</u>
Amount on hand, December		\$15.53	
" appropriated		300.00	
			<u>\$315.53</u>
Amount now on hand			\$52.16

Thereupon the Board adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

NORMAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH—8 A.M.

Board met. Present—Messrs. Moulton, Noetling, Worthington, Leal, Green, Goudy, Wells, Gastman, Roots, Carter, Coy, Mayo, and Bateman.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Noetling, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Building Committee be authorized to employ a competent man, on as reasonable terms as possible, to make plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the Normal School Building; and that said committee be further authorized to receive sealed proposals to heat and ventilate said building according to such plans and specifications.

Resolved, further, That the President call a special meeting of the Board to open such sealed proposals, and take such action as shall be necessary with reference to the matter, so that the work necessary may, if possible, be completed during the present vacation.

Mr. Noetling also offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this institution be required to publish, a reasonable time before the commencement of each session of this school, a notice of the date of the commencement of the term, and such other information as he may think best for the benefit of the institution.

Judge Green moved that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for the Museum the current year. An amendment was offered and adopted, increasing the amount to \$2,500, the same as heretofore, and the motion as amended was adopted.

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

Resolved, That the President of this Board and Judge Wm. H. Green be, and they are hereby appointed a special committee to sell such lands of the Board as are subject to sale, on such terms and conditions as they may deem for the best interests of the state, and report their action at the next stated meeting of the Board.

Mr. Wells offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That we believe the attendance of the Professors of this University at teachers' institutes is a great help to the cause of education, and, so far as the President thinks it not detrimental to the interests of the institution, we recommend that the Professors be allowed to attend

and hold such institutes; but we think a careful record of the absence of all teachers should be kept. It is also the decided opinion of this Board that, during term time, no charges above the expenses incurred should be made by the Professors for attending such institutes.

The resolution was adopted.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Teachers be requested to take into consideration the subject of securing a more thorough superintendence of the pupil teachers in their work, by employing a teacher especially for this purpose, to act under the direction of President Edwards, and that the committee report at the next stated meeting of this Board.

Mr. Gastman offered the following resolution, which, after discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit the school from time to time, and remain long enough to know the actual condition of the several departments of the school, and report at the regular meetings of this Board.

Messrs. Gastman, Wells and Roots were appointed by the President of the Board as the special committee required by the foregoing resolution.

And thereupon, on motion, the Board adjourned.

S. W. MOULTON, President.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.