

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING,
HELD AT NORMAL, MAY 25, 1881.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
J. A. ENANDER.....	1883.....	6 S. Clark St., Chicago.
B. G. ROOTS.....	1883.....	Tamaroa.
E. L. WELLS.....	1883.....	Oregon.
HON. J. C. KNICKERBOCKER.....	1883.....	160 LaSalle St., Chicago.
HON. Wm. H. GREEN.....	1885.....	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1885.....	Decatur.
HON. MICHAEL DONAHUE.....	1885.....	Clinton.
B. F. BARGE.....	1885.....	Geneseo.
THOMAS SLADE.....	1885.....	Normal.
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ISAAC LESEM.....	1887.....	Quincy.
H. L. BOLTWOOD.....	1887.....	Ottawa.
JAMES P. SLADE (ex-officio).....		Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Theory and Art of Teaching, and Mental Science—Enander, Barge, J. P. Slade.

Text Books and Course of Instruction—Boltwood, Wells, Green.

Language, including Reading and Elocution—Cope, Lesem, Dodge.

Buildings and Grounds—Thos. Slade, Green, Knickerbocker.

Natural Science and Mathematics—Gastman, Howland, Wells.

Auditing and Finance—Knickerbocker, Thos. Slade, Donahue

Teachers and Salaries—Green, Boltwood, Knickerbocker,

Training School—Wells, Thos. Slade, Gastman.

Rules and Regulations—Donahue, Barge, Enander.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

Proceedings Board of Education

AT REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 25, 1881.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, }
NORMAL, ILL., May 25, 1881. }

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

MEMBERS PRESENT—MESSRS. B. G. ROOTS, W. H. GREEN, E. L. WELLS, E. A. GASTMAN, H. L. BOLTWOOD, B. F. BARGE, THOMAS SLADE, J. C. KNICKERBOCKER, J. A. ENANDER, ISAAC LASEM, GEORGE HOWLAND, B. L. DODGE, and JAMES P. SLADE.

On motion, the newly appointed members present, Messrs. George Howland, B. L. Dodge, Isaac Lesem and H. L. Boltwood, were sworn in, the oath being administered by the President.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the regular biennial election of officers. B. G. Roots was re-elected President, and Hon. Thomas F. Mitchell was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of M. Green, Thos. Slade was instructed to accept and approve the Treasurer's bond until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of H. L. Boltwood, the Secretary and President were directed to issue an order for \$200 in favor of Thomas F. Mitchell for services as Treasurer.

President Hewett appeared and read his report as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN: To-morrow the Institution under your care will close its twenty-fourth year, and will graduate its twenty-second class. The year just ending has been one of the most prosperous in our history; it has been marked by a full attendance, hard work and general harmony among students and Faculty. The health of pupils and teachers, with very few exceptions, has been perhaps better than usual, which is a little remarkable in view of the reports of prevailing sickness, in epidemic and other forms, in so many parts of our State.

OUR ATTENDANCE

for the present term has continued very large, although falling off somewhat from the overflowing numbers of the winter term.

The following tables will show the numbers in the several departments and grades:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies.....	195
Gentlemen.....	121—316

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies.....	30
Gentlemen.....	32— 62

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females.....	30
Males.....	35— 65

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	17
Boys.....	25— 42

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal Department.....	316
Model Department.....	169
Total for the term.....	485

This shows a slight increase in the Model Department over the attendance of last spring term; but, in the Normal Department, the increase is more than 15 per cent. Also it is to be noted, that, while the general increase has been more than 15 per cent., the attendance from McLean county has fallen off more than 17 per cent.

Sixty-seven counties have been represented, as will appear from the table below:

Adams.....	2	Fayette.....	2
Bond.....	1	Ford.....	1
Boone.....	5	Fulton.....	4
Brown.....	1	Greene.....	4
Bureau.....	1	Grundy.....	3
Calhoun.....	1	Hardin.....	3
Cass.....	9	Henderson.....	4
Carroll.....	6	Iroquois.....	2
Champaign.....	3	Jefferson.....	1
Christian.....	5	Jersey.....	1
Clark.....	1	JoDavieess.....	8
Clinton.....	1	Kankakee.....	1
Coles.....	4	Knox.....	1
Cook.....	7	LaSalle.....	11
Cumberland.....	2	Lee.....	6
DeWitt.....	4	Livingston.....	6
Douglas.....	1	Logan.....	7
Edgar.....	1	Macon.....	7

The average age of this class on entering was found to be a little over twenty-one years; this is considerably in excess of the general average age of those who join the school.

The large number of students has, of course,

CROWDED OUR ROOMS

to their utmost capacity. We have a bill now pending before the Legislature, making an appropriation for additional buildings. The Committee of the House has reported upon it favorably; but it is to be feared that, in the crowded condition of the business before the Assembly, action upon it may not be reached. Still, I am informed that we may cherish some hope that it will pass. It would relieve our condition very materially.

In accordance with suggestions made at your last meeting, I have given our present

COURSE OF STUDY

serious and careful consideration. But, after such consideration, I am unable to see where we can properly reduce it. Certainly, I can see nothing that can well be spared from it, and I can see several things that it would be desirable to add. Furthermore, while it is very true that many, owing to previous defective training, find it difficult, or even impossible, to do all that is required in the time allotted, still it is true that those who are well prepared can accomplish all we ask; and some do considerable more, in the way of extra studies. And it is certainly a pertinent question whether we ought to lower our requirements to meet the condition of the inferior class of our students?

In regard to our

TEACHERS

I need say very little. Most of them have been a long time in your service, and have approved themselves well worthy to occupy the places they now fill. Mr. McHugh, whom you appointed at your last meeting, has fully met my expectations and approval. He gives excellent promise of becoming a most efficient teacher.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

of your Treasurer will show quite a balance remaining after paying the bills now before you, together with the pay-rolls for May and June. There is a small balance remaining in my hands from the Contingent Fund; but there are small bills now due that will absorb it and something more. As the time is so long before your next meeting, I think I shall need three hundred and fifty dollars to meet the contingent expenses up to that time. Most of your last appropriation for the Library is still unexpended in my hands. But I propose, when I go East this summer, to make purchases of books needed. Owing to the severity of the past winter, there is quite a large extra bill for fuel now before you for liquidation. Ordinarily, the appropriation made for this purpose at your meeting one year ago, would have been sufficient. This year it was not sufficient. The contract for printing our catalogue this year has been taken by the *Bloomington Bulletin Company*. Their bid was very low, considerably less than that of any competitor. It is not quite certain what the aggregate cost will be as the size of the book is not known before the matter is set up. The bill will probably amount to one hundred and fifty or one hundred and sixty dollars. The funds should be set apart to pay this bill as soon as it becomes due.

I embody the following communication from Prof. Cook, in regard to the need of apparatus in his department:

President E. C. Hewett:

SIR: In 1878 the Board made its first appropriation to the physical laboratory, assigning the sum of two hundred dollars to that department. Since that time three additional appropriations have been received, making the entire aggregate of three hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Much of the apparatus belonging to the chemical laboratory, however, is utilized for the classes in physics, so that the department is fairly equipped.

If the Board think advisable I should be glad to have an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the purchase of a glass for the astronomy classes. If this expenditure is deemed unwise, an appropriation of one hundred dollars for the purchase of further physical apparatus is hereby requested.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. COOK.

OUR STATE APPROPRIATIONS.

Until very recently, no disposition has shown itself in this General Assembly, either to attack our Institution or to deny our request for increased appropriations for the next two years. A bill was put into each house, asking for nineteen thousand dollars annually, in addition to the half-interest on the College and Seminary Funds. This was an increase of three thousand dollars over the appropriations made two years ago. In the Senate the bill, after being itemized and reduced slightly in amount, was passed. But in the recent raid on appropriations in the House, the bill was amended, the sum was reduced to seventeen thousand five hundred dollars in gross, and thus the bill was passed to a third reading. There the matter remains, so far as I am advised; but I am told that there is but little doubt that the bill will pass in its present form. If it thus passes, it will give us an increase of fifteen hundred dollars annually over our present appropriation.

SALARIES OF THE TEACHERS.

It will be remembered that, three years ago, the salaries of several of our teachers were reduced ten per cent. The increase in our appropriation this time was asked of the Legislature, principally to restore the salaries thus reduced. This was the plea made before the Finance Committee of the Senate; and on this ground the sum asked was reported by that Committee and granted by the Senate. The same plea was made in the discussion of the bill in the House; and, as I understand, on this ground the increase of fifteen hundred dollars was voted. That sum is not sufficient to make the full restoration. If this bill passes and you see fit to restore the salaries, it will be necessary to gain by economy in other directions about four hundred dollars, in addition to the increase given us, in order to furnish the funds. This, I think, can be done; and I call your attention to the matter. The salaries reduced were those of the President, the six male professors in the Normal Department, the lady professor of modern languages, one assistant in the Normal Department, and the lady training teacher. I think both assistants in the Normal Department should receive seven hundred dollars each.

My books will show that the High School has paid nineteen hundred sixteen and 99-100 dollars (\$1,916.99) into our treasury during the past year; and the Grammar School has paid seventeen hundred two and 56-100 dollars (\$1,702.56). In view of these facts, it seems to me reasonable that the Principal of the High School should receive the same salary as the Normal Professors. And I think it no more than just that the salary of the Principal of the Grammar School be put at twelve hundred dollars. Perhaps that is as high a salary as should be attached to that position.

I have thus freely given the Board my opinions upon this question, which I now leave to you to decide, in your wisdom.

I receive gratifying evidence, from various sources, from time to time, showing me that the

INFLUENCE OF OUR INSTITUTION

is growing broader and deeper in our State, as the years go by. And, while we are painfully conscious that we are not doing all that we could wish, we are convinced that we are doing much to make the schools of Illinois better. Very few of our graduates or other students fail to enter the school room as teachers; and, on the average, they remain as teachers for a much longer time than they spend here receiving instruction. And yet I confess that I am pained to see so many of our best pupils and most successful teachers drifting off, after awhile, into the law, medicine and other professions. Still I cannot wonder so much at this when I reflect upon the precarious tenure of the teacher's position. A reform in this respect must take place in the community before bright and ambitious young men will seek teaching as a permanent life-work. I think I can see that some progress is making in this respect; but it becomes all friends of true education to use all their influence to hasten it.

At the close of next year our Institution will have completed the first twenty-five years of its history. The alumni are making preparations to celebrate the

QUARTER-CENTENNIAL

in a fitting manner; and it is to be hoped that their efforts will result in something becoming the occasion.

OUR SENIOR CLASS

numbers twenty-three, all from the Normal Department. Last year we graduated but fifteen from that Department. The Faculty recommend to the Board, for diplomas at this time, the young men and women whose names and residences are as follows:

Sarah A. Anderson, Cass county.
 Clara A. W. Bowles, DuPage county.
 Mary R. Gaston, McLean county.
 Addie Gillan, McLean county.
 Mary J. Gillan, Tazewell county.
 Belle Hobbs, Ogle county.
 Anna P. Knight, McLean county.
 Helen Middlekauff, Ogle county.
 Celia S. Mills, Rock Island county.
 Carrie Rich, Woodford county.
 Mary A. Springer, Stephenson county.
 Lizzie P. Swan, Winnebago county.

William H. Bean, Macon county.
 Isaac L. Betzer, Champaign county.
 Elmer E. Brown, Lee county.
 James B. Estee, McHenry county.
 G. Frank Miner, Shelby county.
 Wendell F. Prickett, JoDaviess county.
 Edward Shannon, McDonough county.
 Elmer E. Shinkle, McLean county.
 John H. Tear, McLean county.
 Nathan T. Veatch, Schuyler county.
 Charles Walter, Madison county.

REPAIRS, ETC.

The condition of our building is such that I think but little need be expended in repairs at present. Our old boiler has been in use twenty-one years, and I suggest that it should be carefully examined, and repaired if necessary, before we use it again. Some time since you committed to Mr. Thomas Slade and the President the question of covering the stairs with rubber matting. We propose to give the subject careful attention in the near future.

One need we have which is very pressing, and I hope you will take action to supply it at your present meeting; that is, the furnishing of four suitable chandeliers for the large hall and one for the reception room.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. HEWETT,

President.

NORMAL, May 25, 1881.

The recommendations made in the President's report were, on motion, referred to appropriate committees for consideration.

Mr. Knickerbocker, Chairman of the Auditing and Finance Committee, made the three following reports, which were, on motion, adopted:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the thirteen accompanying bills, amounting to \$209.76, all of which cover disbursements made for the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History, in excess of former appropriations, and mostly made in the year 1878. Your committee are of the opinion that these bills should be paid, and recommend that they be paid to Prof. S. A. Forbes out of any unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History for the current quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

May 24, 1881.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying account of Prof. M. L. Seymour, teacher of Natural Science, showing the disbursements of the Contingent Fund of one hundred dollars (\$100) placed at his disposal at the last meeting of your Honorable Board, for the benefit of the chemical and botanical laboratory, and find that there is a deficit in said fund of six cents (.06), and your committee recommend that said account be approved. Your committee further recommend that there be placed to the credit of the chemical and botanical laboratory a contingent fund of three hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,

THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 24, 1881.

To the State Board of Education:

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the report of E. C. Hewett, in account with the Library Fund, together with the accom-

panying vouchers, numbered 1 to 11 inclusive, showing balance in his hands of \$246.22, and find the same correct. Your committee would recommend that the same be approved by the Board.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,
Of the Auditing Committee.

May 25, 1881.

Mr. Knickerbocker also made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accompanying bills, numbered 1 to 25 inclusive, amounting to the sum of eight hundred and ninety-one and 18-100 dollars (\$891.18), and find the same correct.

Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BILLS AGAINST NORMAL UNIVERSITY MAY 24, 1881.

1. J. L. Beath.....	3 25
2. F. J. Philbrook.....	19 00
3. Belle Hobbs.....	27 62
4. W. O. Davis.....	20 45
5. Harwood Bros. & Co.....	15 95
6. Funk & Lackey.....	3 25
7. E. J. Lewis, P. M.....	12 09
8. Geo. Champion.....	15 01
9. Maxwell & Co.....	5 55
10. McLean County Coal Company.....	156 00
11. Peter Ketelson.....	21 50
12. Leader Publishing Company.....	31 25
13. Fitzwilliam & Co.....	7 30
14. Peter Ketelson.....	21 36
15. Peter Ketelson.....	9 80
16. George McIntosh.....	276 85
17. George McIntosh.....	51 30
18. Peter Ketelson.....	98 00
19. Robert Loudon.....	7 85
20. George Brand & Co.....	18 00
21. Leader Publishing Company.....	2 40
22. Amos Kemp.....	7 25
23. Springfield Journal Company.....	36 00
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24. Charles Dodge.....	\$867 03
	11 90
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	\$878 93
25. Thos. Sylvester.....	12 25
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Total.....	\$891 18

The three following reports were read and, on motion, adopted:

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 40 inclusive, showing a balance of \$23 08 in the hands of the President, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Auditing and Finance Committee.

May 25, 1881.

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, having examined the within account of the State Laboratory of Natural History with the Contingent Fund, accompanied with vouchers numbered 1 to 21 inclusive, showing receipts \$200 and disbursements amounting to \$249.12, showing a deficit of \$49.12, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 25, 1881.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the account current of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History for the quarter ending March 31, 1881, together with the accompanying vouchers, as per statement of accounts filed with said statement, being a deficit of \$49.87, vouchers 1 to 48 inclusive, and your committee recommend that the said report be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Of the Auditing Committee.

May 25, 1881.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Wells and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Board hereby instructs the Auditing Committee not to approve any bill or bills in excess of the amount appropriated to each of the different departments of this Institution.

The following report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Knickerbocker, and was, on motion, referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee:

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report as Treasurer of your Honorable Board, showing the amount of moneys received by me since my last report; also the amount paid and the vouchers authorizing such payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

1881.	THOMAS F. MITCHELL, TREASURER BOARD OF EDUCATION.	Dr.
Jan. 19.	To balance on hand this day.....	\$ 8,839 85
Jan. 22.	To this amount, E. C. Hewett, \$310; Thos. Slade, \$62.75.....	372 75
Jan. 26.	To this amount, Thos. Slade.....	54 38
Mar. 31.	To this amount, E. C. Hewett.....	500 00
Apr. 15.	To this amount, State Treasurer.....	6,623 39
Apr. 28.	To this amount, E. C. Hewett.....	485 67
May 21.	To this amount, E. C. Hewett.....	516 33
	Total receipts to May 24, 1881.....	\$17,342 37
	Total paid out as per vouchers.....	11,761 41
	Balance on hand, general fund, May 24, 1881.....	\$ 5,580 96
	Balance land fund on hand.....	884 50
	Total balance on hand.....	\$ 6,415 46

The following report of the Auditing Committee was presented and adopted:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report from January 19, 1881, to May 24, 1881, inclusive, would respectfully report that they have examined said report and the vouchers accompanying the same, numbered from one (1) to fifty-nine (59), inclusive, showing:

Total receipts.....	\$17,342 37
Total expenditures.....	11,761 41
Balance on hand.....	\$ 5,580 96
May 24, 1881.	

Also:

Land fund on hand—special deposit—proceeds of Woodford County land sale.....	\$ 884 50
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and find the same correct, and recommend that the said report be approved.

J. C. KNICKERBOCKER,
THOS. SLADE,

Of the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

May 25, 1881.

Thomas Slade, of the Auditing and Finance Committee, made the following report:

To the Honorable State Board of Education.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the matter of janitor work in and about the buildings and grounds, would respectfully report that, as now managed, a good deal of extra janitor work is necessary, outside of that rendered by the regular janitor; that the work is too much for one man; that the aggregate amount now paid, including all extra help for janitor work, including the putting in of coal, amounts to the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660).

Your committee would further report that there are many reasons why it would be better to dispense with the necessity of employing any extra janitor services, and would recommend that the janitor be employed to do the entire janitor work and be paid and held responsible for that work.

Your committee would further report that the present janitor, Peter Ketelson, is willing to take the entire janitor work for the said sum of \$660; that he has in the twelve or thirteen years in which he has been janitor of the University rendered efficient and faithful services for this Institution. Your committee would therefore recommend that the present janitor be employed for the coming year at a salary of \$660 for the entire janitor work, and be held responsible therefor.

THOS. SLADE,
ISAAC LESEM,

Of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

May 25, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Howland, the recommendations made in the above report of Mr. Slade were concurred in.

On motion of Thomas Slade, it was voted to allow Mr. E. W. Bakewell fifteen minutes in which to make a statement to the Board.

The following report and statement of Thomas Slade was, on motion, approved.

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

The Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds would report as to funds collected and paid over by him on account of the State Normal University from the date of his last report to May 25, 1881, which shows:

Amount collected, as per accompanying statement.....	\$686 63
Amount paid into the treasury, as per vouchers accompanying said statement.....	\$686 63

STATEMENT.

Thomas Slade, Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in account with the State Normal University.

1881.

Jan. 25—To balance of rent received from Henry Augustine, for 100 acre tract just west of Normal building, to December 1, 1880		\$ 54 38
Jan. 25—By amount paid Treasurer.....	\$ 54 38	
To order received from Secretary of the Board for amount paid out by Thos. Slade for expenses		62 75
Jan. 22—By amount paid to Treasurer.....	62 75	
To principal and interest on Woodford County land sale notes.....		\$569 50
Mar. 21—By amount paid Treasurer.....	\$569 50	
	\$686 63	\$686 63

Thomas Slade, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following report:

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

The chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds would respectfully report in regard to the contingent fund of \$200, placed to his credit by vote of the Board at the January meeting, 1881, that he has a balance of \$146.15 as per accompanying statement and vouchers.

Your committee would recommend that the amount be raised to \$200, in view of amount of labor which it will be necessary to employ in repairing fences around the grounds, in trimming and cutting out trees in the grounds of the University, and the ordinary repairs about the building and walks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. SLADE,

Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Thos. Slade, resident member of the Board, in account with the State Normal University Contingent Fund, placed to his credit:
1881.

Jan. 22	To cash Contingent Fund, placed to his credit.....		\$200 00
" 24	By bank checks (book).....	\$ 1 00	voucher
" 24	By amount paid for chandelier.....	12 60	"
Feb. 5	By amount paid for postage.....	1 00	"
" 10	By amount paid for 20 loads of water for University, at \$1.15.....	23 00	"
" 22	By amount paid for cleaning out chimneys.....	5 00	"
" 29	By amount paid R. C. Snodgrass for wood.....	11 25	"
		\$ 53 85	
	Balance on hand.....	146 15	
		\$200 00	\$200 00

On motion the report was approved and the recommendation made therein adopted.

The following communication was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for their consideration and report:

NORMAL, ILL., May 23, 1881.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees State Normal University:

GENTLEMEN--In consideration of improvements made and contemplated by us on land for which we hold your lease, dated Dec. 1st, 1877, and which expires Dec. 1st, 1882, we respectfully ask an extension of said lease to Dec. 1, 1887.

We propose to use the land, as heretofore, for the production of nursery stock, and as it takes from two to four years' growth for stock to become merchantable, we desire the extension asked for that we may arrange our planting accordingly. We have already made valuable and permanent improvement to the property, and if we get the extension asked for we contemplate making still further and more valuable improvements in the way of drain tiling, manuring, etc. Hoping to receive an early and favorable answer to our petition, we remain, gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

AUGUSTINE & CO.

ITEMS OF IMPROVEMENT MADE ON UNIVERSITY GROUND.

Drain tiling and breaking 20 acres of slough and bringing it to a good state of cultivation.

Osage hedge on two sides of lot, trimmed and in good condition.

Three hundred to five hundred loads manure annually

It was badly set in noxious weeds which are being exterminated.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Contingent Fund of \$300 be placed in the hands of the President for the coming year.

Mr. Bakewell, in pursuance of a vote of the Board, was allowed to make a statement of his claim, but the Board took no action thereon.

Mr. Green, chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, submitted a report which, after some discussion, was referred back to the committee for amendment. The following amended report was made, and, on motion, adopted:

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries submit the following report:

We recommend the employment of the following teachers for the ensuing year, with the salaries annexed to their names:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

President E. C. Hewett,.....	\$3,150
John W. Cook, including and to cover clerical and statistical work.....	2,000
A. Stetson.....	1,800
Thomas Metcalf.....	1,800
Henry McCormick.....	1,800
M. L. Seymour.....	1,800
S. A. Forbes.....	1,800
Mrs. M. D. L. Haynie.....	1,000
Miss Julia E. Kennedy.....	1,000
Miss Flora Pennell.....	700
Miss Rosalie Miller.....	600.

MODEL SCHOOL.

S. J. James.....	\$1,800
Chas. De Garmo.....	1,200

A vacancy exists by the resignation of Miss Wakefield, which has been temporarily filled.

Your committee recommend the employment of an additional female assistant teacher for the ensuing year, if the number enrolled warrants it.

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

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wells, the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the physical apparatus fund.

On motion of Mr. Gastman, the sum of \$300 was voted for the purchase of a telescope.

The recommendations made in the following report were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power to act:

To the Honorable State Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee to whom was referred that part of the President's report relating to buildings and grounds, would respectfully report that the matter of chandeliers for the large hall and reception room has heretofore had the careful attention of your committee; that there should be four chandeliers in the large hall and one in the reception room; that the financial condition of this Board will now warrant an expenditure that long ago should have been made, in order to meet a real necessity. We regard it a disgrace to the State of Illinois that we should be compelled, on every important occasion when the large hall needs to be well lighted, to borrow chandeliers.

Your committee find on inquiry that eight-light chandeliers complete, including globes, can be bought for a sum varying from \$30 to \$40; with six lights, from \$23.50 to \$37, and they would recommend the purchase of four for the large hall and one for the reception room.

BOILER.

Your committee would also report that there should be a new boiler to replace the old one, which your committee deems absolutely unsafe. It has been in use about seventeen years and has been repaired until repairing has ceased to be a virtue or a matter of economy, and would recommend that the older one of the two, the one above referred to, be replaced with a new one.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,

Chairman Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The President announced the standing committees as follows:

Theory and Art of Teaching, and Mental Science—Barge, Enander, J. P. Slade.

Text Books and Course of Instruction—Boltwood, Wells, Green.

Language, including Reading and Elocution—Cope, Lesem, Dodge.

Buildings and Grounds—Thos. Slade, Green, Knickerbocker.

Natural Science and Mathematics—Gastman, Howland, Wells.

Auditing and Finance—Knickerbocker, Thos. Slade, Donahue.

Teachers and Salaries—Green, Boltwood, Knickerbocker.

Training School—Wells, Thomas Slade, Gastman.

Rules and Regulations—Donahue, Barge, Enander.

On motion, the sum of \$100 was appropriated to pay Thomas Slade, resident member, for his services in behalf of the Board.

An appropriation of \$100 was made for advertising the University, this amount to be placed in the hands of the President, to be used in advertising, as he may deem best.

A communication relative to the publication of an advertisement of the University was read, and, on motion, referred to the President, E. C. Hewitt.

Mr. Boltwood moved that an appropriation of \$700 be made for fuel and lights. Carried.

Mr. Boltwood moved that an appropriation of \$150 be made for publishing the catalogues of the University. Carried.

Mr. Barge moved that the matter of the Summer Term be left with the Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Boltwood, the Committee on Text Books was allowed further time.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at half-past eight o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

NORMAL, ILL., May 26, 1881.

The Board of Education met pursuant to adjournment. The President stated that he had not yet learned of the passage of the bill appropriating money for the Normal University, now before the Legislature; and, on motion, the Board adjourned.

JAMES P. SLADE,
Secretary.

B. G. ROOTS,
President.