

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL,
DECEMBER 12, 1888.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
ELLA F. YOUNG	1889	Chicago
J. C. KNICKERBOCKER	1889	Court House, Chicago
HENRY RAAB	1889	Belleville.
P. R. WALKER	1889	Rockford.
WM. H. GREEN	1891	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN	1891	Decatur.
E. C. ROSSETER	1891	Kewanee.
W. R. SANDHAM	1891	Wyoming.
THOS. SLADE	1891	Bloomington.
RUFUS COPE	1893	Flora.
B. L. DODGE	1893	Oak Park.
GEO. B. HARRINGTON	1893	Princeton.
MARY F. FEITSHANS	1893	Springfield.
JNO. D. BENEDICT	1893	Danville.
RICHARD EDWARDS (<i>ex-officio</i>)	1891	Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

E. A. GASTMAN	President.
RICHARD EDWARDS	Secretary.
FRANK D. MARQUIS, Bloomington,	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Text Books and Course of Instruction	Edwards, Raab, Benedict.
Teachers and Salaries	Walker, Cope, Sandham.
Buildings and Grounds	Slade, Harrington, Sandham.
Auditing and Finance	Knickerbocker, Dodge, Rosseter.
Training School	Raab, Mrs. Young, Dodge.
Museum of Natural History	Cope, Mrs. Feitshans, Benedict.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting minutes.
2. Election of officers.
3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. Reports of standing committees, in their order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Unfinished business.
10. General business.

Next meeting of the Board will be held June 26, 1889.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

AT THE

REGULAR MEETING, HELD DEC. 12, 1888.

NORMAN UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 12, 1888.

The Board of Education met in the reception room of the University, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The President, Mr. E. A. Gastman, in the chair.

The following members were found to be present: Messrs. Benedict, Gastman, Greene, Harrington, Raab, Rosseter, Sandham, Walker, Edwards, Mrs. Feitshans and Mrs. Young. Absent: Messrs. Slade, Dodge, Cope and Knickerbocker.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, held June 27, 1888, was dispensed with.

Dr. Hewett, the President of the University, then read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries:

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

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES—The following are the statistics for the current term:

ATTENDANCE.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT

Ladies	296
Gentlemen.....	110
	— 406

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies	41
Gentlemen.....	78
	— 119

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females	75
Males.....	96
	— 171

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	19
Boys.....	20
	— 39

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal Department.....	406
Model Department, all grades.....	329
	— 735

COUNTY REPRESENTATION.

In the Normal Department seventy-five counties of the State are represented, as follows:

Adams.....	4	McLean.....	76
Alexander.....	1	Macon.....	10
Boone.....	5	Madison.....	2
Brown.....	3	Marion.....	2
Bureau.....	5	Marshall.....	7
Carroll.....	3	Mason.....	5
Cass.....	1	Menard.....	1
Champaign.....	7	Mercer.....	3
Christian.....	8	Montgomery.....	4
Clay.....	4	Morgan.....	1
Clinton.....	3	Moultrie.....	3
Coles.....	10	Ogle.....	7
Cook.....	5	Peoria.....	9
Crawford.....	1	Perry.....	2
Cumberland.....	1	Piatt.....	5
DeKalb.....	5	Pike.....	7
DeWitt.....	6	Pope.....	2
Douglas.....	2	Randolph.....	2
DuPage.....	3	Richland.....	2
Edgar.....	1	St. Clair.....	13
Effingham.....	1	Sangamon.....	7
Ford.....	8	Schuyler.....	4
Fulton.....	4	Shelby.....	8
Greene.....	1	Stark.....	3
Grundy.....	1	Stephenson.....	4
Henderson.....	6	Tazewell.....	16
Henry.....	3	Vermilion.....	8
Iroquois.....	3	Warren.....	8
Jefferson.....	1	White.....	1
Jersey.....	1	Whiteside.....	3
JoDavies.....	4	Will.....	7
Kane.....	2	Winnebago.....	4
Kankakee.....	3	Woodford.....	17
Kendall.....	1	Arkansas.....	2
Knox.....	4	California.....	1
Lake.....	1	Indiana.....	1
LaSalle.....	14	Iowa.....	2
Lee.....	5	Kansas.....	1
Livingston.....	3	Kentucky.....	1
Logan.....	1	Nebraska.....	1
McDonough.....	1	Ohio.....	1
McHenry.....	2		

NEW CLASS.

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	196	70	266
Received.....	160	48	208
Rejected.....	36	22	58
Left before the end of four weeks.....	1	5	6

One hundred and two of the applicants were admitted without examination. They were admitted by appointment, first-grade certificates and high school diplomas. One hundred and sixty-four were examined, of whom, fifty-eight—or more than thirty-five per cent.—were rejected. Twenty-one of the thirty-one admitted from McLean pay tuition.

REPRESENTATION.

The two hundred and eight who were admitted represent sixty different counties of the State, as follows:

Adams.....	4	Ford.....	6
Alexander.....	1	Fulton.....	3
Boone.....	3	Henderson.....	5
Brown.....	1	Henry.....	2
Bureau.....	3	Iroquois.....	2
Carroll.....	2	Jersey.....	1
Cass.....	1	JoDavies.....	2
Champaign.....	6	Kane.....	1
Christian.....	3	Kankakee.....	2
Clay.....	2	Kendall.....	1
Clinton.....	3	Knox.....	4
Coles.....	8	Lake.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	LaSalle.....	7
DeKalb.....	3	Livingston.....	2
DeWitt.....	3	McLean.....	31
Douglas.....	1	Macon.....	7
DuPage.....	2	Madison.....	2
Effingham.....	1	Marion.....	2

Marshall	3	Sangamon	4
Mason	3	Schuyler	2
Mercer	2	Shelby	2
Montgomery	2	Stark	3
Morgan	1	Tazewell	7
Moultrie	3	Vermilion	3
Ogle	3	Whiteside	1
Platt	2	Will	4
Pike	3	Woodford	8
Peoria	7		
Perry	1	Arkansas	2
Pope	1	Indiana	1
Randolph	1	Iowa	2
Richland	2	Ohio	1
St. Clair	5		

REMARKS ON ATTENDANCE.

I think the aggregate of our attendance for this term exceeds that of any previous term of our history. Comparing attendance with the last term of last year, we find an increase in every room, and all of our rooms are now full to their utmost capacity. The percent. of increase in the several rooms is as follows: In the Normal school more than five; in the high school more than seven; in the grammar school more than thirty-five. I have received as income from the grammar school a sum equal to the salary of the principal for the whole year, and there remains something like two hundred dollars yet to be collected. The increase for the whole institution, over the enrollment of one year ago, is nearly six and one-half per cent., and my report for last December will show that the attendance in the Normal department, at that time, exceeded that of previous years.

HEALTH, ETC.

The measles have prevailed in our schools to a greater or less extent nearly all the term, thus interfering to a considerable extent with our work. There have been a good many cases, but none of them very serious; nearly all have now recovered.

Aside from this interruption, and the excitement consequent upon the political campaign, we have had little to disturb us. The general industry and good deportment of our students are worthy of high praise.

THE FACULTY.

Mr. Colton and Miss Morris entered upon the duties of the positions to which you elected them, at the beginning of the term, and my impression of their work is favorable. Miss Todd declined to accept the position of drawing teacher, and after consultation with your committee I appointed Miss Clarissa E. Ela to do the work, at a salary of \$50 per month, for four hours' service each day. Miss Ela graduated here with the class of 1884; she taught three years in the public schools of Bloomington, and spent last year in study at the Normal Art school in Boston. From what I have observed of her work this term, I judge that she is likely to do us good service. Miss Swan, who was detained by ill-health a part of last year, has been able to give uninterrupted attention to her duties this term. At the beginning of the fall term, Miss Hanna found her health too poor to permit her to resume her duties as assistant in the high school. By permission of your committee, Mr. Barton and I agreed in inviting Mr. Edward Manley to take her place so long as she must be absent. Mr. Manley holds our diploma, and also that of Harvard University. He has performed his duties with much acceptance. All the other teachers have rendered their accustomed efficient service.

It is gratifying to observe a growing interest among our teachers in efforts for professional improvement and in devising plans for increasing the efficiency of our school. For more than two years the Faculty have sustained a club that meets every two weeks, devoting an evening to studying the philosophy of Pedagogy, and in discussing practical questions concerning the improvement of our work. These meetings are uniformly well attended; and all take a deep interest in the exercises. Our teachers are a hard-working body of men and women; our classes are large, and it is rare that a teacher does not spend five hours a day in actual instruction; besides, many of us are doing a great deal in the course of the year in going about the State giving lectures, instructing in institutes, etc. But, notwithstanding, all seem animated by an ambition and a purpose for professional improvement in all practical ways. In nearly every case where our teachers have left us, for several years past, they have gone into other positions at an increase of salary, and frequently with a decrease of work. Miss Kennedy, who left us last summer, is now superintendent of schools in Seattle, at a salary, as I hear, of \$2,000 a year.

Miss Morris desires that some suitable person be appointed to assist her in the oversight and management of the Primary room, in order that she may give more time and strength to the training of the Normal pupils, who come under her instruction in the second term of their course. I think it will not be difficult to find some suitable young woman among our students or recent graduates, who would be glad to take such a position at a very moderate salary. In consideration of the professional improvement which she would gain. Calls for primary teachers of superior attainments, and at excellent salaries, are increasing, and there is a growing interest among many of our students in this department of teaching.

Last summer you made a small appropriation for procuring clerical assistance to members of the faculty. For a part of this term I have employed Miss Flora Dodge in this capacity. She uses the type-writer and the multiplying pads, and her work promises to be a great help. She is now receiving seven dollars a week for her services; and a portion of her wages will be paid from fees for instruction in short-hand and type-writing, which she will give so far as it is desired and her time will allow.

THE NEW PROFESSIONAL COURSE.

The members of the faculty have gone to work earnestly, putting in operation the new professional course which you authorized at your last meeting. We have no students as yet devoting their time wholly to this work, and the number taking any part in it is small. But courses of lectures have been commenced and continued vigorously for most of this term. Those who attend, including many of the faculty, show a deep interest in the work, and we hope before long to offer something that will attract a good number of persons of culture and professional acquirement as special students in this course. Professors De Garmo, Cook, McCormick, Reader, Jones and Colton have given courses of lectures this fall.

The changes in our curriculum, which you authorized one year ago, seem to be satisfactory to all concerned.

MANUAL TRAINING.

There is a desire on the part of the faculty to make a movement in the experiment of manual training. It is thought, as a beginning, a class from the grammar school may be organized, and that the basement room in the northeast corner may be used for this purpose, if the Board is willing to make a small outlay for the necessary benches and tools. It is thought best to make the trial at first on a small scale; it will be easy to enlarge and extend the work if the success of the small experiment should justify such a course.

FINANCES.

I think the report of your treasurer will show that our finances are in a good condition—such I hope as will justify these suggestions looking towards increased expense. There seems to be no need of spending any large amount at present for general improvements and repairs. But, should movements now in progress result in giving an opportunity to light our building by electricity, I earnestly recommend that it be done at once. This would remove a great source of anxiety; our present mode of lighting exposes us to the constant fear of losing our building by fire; I am sure not a moment should be lost if an opportunity offers for removing this danger.

It is thought by some of our faculty to be very desirable that we have increased appliances for giving our students a little knowledge of the rudiments of art and some instruction concerning a few of the masterpieces of the world. Professor De Garmo informs me that truthful and excellent pictures of the most noted of these masterpieces can be obtained for a very moderate sum; he thinks that an expense of one hundred dollars would furnish us with a collection that would be very helpful to our students.

GYMNASIUM, ETC.

Several years ago we gave considerable attention to gymnastic exercises, using the large hall in the third story for that purpose. They were discontinued, because the rhythmic movements of so large a number seemed to put too great a strain upon our building. Two or three years since we introduced exercises in marching in the Normal school. The pupils took much interest in them, but we felt obliged to give them up for the same reason as before. During the present term, Mr. Manley has been giving exercises in free gymnastics to the young ladies of the high school. The results are gratifying, and it seems very desirable that the whole school should have the privilege of participating in them. But this cannot be done in a suitable way, unless we can have a building, or the ground floor of a building, for this special purpose. Would it not be wise to ask the General Assembly to give us an appropriation to erect a building, part of which at least might be devoted to this use? For ten or twelve thousand dollars a building might be erected which would supply this want, and which also might contain rooms for one of the divisions of the Model Department, thus relieving the great pressure upon our present capacity.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Steps should be taken at this meeting to formulate and present our needs to the Legislature, which will soon meet. An appropriation equal to the last will enable us to go on as we are going now, doubtless; but, if there is to be enlargement in any direction, we must have more money. Our plans should be well considered; and we should take measures to bring our wants properly before the Legislature at Springfield.

As the years go by, I am more fully impressed with the belief that the money spent by the State for the education of our pupils is one of the most profitable investments that the State makes. From statistics recently collected, Professor Cook finds that twelve hundred and forty-nine (1,249) of our students taught in the schools of the State during the last two years. Doubtless, if the statistics could be complete, we should find this number increased by two or three hundred. And a very encouraging fact is that, as we go out to the teachers' meetings in different parts of the State, we find so many of these students are leaders among the teachers in their vicinity. And we are frequently surprised to find among these leading teachers some whom we did not consider persons of great promise in their student days. We are forced to believe that we have done something for these persons which has greatly increased their ability to train the youth of our State worthily.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. HEWETT.

The report of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries was read by Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee:

Your committee on Teachers and Salaries begs leave to report that we are pleased with all we have been able to learn of the work of Miss Ruth Morris and Buel P. Colton.

We were not able to secure the services of Miss Emma J. Todd, who was elected to the position of teacher of drawing, but have employed Miss Clarissa E. Ela for the present term. We recommend that she be employed for the remainder of the year with the same salary.

We recommend that the president be instructed to employ an assistant to Miss Morris in the primary model school, with a salary not to exceed \$40 per month.

Inasmuch as Miss Hanna, on account of ill health, has not been able to resume her duties during the present year, and, as it is understood by your committee, will not be able to perform the duties the present year, we recommend Mr. Edward Manly to be continued in the position of assistant in the high school with a salary of \$800 per year.

We recommend the salary of Mr. R. R. Reeder be increased to \$1,500 per year, beginning with January, 1889.

P. R. WALKER,
W. R. SANDHAM.

Report was adopted as read.

A letter from Mr. Slade in reference to the Jackson county lands belonging to the Board, was read by the Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Raab that Judge Green be appointed a committee to investigate the subject of the Jackson county lands, and, if thought practicable, to negotiate sales for the same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Raab that a sum of money not to exceed \$100 be appropriated to defray the expenses of said committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Edwards that power be granted to Mr. Slade to rent or lease the lands in the vicinity of the University. Carried.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries reported as follows on the report of the President of the University.

Your committee to whom was referred the President's address, begs leave to report that the recommendations as to teachers and salaries have already been acted upon; that the part referring to buildings be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds; that the part referring to manual training be referred to the Committee on Training School.

We further recommend that a committee be appointed by this Board to present to the next legislature the wants of this institution.

P. R. WALKER,
W. R. SANDHAM,

Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

The report was adopted, and the President of the Board was, on motion, appointed chairman of the Legislative Committee, to be present at the coming session of the legislature and present the wants of the Normal University at Normal. The following are the other members of the committee: Raab, Dodge, Benedict and Mrs. Feitshans.

The Auditing and Finance Committee reported on the Treasurer's report and found the same to be correct, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,693.44.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer as to moneys received and disbursed from the date of last report, begs leave to report that it has examined said report and the accompanying vouchers, and finds receipts from all sources, including balance on hand at last report, to be nineteen thousand and twenty-eight dollars and nine cents (\$19,028.09), and total disbursements to be fourteen thousand three hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents (\$14,334.65), leaving a balance on hand on four thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-four cents (\$4,693.44).

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

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

GENTLEMEN—I herewith most respectfully submit my semi-annual report as Treasurer of your honorable body.

The total receipts since date of my last report, including balance on hand at said date, is nineteen thousand twenty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$19,028.29). The total paid out as per vouchers herewith returned, is fourteen thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents (\$14,334.65), leaving a balance on hand at this date of four thousand six hundred ninety-three dollars and forty-four cents.

For details and specifications of the above amounts you are hereby respectfully referred to the sheets and vouchers accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

Bloomington, Ill., December 12, 1888.

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

In account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

1888.		DR.	
June	26	To this amount, balance on hand.....	\$1,991 26
July	5	“ “ State Treasurer.....	6,873 39
Sept,	18	“ “ Thomas Slade.....	359 00
	29	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	1,476 05
Oct.	11	“ “ State Treasurer.....	6,873 39
Nov.	13	“ “ Thomas Slade.....	20 00
Dec.	7	“ “ E. C. Hewett.....	1,444 00
Dec.	12	Total amount received, including balance.....	\$19,028 09
Dec.	12	Total amount paid out as per vouchers.....	14,334 65
Balance on hand Dec. 12, 1888.....			\$4,693 44

No. ORDERS PAID (Vouchers).

1448	G. B. Harrington.....	\$20 00
1449	P. R. Walker.....	30 00
1450	E. A. Gastman.....	10 00
1451	Henry Raab.....	16 00
1452	John D. Benedict.....	12 00
1453	E. C. Rosseter.....	16 00
1454	B. L. Dodge.....	25 00
1455	Richard Edwards.....	5 00
1456	Wm. H. Green.....	31 00
1458	E. C. Hewett.....	100 00
1486	W. S. Garrett.....	10 87
1462	Thomas F. Mitchell.....	200 00
1484	Mrs. M. J. Houseman.....	29 00
1464	Minor L. Seymour.....	333 33
1459	Edwin C. Hewett.....	450 00
1468	J. W. Evans & Son.....	7 00
1463	Miss Julia E. Kennedy.....	216 67
1479	Western Bank Note Engraving Co.....	168 75
1465	Cole Bros.....	26 45
1488	James Dodge.....	1 95
1474	J. R. Haldeman & Son.....	15 00
1459	Goff & Thomas.....	1 40
1478	Fisber Bros.....	54 45
1481	The Vidette.....	9 25
1480	W. C. Scanland.....	39 18
1461	W. R. Sandham.....	9 00
1485	Wilson & Parker.....	66 44
1475	Evans Bros.....	20 60
1473	W. W. Marmon.....	7 35
1477	J. F. Adams.....	10 00
1476	Frank Morrison.....	4 90
1483	Henry Crisp.....	6 00
1490	John W. Cook.....	50 00
1460	Geo. Champion.....	4 23
1482	J. L. Beath & Co.....	1 10
1487	Watson Stewart.....	39 25
1468	Jesse Blackburn.....	7 97
1466	McLean County Coal Co.....	49 25
1470	Illinois School Journal.....	50 00
1472	Fitzwilliams & Sons.....	14 85

Orders Paid—Continued.

1469	Pantagraph Stationery Co	58 95
1571	Pillsbury & Freeman.....	33 00
1491	Thomas Slade.....	100 00
1489	H. W. Rokker.....	47 50
1492	John W. Cook.....	1,928 26
1493	Edwin C. Hewett.....	1,928 35
1494	McLean County Coal Co.....	679 25
1495	Edwin C. Hewett.....	2,220 06
1496	Watson Stewart.....	30 00
1497	Edwin C. Hewett.....	2,219 92
1498	E. C. Hewett.....	50 00
1500	Edwin C. Hewett.....	2,220 02
1499	B. P. Colton.....	150 00
1501	Buel P. Colton.....	500 00
Total vouchers paid.....		\$14,834 65

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows on the report of the President's contingent fund, and recommended that \$450 be appropriated to said fund for ensuing six months.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the contingent fund, begs leave to report that it has examined the account, with the accompanying sixty-nine vouchers, showing a balance of one dollar and sixteen cents on hand; that it finds the same correct, and recommends that the same be approved, and the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) in addition to said balance be placed to the account of said fund for the ensuing six months.

E. C. ROSSETER,

G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

EDWIN C. HEWETT.

In account with the Contingent Fund.

1888.		RECEIPTS.		
June	25	Balance on hand.....	\$0 94	
"	28	Order on Treasurer.....	450 00	
				\$450 94
		EXPENDITURES.		
Voucher.	1	Joe U. Houseman.....	\$8 25	
"	2	H. A. McCreight.....	9 62	
"	3	A. E. Meisenback.....	8 68	
"	4	A. J. Kraft.....	8 81	
"	5	C. & A. R. R. Co.....	2 00	
"	6	Elijah Needham.....	5 00	
"	7	Elijah Needham.....	15 00	
"	8	Harry Metcalf.....	5 00	
"	9	E. R. Greabeiel.....	5 00	
"	10	W. H. Williams.....	5 00	
"	11	John Hall.....	5 00	
"	12	J. U. Houseman.....	7 00	
"	13	A. J. Kraft.....	7 37	
"	14	George A. Smith.....	7 10	
"	15	H. A. McCreight.....	7 68	
"	16	J. M. Houseman.....	25 00	
"	17	George W. Savage.....	25 00	
"	18	Charles DeGarino.....	30	
"	19	J. E. Crew.....	35	
"	20	J. E. Crew.....	30	
"	21	J. T. Search.....	4 40	
"	22	Foster & Eddy.....	6 00	
"	23	Willard Zimmer.....	1 25	
"	24	American Journal of Education.....	11 52	
"	25	W. I. Chase.....	3 00	
"	26	American Express Co.....	55	
"	27	J. E. Crew.....	25	
"	28	F. M. Andros.....	3 00	

Expenditures—Continued.

Voucher	29	School News.....	1 33	
"	30	Eastern Ed. Bureau.....	3 00	
"	31	W. C. Scanland.....	18	
"	22	George Champion.....	1 15	
"	33	Engene Hill.....	5 81	
"	34	J. H. Houseman.....	4 87	
"	35	W. H. Raymond.....	5 25	
"	36	Frank King.....	5 06	
"	37	R. B. Chaplin.....	25	
"	38	Fulton County School Journal.....	18 00	
"	39	American Journal of Education.....	5 76	
"	40	National State Bank.....	20	
"	41	Fitzwilliam & Sons.....	7 70	
"	42	W. C. Scanland.....	26 46	
"	43	M. N. Beeman.....	1 00	
"	44	W. H. Raymond.....	4 12	
"	45	American Express Co.....	35	
"	46	George Brand.....	95	
"	47	H. H. Green.....	25	
"	48	Charles Scribner's Sons.....	2 40	
"	49	W. I. Chase.....	3 00	
"	50	Strickle Bros.....	10 00	
"	51	Frank King.....	8 18	
"	52	Joe U. Houseman.....	7 80	
"	53	Henry Crisp.....	1 50	
"	54	Engene Hill.....	8 00	
"	55	Walter Landes.....	4 37	
"	56	American Express Co.....	60	
"	57	W. C. Scanland.....	34 95	
"	58	A. J. Funkhouser.....	5 00	
"	59	H. V. Gard.....	2 25	
"	60	John W. Cook.....	45	
"	61	Kin. Supply Co.....	16 43	
"	62	W. S. & B., type writer.....	28 75	
"	63	J. E. Crew.....	30	
"	64	E. O. Vaile.....	1 00	
"	65	Frank King.....	7 62	
"	66	Walter Landes.....	8 68	
"	67	Engene Hill.....	7 50	
"	68	Joe U. Houseman.....	7 37	
"	69	H. J. Barton.....	4 05	
		Balance on hand December 10, 1888.....		\$449 32
				1 62
				\$450 94

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported on Prof. B. P. Colton's report on chemical laboratory fund, found the same to be correct, with a balance of \$140.37 on hand.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Professor Colton, with the Chemical Laboratory, begs leave to report that it finds the same to be correct, with a balance on hand of one hundred and forty dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$140.37).

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

NORMAL, Ill., Dec. 11, 1888.

E. C. HEWETT, PRESIDENT ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

SIR—I submit herewith a statement of the Chemical Laboratory Fund:

		RECEIPTS.		
June	28	Balance on hand.....	\$45 77	
November	15	J. A. Strong.....	25	
November	16	Order on Treasurer.....	150 00	\$196 02
		EXPENDITURES.		
Voucher	1	Clark, Churchill & Co.....	\$1 00	
"	2	G. A. Ensenberger.....	65	
"	3	D. G. Hays.....	6 10	
"	4	W. H. Schureman & Co.....	10	
"	5	E. H. Sargent.....	11 00	
"	6	J. McCann.....	4 35	
"	7	A. F. Fagerburg.....	1 25	
"	8	James Dodge.....	15 70	
"	9	D. Curtis.....	25	
"	10	P. W. Bentley.....	50	
"	11	Fisher Brothers.....	14 75	
		Balance on hand.....	\$55 65	
			140 37	\$196 02

I am pleased to report the very satisfactory results of the recent improvements in the Chemical Laboratory. We now have a well-lighted room, with outdoor windows on two sides, giving ready means of quickly changing the air of the room when needed; permanent tables with water supply at each table, and other improvements to save the students' time and in various ways aid in our work.

Respectfully,
B. P. COLTON.

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported the bills for current expenses, amounting to \$1,105.04. The report was adopted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the accompanying bills, numbered from one to twenty-two, inclusive, and amounting to the sum of \$1,105.04, begs leave to report that it has examined them and finds the same to be correct, and recommends that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer for the respective amounts of said bills, payable to the persons respectively entitled to the same.

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BILLS: DECEMBER 10, 1888.

1	E. C. Hewett.....	\$222 35	
2	Pantagraph Stationery Co.....	60 00	
3	W. C. Scanland.....	11 67	
4	Edmund V. Church.....	28 35	
5	Central Union Telephone Co.....	60 00	
6	J. L. Beath & Co.....	7 80	
7	Evans Bros.....	6 50	
8	Cunningham & Kofoid.....	98 92	
9	N. P. Perry.....	18 00	
10	Frank Morrison.....	136 85	
11	J. Plackburn.....	88 80	
12	John W. Evans & Son.....	69 46	
13	Geo. Champion.....	7 55	
14	Fisher Bros.....	106 98	
15	Illinois School Journal.....	41 67	
16	J. Dunn & Co.....	10 00	
17	Funk & Lackey.....	42 56	
18	Young & Sheppard.....	35 54	
19	Mrs. M. J. Houseman.....	16 08	
20	G. G. Johnson.....	2 90	
21	Watson Stewart.....	25 10	
22	Robert Shaw.....	8 00	\$1,105.04

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported on the report of library fund. The same was found to be correct, and the sum of \$200 was appropriated to said fund for ensuing six months.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the library fund, begs leave to report that it has examined the accounts, with the accompanying seventeen vouchers, showing a balance of one hundred and twenty-three dollars and forty-eight cents (\$123.48) on hand, and finds the same to be correct and recommends that it be approved.

The committee also recommends that in addition to the balance on hand, a further appropriation of two hundred dollars (\$200) be passed to the credit of said fund for the next six months.

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

EDWIN C. HEWETT.

In account with Library Fund.

1888.		RECEIPTS.		
June	25	Balance on hand	\$59 90	
	28	Order on treasurer	100 00	
November	13	Order on treasurer	50 00	
				\$209 90
EXPENDITURES.				
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.				
Voucher	1	George Champion.....	\$4 34	
"	2	B. Garman	12 00	
				\$16 34
GENERAL LIBRARY.				
Voucher	1	D. C. Heath & Co.....	\$3 13	
"	2	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	6 50	
"	3	Cassell & Co.	3 00	
"	4	Silver, Burdett & Co.....	3 80	
"	5	D. Appleton & Co.....	6 00	
"	6	American Express Co.....	80	
"	7	Mercantile Library Association.....	8 65	
"	8	A. S. Clark.....	23 50	
"	9	N. Mowrey.....	5 00	
"	10	D. Lothrop Company.....	3 20	
"	11	American Express Co.....	75	
"	12	P. F. Van Everen.....	1 80	
"	13	U. S. Express Co.....	30	
"	14	W. C. Scanland.....	15	
"	15	N. Mowrey.....	3 50	
				\$70 08
Balance on hand Dec. 10, 1888				\$86 42
				123 48
				\$209 90

Moved by Mr. Raab that \$200 be appropriated for library, \$50 of which is to go to the High School. Carried.

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported on Prof. Cook's report on physical apparatus fund, showing a balance of \$104.33 on hand.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Professor Cook on the Physical Apparatus Fund, begs leave to report that it has examined said report, showing no expenditures and a balance of one hundred and four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$104.33).

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 10, 1888.

E. C. HEWETT, *President Illinois State Normal University:*

Sir: I submit herewith a report of the Physical Apparatus Fund:

Balance on hand June 20, 1888.....	\$54 33
Received from the treasurer	50 00
Amount on hand Dec. 10, 1888	\$104 33

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. COOK.

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported on Prof. Colton's report on museum fund. The report was adopted, and \$500 appropriated to the same.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Professor Colton, Curator of the Museum, begs leave to report that it has examined the report with the accompanying vouchers, numbered from one to four inclusive, showing receipts amounting to five hundred dollars (\$500), and expenditures amounting to one hundred twenty-three dollars and sixty-six cents (\$123.66), leaving a balance on hand of three hundred seventy-six dollars and thirty-four cents (\$376.34).

The committee also recommends that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for the Museum for the next six months.

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

NORMAL, Ill. Dec. 11, 1888.

E. C. HEWETT, *President State Normal University:*

Sir—Herewith is a statement of the Museum of Natural History Fund:

		RECEIPTS.		
December	4	Order on Treasurer.....		\$500 00
		EXPENDITURES.		
Voucher	1	Fisher Brothers.....	\$6 35	
"	2	D. G. Hays.....	102 21	
"	3	C. K. Worthen.....	15 00	
"	4	W. H. Schureman & Co	10	
			\$123 66	
December	11	Balance on hand.....	376 34	\$500 00

I would recommend the usual semi-annual appropriation of \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
B. P. COLTON,
Curator Museum Natural History.

The following communication from Prof. Colton was read:

NORMAL, Ill., Dec. 11, 1888.

E. C. HEWETT, *President State Normal University:*

Sir—In making a report of the Museum of Natural History, I wish to call attention to the fact that it is difficult to keep the museum warm in cold weather. Allow me to suggest the following change in arrangement which, it seems to me, will obviate this difficulty and secure other advantages at the same time. I would recommend that all the cases containing specimens be kept in the north half of the room, and that end be devoted chiefly, if not exclusively, to museum purposes proper, leaving the South end for a class room. By putting a partition in the archway the south end could be more easily heated, and in the severer weather the north end might be left unwarmed; in fact it is much better not to warm thoroughly a room in which alcoholic specimens are kept.

This change will not involve great expense, and will secure very desirable results.

Respectfully,
B. P. COLTON,
Curator Museum Natural History.

Moved by Mr. Raab that the communication be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Carried.

Committee on Auditing and Finance reported on Mr. Slade's report on contingent fund, for repairs, etc., by Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Accepted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Thos. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to the contingent fund, begs leave to report that it has examined his account with said fund, with accompanying vouchers, numbered from one to five inclusive, leaving no balance on hand, and finds the same to be correct.

E. C. ROSSETER,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

THOS. SLADE:

In account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, as to his contingent fund.

1888.				
June	27	Balance on hand at last report.....		\$37 25.
AMOUNTS PAID OUT.				
July	21	Hugh Dalzell, painting privies	\$23 00	
Sept.	1	Postage (50 2 cent stamps).....	1 00	
Sept	27	Ed Partridge, for cutting wood with machine—hauling, etc., on grounds	3 00	
Oct.	13	J. J. Cowley, for seating 3 chairs	1 60	
Nov.	15	Cunningham & Kofoid, on account carpenter work	8 65	
			\$37 25	\$37 25.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. SLADE,
Per M. S. S.

Following is the report of Thomas Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to moneys collected by him for the Board, and paid into the hands of the Treasurer. Report was adopted.

THOS. SLADE,

In account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois,

As to money collected by him for the Board and paid into the treasury of the Board:

1888.				
Mar.	7	Amount collected for grass on grounds of the University from Mr. Partridge over and above work on grubbing stumps, clearing up the grounds, etc. . .		\$11 75
"	27	Amount returned from Grand Rapids School Furnishing Co. for broken desk (paid for)	5 29	
June	3	Pasture rent, southeast corner of grounds, Thos. Metcalf.....	10 00	
Sept.	11	One year's rent of University so-called, 100 acres, to June 1, 1888, from Augustine & Co.	350 00	
Oct.	31	To one year's rent to March 1, 1888, of the block of ground west of the north-west corner of the University grounds, from Mr. Philbrook	20 00	
Dec.	12	Total collected to date of report.....		\$397 04
AMOUNTS PAID INTO THE TREASURY.				
1887.				
Nov.	10	Deposited and collected for grass.....		\$11 75
1888.				
Mar.	27	Cash received for broken desk from Grand Rapids School Furnishing Co.	5 29	
June	3	Pasture rent from Thos. Metcalf.....	10 00	
Sept.	18	Rent from Augustine & Co.	350 00	
"	18	Rent from Mr. Philbrook.....	20 00	
Dec.	12	Total deposited at date of report.....		\$397 04

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SLADE,
Chairman of Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

On motion of Mr. Raab, the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the current year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The resignation of Mr. Thos. F. Mitchell, Treasurer of the Board, was on motion, accepted.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Raab was appointed a committee to draw up and present a resolution in regard to the resignation of the Hon. Thos. F. Mitchell.

Frank King and Jessie M. Hines were elected book-sellers in the Normal school book store for the coming year.

The following letter from Prof. J. Lindahl, Curator of the State Museum, was read by the Secretary.

HON. RICHARD EDWARDS, *Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Illinois:*

DEAR SIR: Agreeably to your request, I have visited the State Normal Institution at Normal and have seen the specimens of natural history, accumulated in the garret of the building of said institution. They deserve to be utilized, and I will make the following proposition, viz: I will send a competent man to pack the specimens and ship them to the State Museum, where I will name them, or engage specialists to do so. I will return one complete set, of all the species and the choicest specimens in the collection, to the State Normal University and will divide the duplicates into sets and distribute them among schools in the State.

The amount of \$100, which, as I understand it, has been appropriated for this work, will be needed for covering expenses, and I will give account for the use of this money when the work is completed, which I expect to accomplish in six months from the acceptance of this proposition.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,

JOSHUA LINDAHL,

Curator of the State Museum.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Prof. Lindahl, and report to him that his proposition was accepted by the Board, and that he is authorized to retain such duplicates as he deems best.

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution which was adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, Hon. Thomas T. Mitchell is about to sever his connection as treasurer with this Board, the Board of Education of the State of Illinois desires hereby to express its appreciation of his services during his long term office and to thank him for the faithfulness which has characterized his dealings with this Board.

HENRY RAAB.

Moved by Mr. Rosseter that Mr. Frank D. Marquis, Cashier of the People's Bank of Bloomington, Ill., be appointed Treasurer of the Board for the unexpired term without compensation, to succeed Thos. F. Mitchell, resigned. Carried.

The President and Secretary were authorized to approve the bond of \$20,000 to be given by the Treasurer.

Moved by Mr. Raab that \$250 be appropriated for an experiment in manual training in the grammar school. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Raab that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the purchase of gymnastic apparatus. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Benedict that the President of the Board and the President of the Normal University be appointed a committee to give a detailed statement of the need of an additional building. Carried.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

RICHARD EDWARDS,
Secretary.

E. A. GASTMAN,
President.