

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL,
DECEMBER 10, 1890.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
ELLA F. YOUNG	1895.....	Chicago.
MATTHEW P. BRADY.....	1895.....	Chicago.
HENRY RAAB	1895.....	Belleville.
P. R. WALKER.....	1895.....	Rockford.
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.
WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	1891.....	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1891.....	Decatur.
E. C. ROSSETER.....	1891.....	Kewanee.
W. R. SANDHAM.....	1891.....	Wyoming.
ROBT. F. EVANS.....	1891.....	Bloomington.
RICHARD EDWARDS (<i>ex-officio</i>).....	1891.....	Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	President.
RICHARD EDWARDS.....	Secretary.
FRANK D. MARQUIS, Bloomington.....	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 24, 1891.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEC. 10, 1890.

The Board of Education met in the library of the University at 9 A. M.,

The President, William H. Green, in the chair.

The following members were present: Mrs. Young, and Messrs. Green, Gastman, Brady, Cope, Raab, Rosseter, Dodge, Walker, Sandham, Evans and Edwards.

On motion, the minutes of the preceding meeting were adopted, as printed.

The following statement was presented by the President:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Probable balance Dec. 10, about.....		\$6,900 00
<i>Estimate of Expenditures.</i>		
December salaries.....	\$2,600 00	
Bills—about.....	2,600 00	
Expense of Board meeting.....	250 00	
Total.....	\$5,450 00	
Approximate balance Jan. 1.....	1,450 00	
<i>Estimate for Remainder of Year.</i>		
Income—Appropriations.....	\$18,746 78	
Tuition—safe estimate.....	5,000 00	
Balance on hand Jan. 1.....	1,450 00	\$20,196 78
<i>Expenditures.</i>		
Salaries.....	\$17,600 00	
Contingent expenses.....	600 00	
Laboratories.....	300 00	
Library.....	500 00	
Cataloguing fund.....	200 00	
Expenses of Board.....	300 00	
Printing.....	200 00	
Other expenses.....	300 00	
Probable balance, July 1, 1891.....		\$18,000 00 2,196 00

PRESIDENT COOK'S REPORT.

Prof. John W. Cook, President of the University, then read his report, which was as follows:

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

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—The one-hundredth term of the institution under your charge began on Monday morning, September eighth. By the close of the second day our desks were all occupied, and with the opening of the second week the enrollment was far beyond the seating capacity of the school. A rearrangement of the desks in the normal room enabled us to place settees in the north and south aisles, so that each pupil can have a place when in the building and not engaged in recitation. By excusing nearly one hundred from attendance except for recitation and for general exercises, we have been able to get on with a reasonable degree of comfort.

THE ATTENDANCE

is in excess of that of any other term in the history of the school. The most striking gain is in the high school, but it is also marked in the normal department. The numbers are presented herewith:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies	327
Gentlemen.....	137
Total.....	464

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies	92
Gentlemen.....	87
Total.....	179

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females	84
Males	87
Total.....	171

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls	29
Boys.....	25
Total.....	54

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal department.....	464
Model department.....	404
Total.....	868

THE APPLICANTS

for admission numbered 221 ladies and 54 gentlemen. Of this number 48 were graduates of high schools and were admitted upon presentation of their diplomas; 42 were appointed by county superintendents, in accordance with the statute; 9 were admitted upon first-grade certificates; 3 were promoted from the preparatory class, and 2 were admitted from other institutions. The remaining 173, consisting of 128 ladies and 45 gentlemen, were examined. Forty-six ladies and 12 gentlemen failed to meet the requirements for admission to free tuition.

Forty-one of the applicants were from McLean county.

A rule of the Board requires an admission average of 85 per cent. from residents of this county, whereas residents of other counties are admitted

if they reach an average of 60 per cent. In consequence, only five of the forty-one were admitted to free tuition. Seventeen of the remaining thirty-six made an average of 60 per cent. or more. They were permitted to enroll upon payment of tuition at the rate of \$32 a year.

No pupils are admitted who do not subscribe to the declaration that their only purpose in attending the school is to fit themselves for the work of the teacher.

The counties represented in the new class are 62 in number. The pupils admitted to free tuition are distributed as follows:

Adams.....	1	Lee.....	3
Bond.....	2	Livingston.....	1
Boone.....	5	Logan.....	2
Carroll.....	1	McLean.....	5
Cass.....	1	Macon.....	4
Champaign.....	4	Madison.....	6
Christian.....	8	Marion.....	1
Clark.....	2	Marshall.....	3
Coles.....	5	Mason.....	2
Cook.....	3	Mercer.....	5
Crawford.....	2	Monroe.....	1
DeKalb.....	9	Morgan.....	2
DeWitt.....	3	Ogle.....	1
Douglas.....	1	Peoria.....	2
DuPage.....	3	Pfaff.....	1
Edgar.....	3	Pike.....	1
Ford.....	5	Putnam.....	1
Fulton.....	3	Rock Island.....	2
Greene.....	1	St. Clair.....	7
Grundy.....	4	Sangamon.....	8
Hancock.....	6	Schuyler.....	4
Henderson.....	1	Scott.....	2
Henry.....	2	Shelby.....	4
Iroquois.....	9	Stark.....	2
JoDaviss.....	2	Stephenson.....	7
Kane.....	3	Tazewell.....	10
Kankakee.....	1	Vermilion.....	4
Kendall.....	1	Wayne.....	1
Knox.....	1	Whiteside.....	2
Lake.....	1	Will.....	4
LaSalle.....	3	Woodford.....	10

About 75 per cent. of the applicants are from the farmer class.

The whole number of counties in Illinois represented this term is seventy-six.

The following list gives the number of pupils from each county who are receiving free tuition:

Adams.....	5	JoDaviss.....	3
Bond.....	1	Kane.....	3
Boone.....	6	Kankakee.....	3
Bureau.....	2	Kendall.....	4
Carroll.....	3	Knox.....	2
Cass.....	3	Lake.....	1
Champaign.....	5	LaSalle.....	13
Christian.....	12	Lee.....	4
Clark.....	1	Livingston.....	1
Clay.....	1	Logan.....	3
Coles.....	11	McDonough.....	1
Cook.....	6	McLean.....	33
Crawford.....	5	Macon.....	7
DeKalb.....	15	Macoupin.....	1
DeWitt.....	3	Madison.....	9
Douglas.....	3	Marion.....	1
DuPage.....	4	Marshall.....	6
Edgar.....	5	Mason.....	4
Franklin.....	1	Mercer.....	4
Fulton.....	6	Monroe.....	1
Greene.....	1	Montgomery.....	2
Grundy.....	8	Morgan.....	3
Hancock.....	9	Ogle.....	6
Henderson.....	1	Peoria.....	2
Henry.....	4	Perry.....	1
Iroquois.....	11	Pfaff.....	1
Jackson.....	1	Pike.....	4
Jefferson.....	1	Pope.....	1

Putnam.....	1	Tazewell.....	18
Richland.....	1	Vermilion.....	6
Rock Island.....	2	Warren.....	3
St. Clair.....	9	Washington.....	1
Sangamon.....	9	Wayne.....	1
Schuyler.....	6	White.....	1
Scott.....	2	Whiteside.....	2
Shelby.....	12	Will.....	10
Stark.....	2	Woodford.....	22
Stephenson.....	9		

Thirty-four pupils from McLean county are paying tuition, having reached an admission average of 60 per cent. or more, but not 85 per cent. Opportunity for examination is afforded such pupils at the beginning of each term, and when they have met the requirement they are excused from further tuition. One pupil from Ford county, one from Lee, one from Woodford, and one from Cook were qualified for admission, but were slightly under the legal age. They were admitted on tuition, which will be abated upon their attaining the requisite age, which, at most, was but a few months.

THE DISCIPLINE

of the school is in good condition. Too much cannot be said in praise of the admirable spirit manifested by our pupils. The normal students are of such maturity and earnestness that any serious cases of disorder are unknown. While the pupils in the model school are much younger, they, too, are so well disposed that the community is free from annoyances to which many school towns are subjected on account of the lawlessness of students. I esteem it a rare privilege that I am permitted to spend my life in the companionship of a body of young people whose purposes are so high and whose conduct is so free from faults.

THE HEALTH

of the school has been excellent, if I except a visitation of measles which interfered with the work of a few, and compelled the retirement of a small number. By a mysterious accident, one of our students, Mr. James W. Gee, was killed on Monday of the second week of the term. He and his wife were found dead in one of the rooms in which they were living. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from suffocation, the deadly gas having been generated in some way not certainly understood, by a gasoline stove.

THE FACULTY.

Mr. McMurry having declined the position tendered him, on account of the inadequate salary, the committee on teachers called Mr. David Felmley, of Carrollton, to the chair of mathematics.

Mr. Felmley was not unknown to most of us. We endeavored to secure his services three years ago, but were unsuccessful. His rare scholarship, energy and enthusiasm, joined to a high degree of skill acquired in an experience of many years in public school work, have fitted him in an especial manner for the chair which he now occupies, and whose duties he is discharging in a very acceptable manner.

Mr. Dudley G. Hays, who last June was appointed assistant instructor in the department of natural sciences, has had charge of the classes in physics. We have been able to make the work quite exclusively inductive by the arrangement thus made possible. Mr. Hays' duties have been very laborious, but the manner in which he has discharged them marks an epoch in science teaching in the institution, so far as physics is concerned.

Our work in Prof. Colton's department seems to me to be in a highly satisfactory condition in all of its phases, and the transfer of physics to his charge should have been made earlier.

It was expected that the grammar school would lose some patronage by the withdrawal of Prof. Reeder from the charge of that room. The attendance is nearly up to the high-water mark, however,—a fact that is complimentary to Mr. Hall's management.

It is with extreme regret that I am obliged to announce the resignation of three of our teachers—Prof. DeGarmo, Miss Pennell and Miss Morris.

Prof. DeGarmo entered the normal school in 1870, and graduated 1873. He served three years as principal of the school at Naples and then took charge of the grammar department of our model school. He remained in that position seven years. I need not remind you how satisfactory his services were to all concerned. Having determined to devote his life to the work of teaching, he resolved to secure a more complete equipment for his chosen calling, so in 1883 he sailed for Germany and entered the University at Halle. He remained abroad three years, devoting himself with great industry to the study of the profounder aspects of pedagogics, and to the application of these principles in European schools.

In 1886 he received the degree of Ph. D. from Halle, and returned to America to take the chair of modern languages in this institution. He now leaves us to go to the University of Illinois, where he has been appointed professor of logic, psychology and philosophy.

Miss Flora Pennell is also a graduate of the normal school, having completed her course in 1872. After a year at Vassar college she began her work as a teacher. She became a member of our Faculty in 1877. On the resignation of Mrs. Haynie, in 1887, she succeeded to the position of preceptress. It would be extremely difficult to find one who could surpass Miss Pennell in the line of duties which have fallen to her lot. If those duties shall be as satisfactorily performed by her successor there will be no reason for complaint in any particular.

Miss Ruth Morris entered our Faculty as primary training teacher in September, 1888. She was recommended to us by very eminent authority as the best woman in the Mississippi valley for the work which we desired her to do. I have good reason to believe that the recommendation was not an exaggeration. Her work with us has been of as high an order as any that it has ever been my lot to see.

She offers two reasons for her resignation. Having fitted herself by special preparation for more advanced work, she feels that she should not continue primary work longer than this year. She gave me notice of this purpose some time since. Meanwhile a highly favorable offer has come to her to take charge of the instruction in English in Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., with a salary of \$1,500 a year.

As she is obliged to maintain a home at Richmond, the offer is a material advance upon the salary that she is receiving here.

As it is my sincere wish that the Board will not permit Miss Morris to leave us on the grounds that are now determining her action, permit me to detail, somewhat fully, the work that she has done.

She began her teaching in a country school, but was soon a primary teacher in Richmond, Ind. She was next made superintendent of primary work in the same city. She was soon elected to the principalship of a ward school in Indianapolis, which she subsequently left for a position in the Indiana State Normal school similar to the one which she now occupies with us. She afterward returned to Indianapolis as teacher of grammar and composition in the high school and principal of a room of 150 pupils. She next became training teacher in the Cleveland Normal school. After a year's service there she was reelected and was also offered the principalship of the Indianapolis Normal school and of the department of English grammar and composition in the Indiana State Normal school. She accepted the latter position. She here received the maximum salary paid the heads of departments. When Prof. Parson was elected to the

presidency of that institution Miss Morris succeeded him in the department of higher English and also became preceptress.

When we called her here she was offered \$1,750 to remain, but not being satisfied with certain conditions she declined the offer. At the same time she was offered the position of institute instructor in the normal school at River Falls, with a salary at first of \$1,700, which would have been increased to a maximum of \$2,200.

She would remain if her salary should be made the same as that of the other heads of departments. I earnestly recommend that she be made preceptress and professor of English, with a salary of \$2,000.

I have indicated to the Committee on Teachers what would be a very satisfactory arrangement of the other departments. After observing our training work for the current term, I am satisfied that we may dispense with one of our training teachers by a readjustment of the work. This will make it possible to get on with one less teacher than we now have. By this arrangement our outlay for salaries will be diminished at the rate of \$600 a year, even if Miss Morris' salary should be raised as proposed.

I may add that the work to which she would be assigned, if my suggestions should be followed, is that for which she deems herself especially fitted.

THE COURSE OF STUDY

possesses certain eccentricities to which the attention of the proper committee has been called. I sincerely hope that the subject of drawing may hereafter receive the attention which its merits demand, and that we may be able to strengthen our work in psychology by the addition of another term's work to our curriculum in the third year.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

A normal school without a suitable training school is like an industrial school without proper shops for practical work. No argument is needed to satisfy you of the necessity of such an adjunct to this institution. We have a training school, indeed, but unfortunately it is the weak spot of the school. In our supervising force we are peculiarly fortunate. Our grammar and intermediate grades answer our purposes fairly, although the latter should be larger; but our primary department is by no means what it should be. It is scarcely half as large as our necessities demand. This severe limitation is due to a lack of room. Thirty-nine pupil-teachers have taught classes in this room this term. With the exception of one class there have been but six, or eight pupils at most, for a teacher. It is impossible with such classes to give any adequate training to the pupil-teachers in those most difficult arts of discipline and management.

Our rooms are so few in number that in no recitation periods are there less than two classes in a room reciting simultaneously, while generally there are three, four, or even five. The confusion at such times is so great that it is difficult to distinguish what the children are saying.

By an arrangement with the public school we are able to use two departments for a part of the day. There the classes are of the ordinary size and we are able to form some idea of a teacher's power. Thirty-seven pupil-teachers have been employed in the other departments of the training school. Here, again, we are troubled very greatly to find rooms for recitation purposes. Twenty-three classes recite in the basement. None of these basement rooms are fit for such purposes, while some of them are so dark and ill-ventilated that pupils should never be required to use them. On cloudy days artificial light is needed to reach them, and they are, at such times, of little or no service.

Our crying need is a training school building. I will submit to the Board plans and estimate of a structure that would furnish us the much needed room.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

has been so over-crowded this term that some relief is necessary. The attention of the Board is called to certain suggestions of Prof. Barton, which are submitted herewith. I respectfully recommend their adoption.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 2, 1890.

President J. W. Cook, Illinois State Normal:

The number of students in the high school department has increased so largely this fall that I beg leave to suggest these changes:

I. That the number in the high school be limited to 160, but that since the number is now 179, permission be given, in reducing to the limit mentioned, to exceed 160 for the next two terms, if it seems best.

II. That permission be given to drop from the rolls pupils who do not take a satisfactory rank in their classes.

III. That tuition be \$12.00 for the winter and spring terms and \$15.00 for the fall.

IV. That \$25.00 a term be placed at the disposal of the principal as a contingent fund.

V. That an additional instructor be secured for the high school.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT J. BARTON,

Principal.

Miss Ela desires certain material for her classes in drawing. Having examined her work, I am convinced that what she wishes is needed, and I therefore recommend that fifty dollars be appropriated for her department.

THE CHANGES IN THE BUILDING,

authorized by the Board at the last meeting, have been made. I think that you will be pleased with the results. The expenditures were somewhat in excess of the estimates made at that time, but not seriously so.

ESTIMATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

are submitted herewith. It will be observed that although our numbers are constantly increasing, no addition to our regular appropriations is suggested.

ESTIMATES FOR 1891-2.

Salaries.

President.....	\$3,500 00
Geography and History.....	2,000 00
Literature.....	2,000 00
Natural science.....	2,000 00
Mathematics.....	2,000 00
Reading.....	2,000 00
Grammar.....	2,000 00
Assistant Geologist.....	1,000 00
Assistant Mathematician.....	1,000 00
Assistant in Languages.....	1,000 00
Assistant in Science.....	800 00
Drawing.....	800 00

<i>Training Department.</i>	
Superintendent grammar grade.....	\$2,000 00
Assistant grammar grade.....	800 00
Superintendent primary and infant grade.....	2,000 00
Assistant primary and infant grade.....	800 00
High school principal.....	2,000 00
Assistant.....	1,000 00
Assistant.....	600 00
Janitor.....	900 00
Assistant.....	480 00
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	\$30,680 00
<i>Aggregates.</i>	
Salaries.....	30,680 00
Board.....	500 00
Contingent.....	1,000 00
Library.....	1,000 00
Laboratories.....	500 00
Fuel.....	700 00
Printing.....	250 00
Supplies.....	250 00
Labor.....	200 00
Repairs.....	500 00
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	\$35,580 00
<i>Income.</i>	
Appropriation.....	27,496 56
Tuition and rents.....	8,086 44
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	\$35,580 00

REPORT OF TUITION.

The income from tuition, this term, is unusually large. The high school reports \$2,073.50 and \$223.64 from last year. The grammar school has collected \$1,436.25. Students admitted to the normal department from other states, and those admitted from McLean county who reached the minimum but not the maximum grade for admission, have paid tuition amounting to \$511.00, making the total income from this source, \$4,244.39. I have deposited with the treasurer \$4,051.89, and have on hand \$192.50.

Professor Reeder has been collecting

STATISTICS RESPECTING THE TEACHING WORK

of our pupils. This task requires much labor and patience and can be only partially successful at best. He has reports from 1,275 students and his list is growing daily. The great majority of them are in Illinois, eighty-three counties being represented. The rest are scattered through several states. Facts collected in this manner long since settled the question as to whether our pupils keep their pledge or not.

I desire to call the attention of the members of the Board to our admirable school paper,

THE VIDETTE.

It is conducted entirely by the students, and takes rank with the best papers of its kind. Its dignified tone and careful management reflect great credit upon those who have it in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK,

President.

On motion, the President's report was accepted and the various portions of it referred to appropriate committees.

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

The following communication was read:

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 10, 1890.

The Honorable Board of Education,

GENTLEMEN: I hereby resign my position as principal of the high school, to take effect Jan. 1, 1891.

HERBERT J. BARTON.

The report of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries was read and received.

The report was as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries begs leave to report as follows:

On November 19th we met here for the purpose of looking over the school under its changed management and to consider the resignations of some of our teachers.

We found the school in most excellent condition and all unanimous in praise of President Cook. Everything is harmonious and the future of the institution seems bright. We think all have reason to expect yet greater things from this already flourishing school.

Mr. McMurray did not accept the position to which he was elected. After consulting the President, and considerable correspondence, Mr. David Felmley, of Carrollton, in this state, was appointed professor of mathematics, with a salary of \$2,000, subject to the approval of this Board.

Mr. Felmley is a graduate of Ann Arbor University, of Michigan, and has taught with eminent success in the schools of this state, and is in every way well fitted for the position.

We recommend that the resignations of Misses Ruth Morris, Flora Pennell, and Messrs. Charles De Garmo and H. J. Barton be accepted.

We take pleasure in presenting the name of Frank McMurray for election to the position of superintendent of the training work in primary and intermediate grades, with a salary of \$2,000.

With equal pleasure we present the name of Miss Ruth Morris for election to the position of preceptress and professor of English, with a salary of \$2,000.

That Mr. Rudolph R. Reeder be transferred from his present position to be professor of reading, with a salary of \$2,000.

More teaching force is called for in the high school. We think it best to ask the Board to authorize the committee to fill the positions with such persons as they may be able to find.

P. R. WALKER,
W. R. SANDHAM, } Committee.
E. C. ROSSETER, }

We recommend that the committee be authorized to secure a principal for the high school in place of Prof. Barton, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

P. R. WALKER,
W. R. SANDHAM,
E. C. ROSSETER.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 4, 1890.

To the Board of Education, Illinois State Normal University,

GENTLEMEN: I hereby tender my resignation as a teacher of this institution, to take effect Jan. 1, 1891.

This step is taken that I may now enter the broader field of educational work for which I have long been preparing. My future work will still be in this state, and I need hardly assure you that I shall do all in my power to further the interests of the noble institution I am now leaving.

Allow me to express my high appreciation of the generous treatment you have ever accorded me, and to indicate my hearty accord with present management of the school by President and Faculty.

Very truly yours,
CHAS. DE GARMO.

NORMAL, ILL., December 9, 1890.

To the Honorable Members of the State Board of Education,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I desire to sever my connection with the Illinois State Normal University on January 1, 1891. Thanking you for the many favors I have received at your hands, wishing and expecting for the institution ever-increasing prosperity, I request you to accept my resignation.

Very respectfully,
FLORA PENNELL.

To the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Normal University:

Having been offered more remunerative work elsewhere, I hereby resign my position as teacher in the Illinois State Normal School.

RUTH MORRIS.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 8, 1890.

On motion of Mr. Raab, Mr. Felmley was appointed, with salary named.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Miss Ruth Morris was appointed to the position of preceptress and professor of English, with a salary of \$2,000.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Mr. Reeder was transferred from the position of training teacher to that of professor of reading, with a salary of \$2,000.

Moved by Mr. Walker that Frank McMurry be appointed to the position of superintendent of the training work in the primary and intermediate grades, with a salary of \$2,000.

Motion adopted.

AUDITING AND FINANCE.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance made reports as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the treasurer, begs leave to report that it has examined said account, with the accompanying sixty-two (62) vouchers, showing a balance on hand of \$7,021.79, finds the same correct and recommends its approval.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY,
Com. on Auditing and Finance.

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer.**In account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:*

1890.		Dr.		
June	23	To balance		\$8,258 34
Aug.	5	state auditor	\$6,873 39	
Sept.	15	tuition	27 75	
Oct.	7	state auditor	6,873 39	
Dec.	1	R. F. Evans (rent)	245 00	
	4	J. W. Cook (tuition)	1,978 39	
	6		2,073 50	18,071 42
				<u>\$26,329 76</u>
Dec.	9	To balance		\$7,021 79

BY VOUCHERS.

No.	Cr.		
1675	Hewett, E. C.	\$2,383 38	
1676	Kaab, H.	16 00	
1677	Bosseter, E. C.	18 00	
1678	Feitshans, M. F.	11 00	
1679	Dodge, B. L.	25 00	
1680	Gastman, E. A.	10 00	
1681	Benedict, J. D.	8 40	
1682	Cope, R.	15 00	
1683	Walker, P. R.	19 00	
1684	Sandham, W. R.	12 00	
1685	Green, W. H.	27 00	
1686	Brady, M. P.	11 00	
1687	Blackburn, J.	24 76	
1688	De Wolf, Fiske & Co.	82 00	
1689	Henecke, C. Co.	14 91	
1690	Pantagraph Stationery Co.	23 25	
1691	Chicago Kindergarten Supply Co.	56 76	
1692	Cunningham & Kofoid.	31 00	
1693	Stillhamer, H. W. & Co.	8 90	
1694	Barton, H. J.	46 90	
1695	Fisher Bros.	48 42	
1696	Dick, A. B.	26 10	
1697	Western Bank Note and Engraving Co.	87 50	
1698	Chas. Scribner's Sons.	24 00	
1699	Adams, J. T.	4 00	
1700	Prang, Ed. Co.	20 12	
1701	Public School Journal.	58 32	
1702	Humphreys, Evans & Co.	2 75	
1703	Parker B. os.	3 50	
1704	Cole Bros.	58 03	
1705	Holder, Milner & Co.	42 85	
1706	Morrison, F.	118 53	
1707	Evans Bros.	8 00	
1708	Champion, Geo.	10 94	
1709	Stewart, W.	40 50	
1710	Vaile, E. O.	10 00	
1711	McMurray, L. P.	47 50	
1712	Morris, R.	2 20	
1713	McLean Co. Coal Co.	534 62	
1714	Funk & Lackey.	16 37	
1715	Chipman, J.	33 70	
1716	Houseman, M. J.	29 87	
1717	Dodge, F. F.	84 00	
1718	King & Hines.	188 76	
1719	Shinkle, C. F.	4 46	
1720	Beath, J. L. & Co.	5 55	
1721	Colton, B. P.	200 00	
1723	Cook, J. W.	700 00	
1724	"	800 00	
1725	"	200 00	
1726	Evans, R. F.	100 00	
1727	Hill & Martin.	25 00	
1728	Sherrick, Kate.	20 00	
1729	Eyestone, C. W.	26 50	
1730	Cook, J. W.	2,348 26	
1731	Kimball, W. W. Co.	360 00	

Vouchers—Continued.

No.	CR.		
1733	Cook, J. W.....	\$2,388 36	
1735	“.....	2,555 07	
1736	“.....	2,433 23	
1737	“.....	35 00	
1738	“.....	166 66	
1739	“.....	2,600 04	
	Balance.....		\$19,307 97
			7,021 79
			\$26,329 76

The foregoing report was, on motion, accepted and approved.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Prof. B. P. Colton with the Natural Science Fund, begs leave to report that it has examined said account, with the accompanying vouchers, numbered from one (1) to sixteen (16, inclusive, showing a balance on hand of \$188.29, and finds the same to be correct.

Your committee recommends that an appropriation of \$300 be made for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY,

Com. on Auditing and Finance.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 8, 1890.

J. W. COOK, *President Illinois State Normal University:*

SIR:—I herewith submit a statement of the Natural Science Fund:

1890.		RECEIPTS.	
June	25	Balance on hand, museum natural history.....	\$105 18
“	25	Balance on hand, chemical laboratory fund.....	18 52
“	25	Order on treasurer.....	200 00
			\$323 70
		EXPENDITURES.	
Voucher	1	John W. Cook.....	\$0 15
“	2	R. C. Rogers.....	1 00
“	3	D. G. Hays.....	2 35
“	4	J. E. Crew.....	1 33
“	5	D. Curtis.....	25
“	6	D. H. Wilson.....	5 00
“	7	J. Chipman.....	50
“	8	J. E. Crew.....	25
“	9	McDonnell Bros.....	5 00
“	10	E. H. Sargent & Co.....	60 68
“	11	R. A. Shaw.....	1 50
“	12	McIntosh Battery & Optical Co.....	7 64
“	13	Whitall, Tatum & Co.....	12 85
“	14	McDonnell Bros.....	5 00
“	15	D. G. Hays.....	11 91
“	16	B. P. Colton.....	20 00
		Balance on hand Dec. 8, 1890.....	188 29
			\$323 70

I respectfully request an appropriation of \$300.00 for the next six months.

Allow me to call your attention to the fact that my classes have suffered from cold in the museum, and several times I have been obliged to dismiss them on this account. Our work will be subject to these interruptions until we have more radiators.

Respectfully,

B. P. COLTON.

The foregoing report was adopted, and an appropriation of \$300 made.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the current bills, numbered from one (1) to twenty-six (26), inclusive, and amounting to \$2,794.65, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds them correct, and recommends that warrants be drawn on the treasurer for the respective amounts of said bills, to the persons respectively entitled to the same.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY.

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BILLS FOR CURRENT TERM.

1	Cunningham & Kofoid.....	\$14 60	
2	The Pantagraph.....	3 75	
3	Evans Bros.....	5 35	
4	McLean Co. Coal Co.....	240 45	
5	F. Morrison.....	135 99	
6	R. F. Evans.....	260 00	
7	H. W. Stillhamer & Co.....	2 27	
8	John W Evans & Son.....	687 86	
9	Flora Pennell.....	73 33	
10	Chas. DeGarmo.....	133 33	
11	Geo. J. Alexande.....	2 00	
12	Pantagraph Stationery Co.....	62 05	
13	Leader Publishing Co.....	192 50	
14	Leader Publishing Co.....	38 70	
15	A. H. Andrews & Co.....	96 33	
16	The Vidette.....	30 00	
17	Central Union Telegraph Co.....	60 00	
18	J. S. Ewing.....	318 70	
19	Flora Dodge.....	105 00	
20	Public School Publishing Co.....	41 67	
21	A. G. Smith.....	4 50	
22	Parson & Carson.....	73 95	
23	S. L. Fish.....	30 00	
24	S. W. Stewart.....	28 20	
25	Mrs. M. J. Houseman.....	20 79	
26	H. J. Barton.....	133 33	
			\$2,794 65

The foregoing report was adopted.

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 same, with the accompanying vouchers, numbered from one (1) to one hundred and eighteen (118), inclusive, showing a balance of \$12.81 on hand, and finds the same to be correct.

Your committee also recommends that \$600, in addition to said balance, be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

JOHN W. COOK,
In account with the Contingent Fund:

1890.		RECEIPTS.		
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$700 00	
	23	E. C. Hewett.....	41	\$700 41
EXPENDITURES.				
Voucher	1	Garrigus Bros.....	\$2 50	
"	2	Wm. Brown.....	2 00	
"	3	W. Union Tel. Co.....	65	
"	4	W. Union Tel. Co.....	25	
"	5	C. & A. R. R. Co.....	3 52	
"	6	Pantagraph Sta. Co.....	4 50	
"	7	G. A. Ensenberger.....	8 00	
"	8	C. R. Bates.....	6 90	
"	9	J. Clupinan.....	11 00	
"	10	Wilmot Goff.....	25	
"	11	School Herald.....	3 00	
"	12	E. C. Brown.....	7 75	
"	13	Frank E. Goldsby.....	10 25	
"	14	Edward Marey.....	6 75	
"	15	W. R. Gibson.....	10 25	
"	16	W. L. Pillsbury.....	5 00	
"	17	J. C. Hogan.....	35	
"	18	G. M. Lisk.....	3 10	
"	19	S. S. Pattingill.....	1 50	
"	20	W. R. Gibson.....	6 31	
"	21	Edward Marey.....	5 68	
"	22	C. C. Brown.....	4 81	
"	23	Frank E. Goldsby.....	6 31	
"	24	W. H. Williams.....	5 00	
"	2	Jacob W Rausch.....	4 50	
"	26	Chas. C. Herren.....	50	
"	27	W. S. De Whirst.....	5 00	
"	28	Elmer W. Cairns.....	5 00	
"	29	B. F. Hoover.....	5 00	
"	30	R. C. Mullenix.....	5 00	
"	31	E. R. Gueabere.....	12 50	
"	32	Henry Criss.....	20 00	
"	33	J. M. Houseman.....	30 00	
"	34	Clara E. Fla.....	12 00	
"	35	U. J. Express Co.....	25	
"	36	Pantagraph Sta. Co.....	1 50	
"	37		40	
"	38	School Herald Pub. Co.....	3 00	
"	39	Am. Journal of Ed.....	5 75	
"	40	Thos. Kane & Co.....	19 60	
"	41	J. Chipman.....	26	
"	42	W. H. Schureman & Co.....	10	
"	43	J. T. Adams.....	3 00	
"	44	J. Chipman.....	19 81	
"	45	Strickle Bros.....	5 00	
"	46	R. C. Rogers & Co.....	2 10	
"	47	I. C. R. R. Co.....	1 20	
"	48	W. U. Tel. Co.....	40	
"	49	R. D. Jones.....	35	
"	50	Thomas Kane & Co.....	16 80	
"	51	I. C. R. R. Co.....	86	
"	52	Am. Express Co.....	50	
"	53	A. B. Dick Co.....	11 70	
"	54	W. P. Andrus.....	2 00	
"	55	Am. Ex. Co.....	35	
"	56	Wm. Brown.....	50	
"	57	J. A. Lasswell.....	25	
"	58	J. U. Houseman.....	3 00	
"	59	M. S. Wise.....	5 62	
"	60	W. R. Gibson.....	5 62	
"	61	Geo. Corson.....	5 62	
"	62	D. Reardon.....	3 75	
"	63	U. S. Express Co.....	70	
"	64	D. Curtiss.....	2 00	
"	65	A. E. Elbe.....	4 50	
"	66	The Pantagraph.....	2 40	
"	67	Pantagraph Sta. Co.....	1 00	
"	68	Carrie Parker.....	6 00	
"	69	J. Chipman.....	4 26	
"	70	The Bulletin.....	1 20	
Amount carried forward.....				\$356 28

Contingent Fund—Continued.

Voucher	Amount brought up.....	\$356 28
71	John W. Cook.....	2 00
72	Ruth Morris.....	1 50
73	J. W. Gee.....	1 87
74	Geo. Brand & Co.....	1 75
75	J. C. Coblenz.....	1 25
76	Mary M. Hall.....	3 21
77	I. C. R. R. Co.....	84
78	Robert Walston.....	1 50
79	I. C. R. R. Co.....	1 84
80	Cole Bros.....	2 93
81	Wm. Gibson.....	8 68
82	Dan'l Reardon.....	8 62
83	W. V. Noble.....	1 25
84	M. S. Wise.....	8 68
85	Geo. Corson.....	7 12
86	J. Chipman.....	19 84
87	S. L. Fish.....	32 50
88	I. C. R. R. Co.....	17 98
89	Dan Curtiss.....	50
90	John W. Cook.....	3 05
91	Geo. V. Frink.....	1 65
92	Curtiss Dray Line.....	75
93	C. & A. R. R. Co.....	1 50
94	C. & A. R. R. Co.....	35
95	A. B. Dick Co.....	11 35
96	Grand Rapids S. F. Co.....	14 91
97	Am. Ex. Co.....	45
98	A. H. Andrews & Co.....	51 26
99	J. T. Walston.....	1 50
100	U. S. Express Co.....	1 25
101	School Herald Pub. Co.....	3 00
102	Prang Ed. Co.....	7 42
103	McIntyre Bat. and Op. Co.....	90
104	Wycoff, Seamans & Benedict.....	1 00
105	U. S. Express Co.....	60
106	C. F. Schinkle.....	41 09
107	Wm. Goff.....	35
108	U. S. Ex. Co.....	40
109	U. S. Ex. Co.....	55
110	Horace Baker.....	8 12
111	W. V. Noble.....	7 87
112	M. S. Wise.....	8 68
113	Wm. Gibson.....	7 87
114	J. Chipman.....	17 02
115	Geo. Champion.....	4 49
116	John W. Cook.....	93
117	H. J. Barton.....	5 15
118	Sam'l Valentine.....	5 00
	Balance on hand Dec. 8, 1890.....	\$687 60 12 81
		\$700 41

I respectfully suggest an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the contingent fund for the succeeding six months.

JOHN W. COOK.

The foregoing report was adopted, and the sum of \$600 was appropriated for contingent expenses during the 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 same, with the accompanying sixty-five (65) vouchers, showing a balance of \$120.54 on hand, and finds the same to be correct.

Your committee recommends that the account be approved and that the sum of \$500, in addition to the balance on hand, be placed to the credit of said fund.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY,
Com. on Auditing and Finance.

JOHN W. COOK,

In account with the Library Fund.

		GENERAL.		
		RECEIPTS.		
1890.				
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$500 00	
August	2	E. C. Hewett.....	29 02	
				\$529 02
		EXPENDITURES.		
Voucher				
	1	Clark & Zugalla.....	\$6 00	
	2	W. T. Harris.....	1 75	
	3	Prang, Ed. Co.....	4 52	
	4	Chas. Warnock.....	87	
	5	John L. Cook.....	87	
	6	Will McKnight.....	53	
	7	Joe Houseman.....	83	
	8	L. E. Hill.....	83	
	9	Walter Scott.....	75	
	10	Library Bureau.....	91 90	
	11	John L. Cook.....	1 27	
	12	C. & A. R. R.....	2 57	
	13	Chas. Warnock.....	1 27	
	14	Wm. McKnight.....	1 27	
	15	G. A. Ensenberger.....	51 75	
	16	R. D. Jones.....	22 88	
	17	Jesse D. White.....	75	
	18	L. P. Bear.....	75	
	19	L. H. Lisk.....	53	
	20	G. M. Lisk.....	75	
	21	Chas. Law.....	53	
	22	W. J. Sutherland.....	53	
	23	John W. Evans & Son.....	50 00	
	24	G. A. Ensenberger.....	1 25	
	25	Frances L. Digby.....	2 50	
	26	S. A. Maxwell & Co.....	2 00	
	27	Will McKnight.....	45	
	28	C. J. McLeman.....	9 00	
	29	G. M. Lisk.....	82	
	30	Ange V. Milner.....	4 65	
	31	R. L. Polk & Co.....	10 00	
	32	John W. Cook.....	15 50	
	33	N. E. Magazine.....	3 00	
	34	Panta. Sta. Co.....	4 50	
	35	Leader Pub. Co.....	1 20	
	36	Sam Holder.....	1 05	
	37	R. C. Rogers & Co.....	3 80	
	38	R. C. Rogers & Co.....	6 95	
	39	Jesse D. White.....	4 65	
	40	Silver, Burdett & Co.....	3 60	
	41	Pub. School Journal.....	5 00	
	42	R. D. Jones.....	1 50	
	43	E. Ed. Bureau.....	3 00	
	44	McDonnell Bros.....	10 00	
	45	Pub. School Journal.....	8 00	
	46	C. F. Shinkle.....	39 90	
	47	Walter Baird.....	38	
	48	P. F. Van Everen.....	1 60	
	49	N. E. Pub. Co.....	2 50	
	50	McMillan & Co.....	1 71	
	51	C. W. Colligan.....	2 00	
	52	The Forum.....	5 00	
	53	F. G. Blair.....	20 00	
	54	G. M. Lisk.....	10 10	
	55	Henry Edmunds.....	5 00	
	56	Lucy Burt.....	5 00	
	57	Lucien Ferre.....	5 00	
	58	Jesse D. White.....	5 00	
	59	W. S. DeWhirst.....	5 00	
	60	W. S. DeWhirst.....	1 28	
Balance on hand, Dec. 8, 1890.....				\$455 59
				73 43
				\$529 02

Library Funds.—Continued.

1890.	LITERATURE FUND.			
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$50 00	
Voucher	1	A. C. McClurg & Co.....		\$5 82
"	2	A. C. McClurg & Co.....		11 56
		Balance on hand Dec. 8, '90.....		32 62
			\$50 00	\$50 00
1890.	HISTORY FUND.			
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$50 00	
	EXPENDITURES.			
Voucher	1	Parson & Carson.....		\$14 58
	2	W. A. Olmsted.....		20 93
		Balance on hand.....		14 49
			\$50 00	\$50 00
1890.	LIBRARY ROOM FUND.			
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$200 00	
	EXPENDITURES.			
Voucher	1	John W. Evans & Son.....		\$200 00
			\$200 00	\$200 00
1890.	CATALOGUING FUND.			
July	23	Order on treasurer.....	\$200 00	
August	2	E. C. Hewett.....	65 00	
	EXPENDITURES.			
Voucher	1	Ange V. Milner.....		\$52 53
"	2	Sam Holder.....		2 70
"	3	Ange V. Milner.....		37 25
"	4	Ange V. Milner.....		38 75
"	5	Ange V. Milner.....		33 25
		Balance on hand Dec. 8, '90.....		100 52
			\$265 00	\$265 00

I respectfully suggest that an appropriation of five hundred dollars be made for the Library Fund, and of two hundred dollars for the Cataloguing Fund, to cover expenditures for the next six months.

JOHN W. COOK.

The foregoing report was adopted, and \$500 placed to the credit of said fund.

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 Cataloguing Fund, begs leave to report that it has examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, numbered from one (1) to five (5), inclusive, and finds the same to be correct, with a balance on hand of \$100.52.

Your committee recommends that the account be approved, and that, in addition to said balance, the sum of \$200 be placed to the credit of said fund.

B. L. DODGE,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
MATTHEW P. BRADY,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Committee on Training School reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Training School begs leave to report that we have found the work of the training school progressing, for the most part, in a satisfactory manner.

□ In view of the pressure in the high school department, we recommend that the maximum number to be admitted to that department be limited to one hundred and sixty (160), that number to be reached by a gradual reduction from the present enrollment, extending over the remainder of the school year.

We recommend that the principal be authorized to drop from the roll the names of those pupils whose work is unsatisfactory.

We recommend that tuition in the high school department be increased to thirty-nine dollars (\$39.00) per year, to be distributed as follows: First term \$5.00, second term \$12.00, third term \$12.00.

HENRY RAAB,
ELLA A. YOUNG,
E. C. ROSSETER,

Committee on Training School.

The foregoing report was adopted.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported as follows:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report various repairs and improvements since the last meeting of the Board.

The feasibility of proposed changes in the ladies' dressing rooms, which was especially referred to this committee, was looked into, and resulted in the adoption of a plan that has proved more desirable and accomplished the desired end to better advantage. Miss Ela secures a room made vacant by Professor Barton, for whom the old library room was fitted up. The instructions of the Board have been carried out in fitting up the former recitation room for a library, and we trust the work will meet with your approbation.

The northeast room in the basement has been thoroughly fitted up for a class-room. The primary room has been ceiled and walls painted, and a number of other repairs of minor importance have been made.

These improvements are all of a permanent character, and have been accomplished at a sum only a little in excess of the several amounts appropriated.

An examination of the fire hose, distributed throughout the building, disclosed the fact that they were absolutely worthless, and it was thought advisable to have them renewed at once, to be available in case of emergency.

Complaint is made that Professor Colton's room (the museum) is about useless on account of lack of heat. Your committee has not been given time to ascertain the actual cost of increased radiation, but estimate that it will require one hundred dollars, which amount they ask for.

We would like to call attention to the normal grounds, comprising as they do over fifty acres, and to suggest that, as yet, there has been no adequate provision made for keeping them in condition. We recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars, to create a fund to be used in improving and taking care of these grounds.

Respectfully,

B. F. EVANS,
E. A. GASTMAN.

The report was adopted and \$100 appropriated to create a fund to be expended in improving and taking care of grounds.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND LIBRARIES.

The Committee on Museum of Natural History and Libraries reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee of Library begs leave to report:

In accordance with the order of the Board the reception room has been fitted up for the use of the University library, the cost of which, including the removal of the books, has been about \$250. All the books belonging to the University except the science library are now in the new library room. A system of cataloguing and indexing of the books, pamphlets and education periodical literature. The work is under the direct charge of Miss Ange V. Milner who is eminently fitted for the work necessary to make the library a useful accessory in the work of the University. Your committee approve the appropriation of \$500.00 for the library as recommended by the Finance Committee.

W. R. SANDHAM,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Library.

The foregoing report was adopted, and the sum of \$500 was appropriated for the purposes therein mentioned.

On motion, W. J. Sutherland and Miss Minnie Whitham were appointed to the Normal University book store.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR FALL TERM OF 1890.

To the Committee of Library:

The library was opened in its new quarters on Tuesday, September 9, 1890.

About 2,000 books were on the shelves, including the former "Circulating library," the "Reference library," and the books of the primary department.

The next Saturday the libraries of the Wrightonian and Philadelphian societies were added, bringing in nearly 2,000 more books.

Later in the term the historical library from Professor McCormick's room was brought down to the new room. This added 208 volumes.

A few new books have been added during the term, so that there are now in the library room at least 4,000 volumes.

The Philadelphian library, historical library and all the new books have been classified during the autumn, according to the system introduced last February, and all new books are now classified as soon as received.

The government publications, numbering 4,000 or more volumes, have been arranged in the cases outside of the library, so that anything wanted can be easily found.

An accession book has been opened and shelf lists made; 1,398 volumes have been entered in each of these, and all new books are entered in them as soon as received.

A good printed catalogue of a large library has been purchased and our library numbers are entered in it as rapidly as possible.

The Wrightonian and Philadelphian societies gave printed catalogues with their libraries.

All the belongings for a first-class card catalogue have been purchased, various card catalogue systems have been examined, and the "Dictionary" system chosen.

A good beginning has been made in this department, and the educational works are being indexed with special thoroughness.

A number of the current periodicals have been added to the library and are much used. Some of the young men in the school have subscribed for a number of college papers. These are on file in the reading room, and are very popular.

One of the present needs of the library is a case suitable for the accommodation of the current periodicals, and also of the large sets of maps and portfolios of pictures.

The student librarians have become interested in their work and do a great deal to make the books of use to pupils.

During the present term there has been a circulation of 2,575 volumes among more than 482 people. Beside this the reading room is in constant use, by a continually increasing number of students.

The library is open 8 hours a day, 5 days in the week.

While so much has been done toward the establishment of a good library, there are still a great many things needed. Among these are bulletin boards, pamphlet cases and the binding of nearly a hundred volumes.

New books are needed in nearly every department. The latest edition of American Encyclopaedias now on the shelves, is dated 1876.

There are but few works of either American or English poets.

There are also very few books of interest to the boys and girls of the intermediate department.

It is noticeable that throughout the school the interest taken in the library, and the use made of it, are constantly and rapidly increasing. This is due to the pains taken by all the teachers to influence the students in that direction, and especially to the able and energetic way in which the President has devoted himself to the establishment of a convenient, attractive and useful place that is worthy of the name of library.

Respectfully,

ANGE V. MILNER,

Library Cataloguer.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Raab, and adopted:

WHEREAS, A well equipped and furnished training school is indispensable to the work of a normal school; and

WHEREAS, The crowded condition of the main building of this institution will not permit sufficient accommodation for the classes of the training school; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, cause plans and specifications to be prepared and petition the legislature for a special appropriation for the erection of a suitable building for the training school.

On motion of Mrs. Young, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a suitable building for a training school.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that an additional building, corresponding in general style of architecture with the present building, consisting of two stories, with ten rooms and heated by steam, such building as would cost about twenty-five thousand dollars, is now required to meet the needs of this institution, and that for such purpose we ask of the legislature the appropriation of that amount.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds are requested to furnish sketch plans, with front and side elevations, of a building corresponding to the general description above.

Moved by Mr. Rosseter, that a committee of seven be appointed to present to the legislature the matter of a building for training school, the President to be chairman of that committee.

Motion carried.

The following were appointed by the President: Messrs. Cope, Dodge, Sandham, Evans, Brady, Edwards.

On motion, the President and Secretary of the Board were directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the first and second quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the ensuing year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

On motion, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was instructed to report at the next regular meeting of the Board upon the possibility of improving the ventilation of the University building, and also the expense of making the improvements.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

RICHARD EDWARDS,
Secretary.

WILLIAM H. GREEN,
President.