

PROCEEDINGS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 12th, 1877.

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State Board of Education.

NAMES.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
HON. WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	1879.....	Cairo.
THOS. R. LEAL	1879.....	Urbana.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1879.....	Decatur.
JOSEPH CARTER.....	1879.....	Normal.
MICHAEL DONAHUE.....	1879.....	Clinton.
HON. S. W. MOUTLON.....	1881.....	Shelbyville.
“ R. S. CANBY.....	1881.....	Olney.
“ H. H. HILL.....	1881.....	506 Mansfield Av. Chicago.
ISAAC LESEM.....	1881.....	Quincy.
H. L. BOLTWOOD.....	1881.....	Hrinceton.
HON. J. D. CATON.....	1883.....	Ottawa.
B. G. ROOTS.....	1883.....	Tamaroa.
E. L. WELLS.....	1883.....	Oregon.
J. C. KNICKERBOCKER.....	1883.....	160 LaSalle St. Chicago.
S. M. ETTER, ex-officio.....		Springfield.

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WM. H. GREEN, President,
 S. M. ETTER, Secretary,
 THOS. F. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

State Board of Education.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

Held December 12th, 1877.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, DEC. 12, 1877. }

The STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION met in the University building, and was called to order by the President, Wm. H. Green at 10 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Wm. H. Green, E. A. Eastman, S. M. Etter, E. L. Wells, B. G. Roots, Joseph Carter, Thos. R. Leal, S. W. Moulton, and H. H. Hill.

The following resignation having been presented to the Board, it was read and accepted :

To the Board of Education, State of Illinois.

GENTLEMEN :— I hereby tender to you my resignation as Preceptress and Teacher in the State Normal University, to take effect January 1st, 1878.

My earnest wishes are for the prosperity of this Institution in whose affairs I have a deep and abiding interest.

Please accept my thanks for your many expressions of kindness and appreciation.

HARRIET M. CASE.

State Normal University, Normal Ill. Dec. 11th, 1877.

On motion, B. G. Roots was appointed a committee to prepare a suitable expression of the Board, in behalf of the faithful services of Miss Case.

President E. C. Hewett then read his

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT:

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

GENTLEMEN:— In reviewing the term now closing and comparing it with those that have gone before, I see nothing in the present condition or prospects of the Normal University to occasion discouragement; but on the contrary every thing to give hope and promise. I believe we were never doing our work better, nor coming nearer to a true standard of what such an Institution should do, than we are to-day. The influence of the Institution seems to be extending and deepening; and I believe that the true professional spirit among us, the amount of professional work done and the interest taken in this work, are on the increase: We see ample room for improvement, of course; for woe be to the man who has attained his ideal.

The health of the school, during the present term has been excellent in general; although, I regret to say that two very worthy members of our senior class are now absent on account of illness. I hope their absence is only temporary. The

ATTENDANCE

For the term will appear from the following table:

Whole Number Enrolled for the Term.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.	
Ladies	204
Gentlemen	95—299
HIGH SCHOOL.	
Females	18
Males	29— 47
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Females	39
Males	55— 94
PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
Females	20
Males	11— 31
Total in Model Department.....	172
Total in University.....	471

I will remind you, again, that no person is counted in this enrollment who has not been a member at least four weeks. By comparing this report with that made one year ago, it will be seen that there is a net gain of 36, that is, 25 in the Normal, and 11 in the Model School. The largest per cent. of gain has been in the Grammar room. The proportion of young ladies is greater in the Normal Department than it has been at any time since the war.

ATTENDANCE BY COUNTIES.

During this term, we have had representatives from sixty-three counties of our own state, and from ten states besides Illinois, shown by the following table :

Bond.....	1	Monroe	1
Boone.....	4	Montgomery	1
Brown.....	6	Morgan	5
Bureau.....	2	Moultrie	1
Carroll.....	2	Ogle	6
Cass.....	9	Peoria	3
Champaign.....	11	Perry	5
Christian.....	3	Platt	5
Coles	1	Pike	2
Cook	3	Putnam.....	2
Cumberland.....	4	Richland.....	1
De Kalb.....	2	Rock Island.....	3
Douglas.....	2	St. Clair.....	1
Effingham	1	Sangamon.....	1
Edgar.....	1	Schuyler	1
Fayette.....	1	Shelby	8
Ford.....	3	Stephenson.....	1
Fulton.....	4	Tazewell	13
Grundy.....	2	Wabash.....	1
Greene.....	3	Warren.....	5
Henry	2	Washington.....	1
Iroquois.....	1	White.....	1
Jo Daviess.....	4	Whiteside	4
Kane.....	1	Will	5
Kankakee	1	Winnebago.....	4
Knox	3	Woodford	8
La Salle.....	6		
Lee.....	5	Colorado	1
Livingston	16	Connecticut	1
Logan	6	Iowa.....	2
McHenry.....	1	Kansas.....	1
McLean.....	65	Michigan.....	1
Macon	7	Minnesota.....	1
Macoupin	3	Missouri.....	1
Madison.....	9	Nebraska.....	1
Marshall	1	Ohio	2
Menard	1	Pennsylvania.....	2

The above table is for the Normal Department only ; the representation in the Model Department is shown below :

Alexander	2	Macon	1
Cass	1	Macoupin	2
Champaign.....	1	Madison.....	8
De Kalb.....	1	Mason.....	2
De Witt.....	2	Morgan.....	1
Edgar.....	1	Platt.....	1
Effingham	1	Randolph	1
Fayette	1	Richland	1
Grundy	1	St. Clair.....	3
Iroquois	3	Shelby.....	2
Jo Daviess	1	Tazewell	3
La Salle	4	Whiteside.....	2
Lee	1	Will	2
Livingston	1	Woodford	6
Logan	1	Iowa.....	1
McLean	113		

It must be remembered that the model students are not state beneficiaries ; they pay their own tuition, although probably fully one-third of them will teach more or less.

THE NEW CLASS.

During this term, 184 candidates have presented themselves for admission to the Normal Department. Of this number 127 were examined ; the others were admitted on their credentials. Of these candidates, 128 were ladies, 56 were gentlemen. We examined

Ladies	82
Gentlemen.....	45—127

We rejected—

Ladies	17
Gentlemen.....	23— 40

Of the 144 who were admitted, 6 left before they had been with us long enough to be in our enumerated enrollment. It will be noticed that the number rejected was very large,—nearly one-third of all who were examined. One reason for this is that many of the candidates were quite young ; probably, also, our test was somewhat more severe than it has been at some previous times. I am glad to say, however, that most of those who were rejected joined the preparatory class in our model school.

The new class represents 45 counties, and five states besides our own, as is shown by the following table :

Boone.....	3	Madison.....	5
Brown.....	2	Menard.....	1
Bureau.....	1	Monroe.....	1
Cass.....	6	Morgan.....	3
Champaign.....	9	Ogle.....	2
Coles.....	1	Perry.....	2
Cook.....	2	Peoria.....	2
Cumberland.....	1	Putnam.....	1
Douglas.....	1	Rock Island.....	1
Effingham.....	1	Shelby.....	5
Ford.....	2	Tazewell.....	5
Fulton.....	3	Wabash.....	1
Greene.....	2	Warren.....	5
Grundy.....	1	Washington.....	1
Henry.....	2	White.....	1
Jo Daviess.....	2	Whiteside.....	3
Ironquois.....	1	Will.....	3
Kane.....	1	Winnebago.....	2
Kankakee.....	1	Woodford.....	3
La Salle.....	3		
Lee.....	2	Kansas.....	1
Livingston.....	7	Connecticut.....	1
Logan.....	4	Michigan.....	1
McHenry.....	1	Nebraska.....	1
McLean.....	23	Pennsylvania.....	2
Macon.....	6		

TEACHERS.

For my co-workers, I have nothing but good words to say. All are earnest and faithful, ready to co-operate heartily in whatever is to be done. Of those who have been here before this term, I have already spoken in former reports ; and I can here only reiterate the good opinions previously expressed. When it became apparent last summer that Mr. Gastman would decline the position to which you appointed him, I determined to provide temporarily for the emergency. This I did by substituting Zoology for Physiology on the part of the Seniors, and employing Mr. Samuel W. Paisley, a former graduate and a teacher of reputation, to take the classes in Geography which had formerly been instructed by Dr. Sewall. I agreed to pay Mr. Paisley fifteen dollars a week for his assistance. He did excellent work ; but about the end of October his health failed and he was obliged to go south. Other members of the Faculty generously took his work in addition to their own ; and, in this way, we have got through the term very com-

fortably. I take occasion to speak in commendation of Miss Flora Pennell, whom you appointed at your last meeting to the position of second assistant in the Normal Department. I think her work this term justifies our expectation of efficiency on her part in the future.

It is with the deepest regret that I am obliged to announce that our Preceptress, MISS HARRIET M. CASE, will now close her connection with the Institution. By her faithfulness, earnestness and high womanly qualities, she has endeared herself to both teachers and pupils. Our best wishes will go with her. The post thus vacated is very difficult to fill. When we remember that about two hundred girls will look up to the one who occupies this position, for special guidance in matters of the highest importance, it becomes us to look very carefully for a successor to one who has filled the place so well as Miss Case has done. I have given the matter careful thought ever since I knew that Miss Case was going to resign; but I am not fully prepared to nominate a successor. I wrote sometime since to Miss Mary R. Gorton, now of Fayetteville, Arkansas; but have not received any reply as yet. Miss Gorton graduated here about ten years ago; she afterwards taught several years with much success in the Cook county Normal school. Since that time, she has filled a similar position in Arkansas. She has received at sometimes a larger salary than we can afford to pay; and I do not know that she could be induced to accept a position here. Had I received her assurance that she would do so, as I hoped to have done ere this, I should urge her appointment with much earnestness.

PROFESSIONAL WORK.

The amount of professional work done has not been diminished this term; but, on the contrary, it has been somewhat increased. Prof. Metcalf as usual has given his entire time to it; and Miss Paddock and Mr. De Garmo have given it a considerable portion of their time; this is especially true of Miss Paddock. I have asked Prof. Metcalf to make a special report on this matter; which I incorporate

as setting forth the facts more fully and intelligently than any thing that I could say would do.

PROFESSOR METCALF'S REPORT.

To the President of the Ill. State Normal University:

The plan of observation work in the Primary department has been essentially the same this term as last, but with greater emphasis on what experience has shown to be the more difficult features.

Our Normal "Entering Class," numbering about 140, was divided in the first week of the term into three nearly equal sections. These, in turn, spent an hour daily in observing one field of the primary work—say that of Arithmetic. At each visit, opportunity was afforded the students to put questions to Miss Paddock, and, in the intervals of her class work, to make brief notes of what they saw. On retiring they wrote out the notes they had made; and these papers having been duly examined by the training teachers; Miss Paddock met the entire class and remarked upon the work in hand in such way as to correct misapprehensions, answer queries, and, by brief examination, by lecture or by dictation, enforce the points that she chiefly desired to impress.

When all the first year's work in Arithmetic has thus been observed, outlined, and discussed, an examination by writing, covering ten topics and occupying two school hours, shows very fairly the degree of insight gained by each observer.

This over, the subject of Reading takes a similar course. So, too, Spelling, Language and Writing. In each division under study, stress is laid, not only on the different "stages" of the work but on its successive "steps". Observers are led, also, to consider the needful or desirable apparatus, its exact purpose, how obtained or made, how used and preserved.

Not less important than the direct instruction thus conveyed, are the observations made touching incidental excel-

lences in the school—the perfect order, the quick and unremitting attention given by the children, their enthusiasm in recitation, their quiet and independent enjoyment of study and desk work, their original thought and the ease and accuracy with which they express themselves.

The amount and quality of work which all this implies makes it necessary that Miss Paddock should not only be allowed ample opportunities for meeting this “Army of observation,” but that she should have large assistance in the examination of their papers. This assistance Mr. De Garino and myself have sought to afford.

In addition to the enjoyment we have found in seeing the students so generally seconding our efforts, we have the satisfaction of knowing that many of this large band of young teachers will go out with definite plans of work for the youngest children, and with well considered principles in mind by which to be guided.

Each term, the Entering Class will study the matter and methods through the three Grades of the Primary School. The same pupils the subsequent term will be carried a stage farther, receiving, chiefly by dictation, the order and place of work in the 4th Grade. A class of 30 pupils has been thus advanced the present term, taking, also, a study of the question, How shall we teach the use of the Dictionary? Next term this advance will fall to the lot of those who have just finished Primary Observation.

As usual, about 50 Normal pupils have taught classes in the Model Department, chiefly in the Grammar School. This part of our professional work has never been better done. The Diaries, daily records of class-work, have been examined and criticized once in two weeks, and are found to be, in many ways, productive of good.

No convenient time within school hours has yet been found for the training—teachers to meet those who are entrusted with classes; hence, though under some disadvantages, we continue our Friday evening Teachers’ Meeting.

Lastly, the entire school has been held to observe and

discuss, in common with the Faculty, the merits and defects of brief class-exercises conducted before them by some of the pupil-teachers.

I wish to add that my assistants are working with a will. Whatever success has been attained in the Training Department is largely due to their faithful and judicious efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS METCALF,
 Prin. Training Dep't.

REPAIRS.

Quite extensive repairs have been made on our building since your last meeting; and I believe it is now in excellent condition, and ought to require very little further expenditure for some time to come. There is only one thing that seems to me to require immediate attention, and that is the heating apparatus in the society rooms. I fear the present arrangement is unsafe; at any rate, its safety should be assured, or some other arrangement should be substituted immediately. For the repairs and work in the museum, I refer you to the report of Prof. Forbes.

DO OUR STUDENTS TEACH?

At your last meeting, you authorized an effort to obtain a satisfactory answer to this question. Prof. Cook has had the matter in charge, and has expended considerable labor upon it. His returns are by no means full as yet, in fact I believe not half has been accomplished. But he has trustworthy information already, which shows the name and post-office address of more than six hundred of our students who have been teaching since the first day of last October.

LIBRARY.

At your last meeting, you appropriated five hundred dollars to increase our library. After consultation with your committee I drew three hundred dollars of this appropria-

tion. Of this sum, about one-half has been expended, as by report in the hands of your finance committee. A few other books have been ordered; and a further list is about ready to present to publishers and dealers for bids. By action of Senator Oglesby, our library has been made a place of depository for public documents, and a large invoice is already received. These, in addition to what we had before, make our list of such documents very full.

FINANCES,

Prof. Carters' financial report will show that we are running very close to our income. I knew that that must be so, when the legislature refused to increase our appropriation last winter. And yet I see no reason to doubt that we can meet all necessary expenses between this time and the end of the year, and still have a small margin left. It seems as though our incidentals for the next six months need not involve any great expense.

THE CALENDAR.

The present arrangement of our calendar seems to me very awkward. Our next term is set to begin on the last day of the year. I would suggest, therefore, that next summer vacation be made eleven weeks instead of ten. This would make the fall term close about the 20th of December, and would throw both Christmas and New Year's into the Christmas vacation.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT, President.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 12th, 1877.

To the State Board of Education :

Your committee on Teachers and Salaries, after careful deliberation, have decided to recommend the election of M. L. Seymour of Blue Island, to the place of Prof. of Natural Science to fill the vacancy caused by the resig-

nation of Dr. J. A. Sewell. We also recommend that his salary be fixed at \$1600 per annum.

We further recommend that Mrs. Martha D. L. Haynie be appointed Teacher of Grammar in the Normal School proper, at the same salary she now receives.

B. G. ROOTS,
JOSEPH CARTER, } Committee.
E. L. WELLS.

On motion of H. L. Boltwood the report of the committee on teachers and salaries was accepted.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds made the following report :

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN : — Your committee on Buildings and Grounds would respectfully report that during the summer the entire wood work of the University was cleaned, much of it repainted, regrained and all varnished. The blinds throughout the building were taken off, thoroughly cleaned, painted and varnished. The students' desks in both the University and High School rooms were thoroughly cleaned, recovered with oil cloth and varnished with two coats. The basement, and third story, and walls in the stairways were calcimined. The out-houses were printed with two coats. In all the work, the best of material was used and the cost of these repairs amount to the sum of

	\$1,404 32
Repairing boilers	60 00
Repairing large hall	264 48
Heating Museum	88 30
Plumbing	118 63
	\$1,935 73

The appropriation made by the last General Assembly for repairs on the Normal buildings was twenty-five hundred dollars, and of this amount there has been expended, as shown by the above statement, one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars, and seventy-three cents, leav-

a balance on hand of five hundred, sixty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents.

The committee also had the cupola repaired and recovered at an expense of one hundred, seventy-four dollars, and forty-one cents, which was paid out of a balance on hand of another appropriation made by a previous Legislature for roofing the building.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH CARTER, }
S. M. ETTER. } Committee.

On motion of Mr. Boltwood the report of the committee was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The following report of W. S. Coy was read by the Secretary, and on motion was accepted and ordered to be placed on file :

To State Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN : — Your tenant, Mr. Phoenix, was declared a bankrupt last month. He is now owing you \$700 rent for the years '76 and '77. I recovered a judgment for \$350 in June last for '76. Execution was levied on a large amount of personal property, sale to come off after he was declared a bankrupt. The court ordered the assignee to take the property from the sheriff. I have procured an order in bankrupt court for assignment to sell the property and pay our judgment. I have also procured an order for the assignee to sell the crops raised on the farm during the present year and pay the rent due you for this year. So the whole of the rent will be paid as soon as the sale can be effected.

I have collected the rent due Dec. 1st, 1875.....	\$350 00
Enclosed find check for.....	\$295 00
My Fees.....	35 00
Expenses two trips to Springfield on the Phoenix b'rpt matter	20 00—350 00

I have no doubt we shall get the whole of our money by spring.

Yours Respectfully,
W. S. COY.

Mr. Carter reported that the land formerly occupied by F. K. Phoenix, and belonging to the board, was now unoccupied, and recommended that action be taken by the Board authorizing some committee to lease the same for a term of years. On motion, the whole question was referred to the committee on buildings and grounds with full power to act.

Mr. Carter called the attention of the Board to the fact that the building was in danger of being destroyed by fire, from the stoves used in the society rooms, and recommended that they be supplied with steam heating apparatus, the expense of which would be very trifling.

On motion of S. W. Moulton the whole question was referred to the committee on buildings and grounds, with full power to act.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Boltwood of Princeton, but on motion was laid on the table :

Resolved, That all pupils of the Normal School, who are residents of other states be required to pay tuition.

The following resolution was offered by E. L. Wells.

Resolved, That fifty dollars be placed in the hands of Prof. Seymour for the purchase of chemicals and apparatus for the use of the laboratory.

On motion of Mr. Etter the resolution was amended so as to read :

That fifty dollars be placed in the hands of the President of the University, for the purchase of chemicals and apparatus for the use of the laboratory.

Resolution was adopted as amended.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board met as per adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The Secretary reported that order No. 32, dated March 31st, 1876, for \$25.13 drawn in favor of A. F. Dickenson was lost and has never been paid.

On motion of S. W. Moulton the Secretary was authorized to issue a duplicate order to Mr. Dickinson for the amount of the one lost.

The following report was made by the Auditing Committee :

To the State Board of Education :

We the undersigned, your Auditing Committee respectfully report that we have examined bills numbering 1 to 20 inclusive, amounting to (\$943.96) nine hundred forty-three dollars and ninety-six cents, and that we find them correct. We recommend that the Secretary be instructed to draw orders for the payment of the several sums named in the bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. LEAL, } Committee.
JOS. CARTER. }

Dec. 12th, 1877.

On motion the report of the Auditing Committee was accepted and the Secretary was directed to draw orders for the payment of the several bills as recommended by the committee.

To the State Board of Education :

We the undersigned, your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the vouchers 1 to 46 inclusive of the President for the expenditure of the contingent fund voted him by the Board and find that four hundred dollars has been drawn by him, and that he has paid out on the several bills, three hundred, forty-one dollars, and seventy-seven cents, leaving a balance in his hands of fifty-eight dollars, and twenty-three cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. LEAL, } Committee.
JOS. CARTER. }

Dec. 12th, 1877.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

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

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and are hereby 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 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 eighteen thousand, two hundred and five dollars and fifty cents (\$18,205.50), 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 repairs to the same, and for additions to the library, museum, and apparatus thereof," approved May 18, 1877, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of \$250 be placed in the hands of President Hewett as a Contingent Fund.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows :

To the State Board of Education :

We have examined the report of Prof. Burrington and find the same correct.

S T A T E M E N T :

To amount appropriated.....	\$50 00
<i>Contra</i> : — By amount paid, as per vouchers.....	39 10
	10 90
Balance on hand.....	10 90

T. R. LEAL. } Committee.
JOS. CARTER, }

On motion the report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Hon. Thos. F. Mitchel, Treasurer of the Board of Education, then presented his semi-annual report, which is as follows :

BLOOMINGTON, DEC. 11th, 1877.

To the Honorable State Board of Education.

GENTLEMEN : — I herewith submit my report of moneys received and paid out by me as Treasurer of your Honorable body, to date.

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 11th. 1877.

June 22, 1877.	Amount received from C. W. Holder, per the hand of E. C. Hewett, former Treasurer.....	3,556 30
July 9, "	Received from State Treasurer.....	6,175 00
July 20, "	" " " "	2,500 00
July 30, "	Jos. Carter.....	40 00
Aug. 7, "	E. C. Hewett, Model School.....	200 00
Sept. 1, "	E. C. Hewett, Model School.....	127 54
Oct. 19, "	State Treasurer.....	6,174 54
Nov. 10, "	E. C. Hewett, Model School.....	215 00
Dec. 1, "	E. C. Hewett, "	272 50
" 8, "	E. C. Hewett "	528 00
" 8, "	Jos. Carter "	20 00
	Total amount received.....	\$19,806 88

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Total amount paid out as per vouchers specifically set forth on sheets A. B. & C. and herewith returned.....	\$17,149 34
Balance on hand.....	\$2,657 54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. MITCHELL,
Treasurer.

On motion the report of the Treasurer with the accompanying vouchers was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following report was read and approved :

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the report and vouchers of President Hewett for the expenditures of the Library fund voted by the Board, and find the same correct.

STATEMENT.

To amount appropriated.....	\$500 00
To amount drawn by Mr. Hewett.....	300 00
<i>Contra</i> : — To amount paid as per 10 vouchers.....	150 03
By balance remaining in the hands of Mr. Hewett.....	149 97

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. LEAL, } Committee.
JOS. CARTER. }

Dec. 11th, 1877.

Mr. Carter presented the subjoined report.

Your Auditing Committee also beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the accounts of the "labratory fund" report, and accompanying vouchers, 1 to 64 inclusive, made by Prof. Forbes, and found the same to be correct.

STATEMENT.

To amount appropriated for the year.....	\$1700 00
To amount drawn for first and second quarters.....	\$850 00
" amount paid Prof. Forbes as per report.....	14 35
" balance due Prof. Forbes.....	166 00
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Total.....	\$1,030 35
<i>Contra</i> : — By amount paid as per vouchers, 1 to 64 inclusive,.....	\$929 85
By balance due Prof. Forbes as per last report.....	100 50
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Total.....	\$1,030 35

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. LEAL, } Committee.
 JOS. CARTER. }

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on Training School made the following report which on motion of Mr. Roots was adopted :

The Committee on Training School beg leave to report that from all the information we have been able to obtain, we believe the work of training teachers to discharge the school duties required of them in the schools of the State, has never been more efficiently done in this Institution than during the present term. We desire especially to commend the effort that has been made in certain departments of the University, to adopt the class work to the wants of the teachers in the public schools. We hope that this will be done in all the departments, as much as possible.

E. A. GASTMAN,
 E. S. WELLS,
 S. M. ETTER.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Boltwood was adopted :

Resolved, That the arrangement of the school year shall be left in the hands of the President, with the understanding that it shall consist of thirty-nine weeks.

The following report and resolution were read and adopted :

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Dec. 12, 1877.

To the Board of Education :

Your Special Committee to submit a resolution expressing the sentiments of the Board respecting Miss Harriet M. Case, submits the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Education in accepting the resignation of Miss Harriet M. Case, hereby express their hearty approbation of the faithful and valuable services which she has rendered the State while Preceptress in the Normal University, not only by her thorough and efficient teaching, but also by her excellent influence upon the pupils.

B. G. ROOTS, Com.

The following resolution by Mr. Boltwood was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of \$250 from the unexpended balance of the Repair Fund, be appropriated to complete the fitting up of the biological laboratory.

Mr. Carter made the following report :

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN : — Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer, Thomas F. Mitchell, with the accompanying vouchers 143, to 197, inclusive and have found the same correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. LEAL, } Committee.
JOS. CARTER. }

On motion the report of the Auditing Committee, on Treasurer's report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of S. W. Moulton, Mr. M. L. Seymour was unanimously elected Prof. of Natural Science, as recommended by the Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

On motion of H. H. Hill, Mrs. Martha D. L. Haynie was appointed Teacher of Grammar in the Normal Department as recommended by the committee.

On motion of E. A. Gastman, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the auditing committee certify that the accounts of C. W. Holder ex-treasurer of the State Board of Education, are correct and satisfactory.

On motion of T. R. Leal, the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM H. GREEN, President.

S. M. ETTER, Secretary.