

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING.

HELD AT NORMAL, MAY 26, 1880.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Theory and Art of Teaching, and Mental Science*—Barge, Enander, Hill.
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- Training School*—Wells, Thos. Slade, J. P. Slade.
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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 Board of Education

AT REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 26, 1880.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
NORMAL, ILL., May 26, 1880. }

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. The roll was called.

MEMBERS PRESENT—Messrs. B. G. Roots, W. H. Green, E. L. Wells, E. A. Gastman, H. L. Boltwood, B. F. Barge, Thomas Slade, S. W. Moulton, J. C. Knickerbocker and James P. Slade.

ABSENT—Messrs. R. S. Canby, H. H. Hill, Isaac Lesem, J. A. Enander Michael Donahue.

The Minutes of the January meeting were, on motion, approved.

The President occupied some time in stating what he had learned during the past two weeks about the work of the Normal University. He was glad to find so much prominence given to the training department, and to find that students are required to attend the school of observation the first term, and thus learn something of methods of teaching, whether they remain in the school one or several terms. He was much pleased with the character of the teaching.

President E. C. Hewett read the following report, which was accepted:

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

GENTLEMEN:—To-morrow the Institution under your care will close the work of its twenty-third year, and will send out its twenty-first class of graduates. Since your last meeting, our affairs have moved on with the usual quiet and efficiency. Our

ATTENDANCE

during the present term has not been so large as it was in the winter; but it exceeds the attendance of one year ago, by twenty-one in the Normal Department, and thirteen in the Model Department. Your rule restricting the admission from McLean

county doubtless reduced the number of applicants considerably; and I think the change of time for beginning the spring term prevented quite a number of young men from returning this term, as their winter schools did not close till about the last of March.

The following table will show the attendance in the several Departments and Grades:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.	
Ladies,	186
Gentlemen,.....	87—273
HIGH SCHOOL.	
Ladies,.....	23
Gentlemen,.....	37— 60
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Girls,.....	38
Boys,.....	28— 66
PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
Girls,	27
Boys,	15— 42
TOTAL ENROLLMENT.	
Normal Department,.....	273
Model Department, all grades,.....	168
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Total for the term.....	441

The following table will show that sixty-four counties have been represented in the Normal Department, during the present term, a larger number than have been represented before for several years:

Adams.....	1	Jackson.....	1
Boone.....	5	Jersey.....	1
Brown.....	1	Jo Daviess.....	10
Calhoun.....	1	Kankakee.....	1
Carroll.....	1	Knox.....	1
Cass.....	4	Lake.....	1
Champaign.....	1	La Salle.....	7
Christian.....	3	Lawrence.....	1
Clay.....	2	Lee.....	3
Coles.....	4	Livingston.....	4
Cook.....	2	Logan.....	7
Cumberland.....	1	McDonough.....	4
De Witt.....	6	McHenry.....	3
Douglas.....	1	McLean.....	81
Edgar.....	1	Macon.....	6
Effingham.....	7	Macoupin.....	1
Ford.....	1	Madison.....	5
Greene.....	2	Marshall.....	1
Grundy.....	1	Montgomery.....	2
Hancock.....	1	Morgan.....	7
Hardin.....	1	Moultrie.....	3
Henderson.....	2	Ogle.....	6
Henry.....	1	Peoria.....	2
Iroquois.....	3	Perry.....	3

Piatt.....	2	Vermilion.....	3
Pike.....	2	Washington.....	2
Putnam.....	1	Whiteside.....	1
Rock Island.....	1	Will.....	5
St. Clair.....	1	Winnebago.....	1
Sangamon.....	2	Woodford.....	17
Scott.....	2	Nebraska.....	4
Shelby.....	5	Ohio.....	1
Stephenson.....	4	Pennsylvania.....	1
Tazewell.....	4		

THE NEW CLASS.

Thirty-six candidates applied for admission this term; of this number, three were rejected on examination, and thirty-three were admitted. Four of this number left before the end of four weeks, and consequently are not counted in the enrollment. The table below will show these facts:

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	20	16	36
Rejected.....	2	1	3
Received.....	18	15	33
Left soon	1	3	4

The thirty-three who were received, represented twenty-five counties, as follows:

Carroll.....	1	Macoupin.....	1
Clay.....	1	Marshall.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	Morgan.....	1
Greene.....	1	Ogle.....	1
Hardin.....	1	Piatt.....	1
Henry.....	1	Sangamon.....	1
Knox.....	1	Shelby.....	2
La Salle.....	1	Stephenson.....	1
Lawrence.....	1	Vermilion.....	1
Livingston.....	1	Washington.....	2
Logan.....	1	Whiteside.....	1
McDonough.....	1	Woodford.....	3
McLean.....	5		

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL.

I believe the condition of the School has been in all respects as satisfactory as we could reasonably expect. Teachers and pupils have enjoyed a good degree of health; as compared with other places, if we may judge from reports, the health here has been remarkably good. We have had several cases of measles among our students, and a few are now sick with that disease; but all these cases have been of a mild type, many of the sufferers returning to their work after a few days' absence.

But one case of discipline at all serious has occurred during the year. One young woman was detected in two flagrant attempts at cheating in her school work. I promptly sent her away, and the Faculty, afterwards, considered the case, and unanimously voted that she should be marked in the catalogue as expelled.

The work of the several teachers has gone on successfully in all cases, I believe, and with little or no friction of any kind. I have not thought it necessary to ask the teachers to make separate reports of their work, believing that former reports have clearly indicated its scope, and that all has been carried on faithfully and successfully.

FINANCES.

The Report of the Treasurer will show, I think, that our finances are in a very satisfactory condition. I do not believe that any one can truthfully say that any of our money is wasted or spent foolishly. The income of the Model School has been somewhat larger than usual. More than \$3,500 have been collected for this year's tuition in the Grammar and High Schools, and paid over to the Treasurer. There is some more yet due. Most of it is good, and will be paid; but I think in a few cases it might be well to take some legal steps to collect what is unpaid.

At the last meeting of the Board, by oversight no doubt, no contingent fund was set apart for my use. The result is, that I have paid from my own funds about \$250 for contingent expenses. To cover this deficiency, and to provide for the long period before your next meeting, I think will require at least \$600.

REPAIRS, ETC.

A few weeks ago our bell cracked, and shortly after a part fell to the floor. I know of no reason for the accident; but, of course, another bell should be procured. It is very desirable, also, that means be taken to put the bell-tower in a better condition to withstand driving storms. In every case of rain, accompanied by strong wind, damage is done by the water that beats in. I know of no other repairs that are especially needed, except some whitening of the walls, some renovating of black-boards and some replacing of side-walks.

LIBRARY.

I have increased the number of books in our library considerably, from the funds you placed at my disposal for that purpose. My report of that fund will show a balance of about \$100 remaining; but something more than half of that balance, I think, is owing for books already purchased, but for which I have not yet received the vouchers. If the Board think best, I hope they will appropriate about \$300 or \$500 more at this meeting. I expect to go East this Summer, and should be glad to buy quite a number of books for the library while I am gone.

Small as our library is, it has outgrown its present quarters. It has been a question with me, for some time, what to do in regard to it. I think, however, some more cases should be placed in one of the rooms of the building, in which all books of a somewhat miscellaneous or general character should be put; let these cases be opened for a short time once a day, and let the pupils draw out books at that time. Then we can confine the use of our present cases and tables to books that are strictly reference books.

ADVERTISING.

Of course, I am constantly besieged by applications for advertising. I have not advertised largely for the last year or two. All bills for this purpose, except one or two, have been paid from the contingent fund. It is a question, however, whether the High and Grammar Schools might not be advertised more fully, to advantage. I shall be very glad to get the opinion of the Board on this whole subject.

INSTRUCTION IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS REQUIRED BY LAW.

In response to a resolution adopted at your last meeting, I submit the following statement:

"Taking human physiology as the starting point, the pupils are taught the salient physiological peculiarities of the sub-kingdoms and classes, and, in some cases, of the orders also, in connection with their study of the structural characteristics of

these groups. Opportunity is afforded in the Natural History Laboratory for special study of comparative physiology, in connection with practical work in histology."

In the study of human physiology, careful attention is given to anatomy, to the functions of the muscles and organs, and to the principles of hygiene.

Vegetable physiology is taught in connection with structural and systematical botany.

One-sixth of the time given to the science of botany is spent in studying the functions and medicinal properties of plants and their organs; the reproduction and propagation of plants, their modes of growth, and the kinds and value of their fruit.

Agricultural chemistry has some attention given to it in connection with general chemistry.

The subject is briefly treated in the beginning work of botany, under the head of Germination of Seeds and the Adaptation of Plants to Soils.

No work in the analysis of soils has been done.

The senior class study the Constitutions of the United States and of Illinois for one term. Most of the National Constitution is committed to memory; and a large part of the comment in Dr. Israel W. Andrew's text-book is thoroughly studied. The most important points in our State Constitution are brought out by comparison with the National Constitution, noting the resemblances and the differences. Considerable instruction is given to the whole school, also, by general exercises on the features of our Government and the rights and duties of citizens.

STATISTICS.

One year ago, you commended the work of Professor Cook in collecting statistics in respect to the professional work and success of our students. That work he is continuing, at a great outlay of time and effort, but with the most encouraging results. He has prepared the following statements respecting the work of our graduates. Three hundred and thirty-six have graduated from the Normal Department. A summary of the work is as follows:

CLASS OF 1860.

One was killed at Fort Donelson, and one died in 1863, having taught $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. The average teaching of the survivors is 8 5-16 years.

CLASS OF 1861.

One died in 1863, having taught $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, and one in 1864, having taught 2 years. The average of the survivors is $8\frac{3}{4}$ years.

CLASS OF 1862.

The average of the class is 9 13-16 years.

CLASS OF 1863.

One died in Jan., 1869, having taught $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. The average of the remainder is $6\frac{1}{3}$ years.

CLASS OF 1864.

No report has been received from one member of this class. The average of the remainder is 8 years.

CLASS OF 1865.

The average of the class is 10 17-22 years.

CLASS OF 1866.

The average of the class is 7 7-15 years.

CLASS OF 1867.

One of this class has not taught.

One died in 1871, having taught $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, and one in 1878, having taught $11\frac{1}{8}$ years.

The average of the remainder is 6 9-10 years.

CLASS OF 1868.

One of this class died in 1871, after teaching $2\frac{3}{8}$ years, and another 1877, who had taught 8 years.

The average of the remainder is 6 1-5 years.

CLASS OF 1869.

I have not been able to find one member of this class.

The average of the remainder is 7 years.

CLASS OF 1870.

One member of this class died in 1871. She was teaching when attacked with her last illness.

One taught one year, then went to China. She remained there two years, and returned with broken health.

One taught two years, and has since been attached to the Agassiz Museum, in Cambridge, Mass., except for one year.

The average of the remainder is $5\frac{2}{8}$ years.

CLASS OF 1871.

I have not been able to find one of this class. Three are dead, two having died within three months of their graduation, and a third in 1876, having taught several terms. Another, on account of poor health, has not taught.

The average of the remainder is $5\frac{1}{8}$ years.

CLASS OF 1872.

Three of this class are dead, one dying in 1879, having taught $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, another in 1878, who had also taught $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, and the third in 1876, having taught 2 years. One has not taught.

The average of the remainder is $5\frac{3}{8}$ years.

CLASS OF 1873.

One of this class paid his tuition in full, thus relieving himself from his obligation to teach.

The average of the remainder is 4 9-20 years.

CLASS OF 1874.

One of this class paid her tuition in full; a second has not taught.

The average of the remainder is $4\frac{3}{4}$ years.

CLASS OF 1875.

One died in 1878, having taught one year and a half. Two have not taught.

The average of the remainder is 4 years.

CLASS OF 1876.

One died within three months of graduation. Two have not taught.

The average of the remainder is $2\frac{3}{4}$ years.

CLASS OF 1877.

One has been an invalid since her graduation. Three have not taught.

The average of the remainder is $2\frac{1}{4}$ years.

CLASS OF 1878.

Two have not taught since graduation. One of these, however, taught three years during his school course.

The average of the remainder is $1\frac{1}{2}$ years

CLASS OF 1879.

Two are continuing their studies. One has not taught. All the rest have been teaching.

Of all the three hundred and thirty-six graduates, reports have not been received from three. Eighteen are dead. Nineteen have not taught. Two of them paid their tuition, two have not taught because of ill health, two are continuing their studies, and one will teach next year, leaving twelve who have not taught, and probably will not. Over 56 per cent. of the living alumni have taught since June, 1878.

One has taught 20 years.

Two have taught 18 "

Two " " 16 "

Six " " 15 "

Four " " 14 "

Seven " " 13 "

Eight " " 12 "

Three " " 11 "

Twelve " " 10 "

Eight " " 9 "

Eighteen " " 8 "

Twenty-three have taught 7 years.

Twenty-two " " 6 "

Twenty-eight " " 5 "

And the remainder, for shorter periods.

Fifty-three are Principals of graded schools. Seven are Professors in Normal Schools, two in the Industrial University, and one, in Knox College. Many are Principals and Assistants in High Schools.

Forty-five have graduated from the High School. Two are dead, and twenty-two have taught for from one to eight years, and ten more have failed to redeem their pledges in the Normal Department. We have a large quantity of statistics in regard to the teaching work of our under-graduates. This matter will be arranged and published within the next few months. From facts in our possession we can show that more than one thousand of our students are constantly engaged in teaching. Since the average attendance of each pupil admitted is less than one year, this means that our pupils teach on the average more than three years.

Those who have not taught, and have no good reason for failing to do so, ought certainly to pay for their tuition here; and I would suggest whether this Board should not take some measures to collect the same.

THE PRESENT SENIOR CLASS.

The Faculty unanimously present to this Board the persons whose names and addresses follow, and cordially recommend them for graduation at this term:

Elizabeth Baumgardner.....	Jo Daviess County,
Helen M. Baxter.....	Pike "
Lillie M. Brown.....	Lee "
May Hewett.....	McLean "
Helen F. Moore.....	Macon "
Isabel Overman.....	Nebraska

Mary E Parker.....	Jo Daviess County
Grace N. Weeks.....	Adams “
James W. Adams.....	McLean “
Andrew L. Anderson.....	Cass “
Alpheus A. Dillon.....	McLean “
James M. Harper.....	Shelby “
Woodman R. Marriett.....	Boone “
Carleton E. Webster.....	Ogle “
Edgar Wyatt.....	Morgan “
Alice C. McCormick.....	McLean “
Frank Ohr.....	“ “
Frank W. Lufkin.....	“ “
Herbert McNulta.....	“ “
George K. Smith.....	“ “

The five last-named have completed the course in the High School only. Misses Baxter and Hewett have completed the course in both the Normal School and the High School.

THE TEACHERS' TERM.

In February last, I issued circulars respecting our proposed term for teachers, to be held in August next. Although I have thus far received positive assurances that they will attend from but a few, yet, for many reasons, I am anticipating a good attendance. All the railroads connecting at Bloomington have consented to return those who attend at reduced rates. I am looking forward with considerable anxiety, but with much hope, to the work of that term.

A report from Professor Seymour, concerning expenditures in his department, and his wants for the future, is appended to this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT.

Normal, May 25, 1880.

On motion, it was ordered that Diplomas be conferred upon the students recommended by the Faculty for graduation.

The following letters were presented and read by the President :

NORMAL, ILL., May 26, 1880.

Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully ask you to increase my salary to \$1,200 for the coming year. That my request is at once reasonable and modest will, I think, appear from the following :

1. The work of the Training Department is second in importance to none in the University. Without it, this would not be, in truth, a Normal School.
2. I am made directly responsible for the training, each term, of from twelve to fourteen pupil teachers.
3. I am required to give model exercises in primary teaching, for one term, to each entering class of the University. I also discuss with them the methods and principles of primary work.

4. I wish to start at once on a tour of observation of the best training schools in the East, that I may be able to compare my work with that of other similar departments. That I may thereby be able to add largely to my power for accomplishing the highest results, I solicit an increase in my salary.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA E. KENNEDY,
First Assist. Train. Teach.

Hon. Members of the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN: This day completes the fourteenth year of my work in the Normal University.

Within this time I have been absent from my classes about one day, or perhaps a day and a half, on account of ill health. One week of absence was granted me in 1870. During the greater part of the time I have done the full six hours' work; and for two years and a half have done the work required of me in the Normal department, and, in addition, have taught three special departments of the High School.

The title of Professor of Modern Languages was bestowed upon me by the Board. I have taught English, French and German; and yet I have, all the time, been on half pay, or less, and without means to visit other schools to compare my work with theirs.

I respectfully ask that my salary be increased.

Very respectfully, etc.,

MARTHA D. L. HAYNIE.

S. W. Moulton moved that the letters from Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Haynie, read by President Hewett, be referred to the Committee on Teachers and Teachers' Salaries.

On motion of S. W. Moulton, the portion of the President's report referring to the bell and belfry, were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act.

J. C. Knickerbocker, of the Auditing Committee, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

1880.

May	21.	Maxwell & Co., Voucher 1.....	\$ 2 40
"	22.	Geo. Champion, Voucher 2?.....	15 59
"	"	W. O. Davis, Voucher 3.....	9 00.
"	"	J. Blackburn, Voucher 4.....	71 74
Jan.		J. Blackburn, Voucher 5.....	20 19
May	24.	Belle Hobbs, Voucher 6.....	36 93
May	17.	M. F. Leland, Voucher 7.....	23 00
"	22.	R. Lowdon, Voucher 8.....	57 10
"	21.	Amos Kemp, Voucher 9.....	6 30
"	3.	Acme Stationery and Paper Co., Voucher 10.....	23 00
March		Inter-Ocean Publishing Co., Voucher 11.....	66 08
May	20.	J. L. Beath & Co., Voucher 12.....	12 25
"	1.	J. W. Fell, Voucher 13.....	28 28

May	25.	L. W. Applegate, Voucher 14.....	\$ 7 50
"	"	Ida Cook, Voucher 15.....	10 00
"	24.	Harwood Bros. & Co., Voucher 16.....	14 62
March	15.	John W. Evans, Voucher 17.....	3 20
		T. W. Belcham, Voucher 18.....	10 00
		I. R. Krum, Voucher 19.....	60 30
Feb.	12.	Journal Company, Voucher 20.....	33 00
May	25.	Mrs. Ketelson, Voucher 21.....	21 00
"	"	Peter Ketelson, Voucher 22.....	8 60
"	23.	F. J. Philbrook, Voucher 23.....	38 75
		George Brand, Voucher 24.....	85 00
			\$663 83

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying bills, numbered 1 to 24 inclusive, amounting to \$663.83, and find the same correct. Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The five reports following were presented, and, on motion, adopted :

LIBRARY FUND.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance report that they have examined the within account of the President with the Library Fund, showing balance on hand, Jan. 21, 1880, \$231.11 ; disbursements, \$124.46 ; balance now on hand, \$103.65, accompanied by ten vouchers, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of the President, with the Contingent Fund, accompanied by vouchers, numbered 1 to 32, and find the same correct, showing a balance due the President of \$246.43. Your committee recommend the approval of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

STATE LABORATORY OF NATURAL HISTORY ACCOUNT CURRENT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1880.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance report that they have examined the account of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History for the quarter ending March 31st, 1880, accompanied by vouchers, 1 to 28, showing receipts \$1,032.91 ; disbursements, \$939.57, leaving balance on hand \$93.34, and your committee recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

SAME—CONTINGENT FUND.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance report that they have examined the within account of the State Laboratory of Natural History, with the Contingent Fund, accompanied by vouchers, numbered from 1 to 28, showing receipts, \$100; disbursements, \$219.85, and showing deficit, \$119.85, and find the same correct and recommend it be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

CHEMICAL AND BOTANICAL LABORATORIES.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance having examined the account of the Chemical and Botanical Laboratories for the past quarter, accompanied with vouchers, numbered 1 to 17, inclusive, showing receipts, \$200, disbursements, \$199.65, leaving a balance on hand of 35 cents, find the same correct, and recommend its approval.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Resolved, That there be placed to the account of the State Laboratory of Natural History the sum of two hundred dollars, to be used as a contingent fund to defray necessary contingent expenses.

Resolved, that the sum of three hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Chemical and Botanical Laboratories for the use of the laboratories.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the President of the University as a contingent fund.

On motion, the resolutions recommended were adopted, and also the two resolutions following:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be and hereby are authorized to draw orders 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, each 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 sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00), as said installments become due and payable, as provided by sections 1 and 2 of "An act making an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University, at Normal, and for additions to the library, museum and apparatus thereof," approved May 21st, 1879, and in force July 1, 1879, 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 orders 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, and for the increase of the Natural History collections of the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, at Springfield, for the current year, as the same becomes due and payable, as provided by sections 1 and 2 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; and for the increase of the natural history collections of the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, at Springfield," approved May 27, 1879, and in force July 1, 1879, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The Secretary received a letter stating that Mr. Lesem could not be present, because of his absence from the State, and a telegram from Mr. Enander, stating that sickness prevented his attendance.

The Board adjourned till two o'clock P. M., when it was called to order by the President.

Mr. Hill, who was reported absent in the morning, reported when the Board met in the afternoon.

The Board listened to statements from Messrs. Moulton and W. S. Coy regarding the bill presented by the latter. On motion his claim was referred to a special committee, consisting of B. F. Barge, H. L. Boltwood and H. H. Hill.

On motion the matter of repairing the roof and making other needed repairs upon the building was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act.

The Special Committee on Telephone made a verbal report, and, on motion, the Committee was continued, with power to act.

The following report of the Committee on Teachers and Teachers' Salaries was presented, and, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Teachers and Teachers' Salaries report as follows:

We recommend the employment of the present corps of teachers, at the present salaries, with the following exceptions:

That the salary of Miss Flora Pennell be \$630, instead of \$600, and that \$100 be added to the salary of the Principal of the High School.

H. L. BOLTWOOD,
B. F. BARGE.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee:

BLOOMINGTON, May 26th, 1880.

To the Honorable State Board of Education of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my semi-annual report as Treasurer of your honorable body for the term from January 21st, 1880, to May 26th, 1880, showing the amount of receipts and from what sources derived; also, the amount of expenditures, with the vouchers for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

1880.						
Jan'y	21.	To	balance on hand	.....	\$2,823	95
Jan'y	23.	"	amount received from State Treasury	.....	6,623	39
April	27.	"	" " " " " " " "	.....	6,623	39
April	17.	"	" " " " E. C. Hewett	.....	1,169	00
"	28.	"	" " " " " " " "	.....	300	00
May	22.	"	" " " " " " " "	.....	342	00
Total					\$17,881	73
Total Vouchers paid to May 26th					12,703	49
Balance on hand May 26th, 1880					\$5,178	24

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, showing receipts, \$17,881.73; disbursements, \$12,703.49; balance on hand May 26th, 1880, \$5,178.24, accompanied by vouchers 1 to 49, inclusive, respectfully report that they find the same correct, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

Thomas Slade, Special Committee to sell the Woodford county tract of land, made the following report:

NORMAL, ILL., May 26, 1880.

To the State Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, one of your members, who was authorized at the January meeting of your Board to sell the tract of land located in Woodford county, and belonging to the said Board [see report of proceedings at the January (1880) meeting, page 13], would respectfully report that in accordance with the authority thereby in him vested, he did advertise the public sale of said tract, and in addition did notify a great number of persons who he thought, from a previous canvass of the subject, would be likely to want to purchase said land, and on the day fixed did sell the same to the highest and best bidder on the terms designated by the said Board.

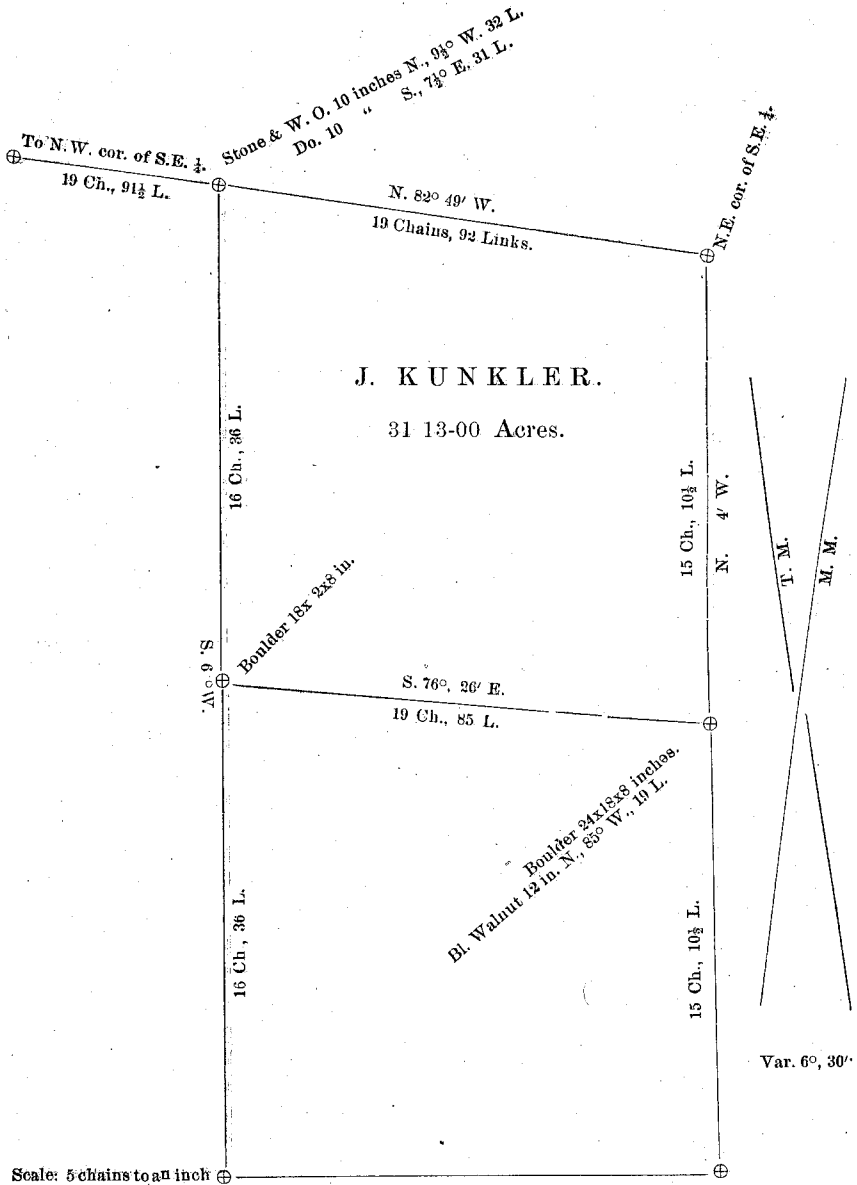
Your Committee took the precaution to make the said sale subject to the approval of the Chairman of your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in order to prevent a sale on too low terms or to an unsatisfactory bidder.

The highest and best bid was that of Jacob P. Kunkler, whose bid was seven hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$795). Your Committee would further report that he took the precaution to advertise the tract as what is known as the Normal University forty, and sold it as forty acres, more or less, it being understood that it was a fractional forty, containing a trifle less than forty acres—a few acres less—and was so considered by all concerned in its purchase; but no one contemplated that it would measure out only about thirty-one acres. I herewith file a copy of the survey and plat and certificate of the surveyor, and a letter from the purchaser asking for an abatement of the purchase price in consequence of said tract falling so far short of the nearly forty acres which he supposed he had purchased.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Special Committee for the Purposes Aforesaid.



Plat of East Half of the South-East Quarter of Section 16, Town 25 N.,
R. 1, East of 3d P. M. Surveyed April 30th, 1880.

C. LAUENSTEIN,
Co. Surveyor Woodford Co.

OAK GROVE, ILL., May 16, 1880.

MR. SLADE—DEAR SIR:—

I herewith send you a plat of that tract of land which I bought. I hope you will use it and your influence toward reducing the price. As I told you before, I bought it thinking there was something near forty acres, and didn't intend to pay over \$20 per acre, as that would be a big price for it. I hope something will be done for me.

Please send me the plat again when you get through with it, or preserve it for me.

From yours truly,

J. P. KUNKLER.

The report was, on motion, accepted, and the sale approved.

The following report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was read, and, on motion, approved :

NORMAL, ILL., May 25, 1880.

To the Hon. State Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of a purchase of a new piano for the Normal School room, and a carpet and furniture for the Reception room, would respectfully report that it was found advisable to purchase a new piano for the Assembly room, the one in that room having been in use for nearly twenty years. The piano in that room was removed to the Grammar room, and the one in the latter room turned in for what it was worth for the purchase of a new piano.

A Chickering, Square Grand, Style 5, has been purchased for \$400 in cash and the old piano lately in the Grammar room. The new piano is warranted for five years against any defect in workmanship, material or performance. If, after three months, through usage, the said piano should for any reason prove unsatisfactory to the professors of the University, either in brilliancy or in tone, said piano is to be replaced by the seller with another of the same style and manufacture, and we hold a written obligation to the above effect.

What has been done for the Reception room will show for itself.

The old carpet has been placed upon the stage in the large hall, and its place taken by the new one now on this floor.

The new suite of furniture, walnut upholstered in raw silk, has been put into this room by Mr. Brand, of Bloomington, for your inspection—price \$85.

Your Committee recommends its purchase, provided the Board is pleased with its style, quality and price. The old suite is needed in good part on the platform in the large hall, to which your Committee has been informed it has for years back been transported in the neighborhood of twenty times a year, subjecting it to more or less injury *in transitu*. It should be, we think, kept on the platform in the large hall, except, perhaps, a few pieces which should be newly upholstered and retained in this room.

Your Committee would further report that on petition of the graduating class and the two literary societies of this University, endorsed and approved by the faculty, and on the offer on the part of the said two societies to defray one-half the expense of charge, your committee has enlarged and raised the stage in the large hall. That it is a great improvement, and fully justifying the outlay of one hundred dollars in round numbers, all admit.

Your Committee would recommend that in the healthful, financial condition of the Board, the two said societies be released from their obligation to contribute towards the expense of this improvement, and that they be allowed to use their scanty means in a manner more specifically connected with their society work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. SLADE,

Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The following report was presented:

Your Auditing Committee would further report that we have examined bills numbered 25 and 26, inclusive, to-wit:

That of the Western Banking and Engraving Company for.....\$60 00
That of John Cunningham for..... 91 62

We find them correct and recommend that orders be drawn for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the recommendation made therein was adopted.

The following report of the Special Committee relative to draining the University farm was, on motion, adopted:

NORMAL, ILL., May 25, 1880.

To the Honorable Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred, with power to act for the Board, the proposition of Augustine & Co. to tile drain a portion of what is known as the University farm, located just west of the Normal building, would respectfully report:

1. That he found the land in question would be greatly benefited and enhanced in value by the proposed improvement.

2. That the offer of said Augustine & Co. to defray one-half of the expenses of such improvement was so favorable to the Board as to invite a prompt acceptance of the same, which was done.

3. The improvement has been made and the work well done at a cost of \$120, as will appear by the accompanying vouchers. One-half of the expense has been credited and allowed on the rent due, June 1st, 1880, from said Augustine & Co. to the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

One of the Board Aforesaid.

The following was read, and, on motion, adopted :

NORMAL, ILL., May 25th, 1880.

To the Honorable State Board of Education :

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the matter of fitting up the north-west basement room of the University building for a recitation room, herewith report that the work has been done, and it will speak for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Chairman.

The graduates of 1880, instead of planting a class tree, presented to the Board a beautiful steel engraving—The Parting of Hector and Andromache—to be hung in the reception room as a memorial of the class. The President was, on motion, directed to acknowledge its receipt, and to extend, in a brief address to the donors, the thanks of the Board.

On motion, the sum of \$700 was appropriated for fuel and lights for the ensuing year.

On motion, the communications from Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Haynie were again referred to the Committee on Teachers and Teachers' Salaries.

On motion, it was voted that \$150.00 be appropriated for printing catalogues.

On motion, the sum of fifty dollars was voted to be paid Thomas Slade for his services in selling the tract of land in Woodford county.

On motion, the sum of ninety dollars was appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in employing assistance for the janitor.

The members of the Senior Class presented a communication, in which they expressed the wish that the original custom of allowing all the members of the graduating class to participate in the exercises of commencement, be re-established. The communication was referred to the Committee on Teachers and Teachers' Salaries.

On motion, Thos. Slade, Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds, was allowed the sum of \$100 for services rendered the past year.

The sum of seven dollars was appropriated to pay Mr. Mitchell for expenses incurred by him in collecting the auditor's warrants.

On motion, a sum not exceeding \$100 was appropriated for the use of Prof. Seymour during the special summer term.

On motion, the President, E. C. Hewett, was authorized to excuse Prof. Metcalf from service during a portion or the whole of the special term, as in his judgment he might deem best.

B. G. ROOTS,
President.

JAMES P. SLADE,
Secretary.