

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

AT A

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, JULY 31, 1900.

AND A

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 5, 1900.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

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| Auditing and Finance..... | Baily, Shanahan, Capen..... |
| Buildings and Grounds..... | Capen, Kimbrough, Bayliss..... |
| Text Books and Course of Instruction..... | Young, Sandham, Houghton..... |
| Teachers and Salaries..... | Walker, Capen, Young..... |
| Practice Department..... | Gastman, Sandham, Bayliss..... |
| Museum of Natural History and Library..... | Young, Brady, Harrington..... |

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 order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Unfinished business.
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Next regular meeting of the Board will be held June 19, 1901.
Meeting of all committees, June 18, at 9 o'clock a. m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SPECIAL MEETING.

NORMAL ILL., July 31, 1900.

The board of education met pursuant to a call by the president, in the office of the president of the university, at nine o'clock a. m., Tuesday, July 31, 1900, the president, Hon. William H. Green, in the chair.

Present:—Messrs. Baily, Bayliss, Brady, Capen, Cook, Gastman, Green, Sandham, Shanahan, Walker and Mrs. Young.

The president stated that the object of the meeting was to receive and act upon the resignation of the president of the University.

Whereupon Mr. Walker, of the committee on teachers and salaries read the following letter and report:

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

NORMAL, ILL., 6-29-'00.

Supt. P. R. Walker, Rockford, Il.:

MY DEAR MR. WALKER:—I hereby present my resignation as president of the Illinois State Normal University, to take place the first of next September, to accept the principalship of the Chicago Normal School.

You may think that I should have presented this at the board meeting, but at that time I had nothing but rumor in regard to the matter; and, besides, at that time I had no idea as to what the outcome would be if it should be offered.

It grieves me much to leave the Normal, as you may know; for I have had nothing but the best treatment from everybody. The last board meeting was full of encouragement; and the school shaped up according to my plans. In view of all this you have a right to my exact reasons.

It is simply this: The Chicago school has so much more adequate equipment to carry out the plans I had projected here. Chicago has double the faculty for the same number of students; and a large practice school well organized. We can have no Kindergartener; Chicago has four, and one of them is Elizabeth Harrison. They have two teachers in music; we can have none. They pay, when necessary, \$3,000.00 salaries. They will soon have a new school building. Briefly, I would say that equipment and opportunity to carry out my plans is my reason.

I want to thank you personally for the many kind things you have done for me. No school has a better board than this one—capable men of high purpose.

Cordially,

A. TOMPKINS.

NORMAL, ILL., July 31, 1900.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee on teachers and salaries received the resignation of Pres. Arnold Tompkins on June 30, to take effect Sept. 4. We recommend it be accepted.

After careful consideration we are unanimous in presenting the name of David Felmley for the position with a salary of \$4,000.00 to begin Sept. 1.

We recommend Eleanor Hampton as critic teacher in fifth grade, with salary of \$630.00, and Clara Snell as critic teacher in fourth grade with a salary of \$630.00.

P. R. WALKER,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
ELLA F. YOUNG.

Mr. Bayliss moved that the resignation of President Tompkins be not accepted.

Mr. Gastman moved, as a substitute, that the resignation be accepted.

The substitute prevailed, and Mr. Baily then moved that the board proceed to the election of a president of the University.

The motion prevailed, and

Mr. Sandham moved that Mr. David Felmley be elected to that office.

The roll being called, resulted as follows: Yeas, 10; Nays, none.

Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Baily, Bayliss, Brady, Capen, Cook, Gastman, Green, Sandham, Shanahan, Walker, and Mrs. Young.

Mr. Baily moved that the recommendations of the committee in regard to critic teachers be adopted, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Shanahan moved that the committee on teachers and salaries, together with the president of the board, and the president-elect of the University be authorized to appoint a successor to Mr. Felmley, as teacher of mathematics.

It was so ordered.

Mr. Sandham presented the following report from the Committee on Text-Books and Course of Study, and moved its adoption:

The Committee on Text-Books and Course of Study recommend that the students in zoology be allowed to use leaflets prepared for the purpose instead of the usual text-book, provided such leaflets be approved by the President of the University. The committee also recommend that Beman & Smith algebra be substituted for the algebra now in use.

ELLA F. YOUNG,
W. R. SANDHAM,
Committee.

Mr. Brady moved to concur in the report, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Capen, of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, moved that said committee be authorized to repair the brick walk between the University building and the village of Normal, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Walker introduced Mr. Felmley, the President-elect, who addressed the Board briefly.

Mr. Capen moved that Mr. Elmer W. Cavins be appointed secretary of the Faculty, and that his entire salary for all services be fixed at \$1,000 per annum.

The motion was agreed to without dissent.

Mr. Brady moved that certificates be given to students who may have completed a course of study previous to the end of a school year, showing that they will be entitled to a diploma at the ensuing commencement.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books and Course of Study.

Mr. Baily moved that Mrs. Young be appointed a committee of one to prepare and report to the Board an expression in memory of the late James H. Norton.

Mrs. Young reported as follows:

WHEREAS, James H. Norton, a member of this Board, died at Southampton, England, June 26, 1900; be it

Resolved, That the Board hereby takes this opportunity to express its warm appreciation of the sterling character of Mr. Norton. During his entire term of service as a member of this Board, he was devoted to the interests committed to its care, and ever acted from a broad conception of the close relation of these interests to all educational affairs in this State. Though earnest in his advocacy of measures that he initiated or endorsed, yet, in his intercourse with his colleagues, he was always a considerate, courteous gentleman.

Resolved, That the Board extends its profound sympathy to Mrs. Norton in her bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of the record of this meeting, and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Norton.

And the report was unanimously adopted.

At the hour of 10:55 a. m., Mr. Brady moved to adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM H. GREEN,
President.

ALFRED BAYLISS,
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 5, 1900.

The board of education met in the office of the president of the university, at 9 o'clock a. m., December 5, 1900. There were present: Messrs. Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Houghton, Sandham, Walker, Bayliss, and Mrs. Young.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Mr. Sandham was chosen president *pro tem*.

The record of the proceedings of June 19-20 and July 31, were approved.

Mrs. Young moved that the names of the persons graduated June, 1900, be printed in the minutes of this meeting, and it was so ordered.

GRADUATES OF THE STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY, JUNE, 1900.

David Hopkins Wells, Macon county, Ill.; Wilbur Frank Ament, Ogle county, Ill.; James Horatio Arnett, Highland county, Ohio; Mary Irene Babbs, Coles county, Ill.; Gustave Fred Baltz, St. Clair county, Ill.; Adolph Philip Billen, St. Clair county, Ill.; Arthur Boggess, Vermilion county, Ill.; Bernice Alena Bright, McLean county, Ill.; Guy Seaman Burtis, McLean county, Ill.; Alma Wilhelmina Carlson, McLean county, Ill.; William Ferguson Cavins, Coles county, Ill.; Caroline Clark, Helena, Ark.; Genevieve Louise Clark, Kane county, Ill.; Ida Helen Condren, LaSalle county, Ill.; Stella Cook, McHenry county, Ill.; Florence Mae Corman, McLean county, Ill.; Merton Dart Cox, Madison county, Ill.; John Fay Cusic, Edgar county, Ill.; Roscoe Edward Davis, Kane county, Ill.; Harold James Edmunds, McLean county, Ill.; James Albert LeRoy Fairenild, Edgar county, Ill.; Charles Jerome Fesler, Macon county, Ill.; Lulu Pearl Frank, McLean county, Ill.; Lois Gertrude Franklin, Livingston county, Ill.; Anna Sabina Garwood, Fulton county, Ill.; Amelia Gaulden, Avoyelles Parish, La.; Gertrude George, Bureau county, Ill.; Minnie Margaret Gossman, Christian county, Ill.; Charles W. Greenough, McLean county, Ill.; Charles Ellsworth Gross, Piatt county, Ill.; Iua Estella Hamilton, McLean county, Ill.; Henry Heer, St. Clair county, Ill.; Adam Albert Hummel, Ford county, Ill.; Frances Mary Iloff, Woodford county, Ill.; Mrs. Ella Leona Jacob, Clarke county, Wash.; William James Jacob, Clarke county, Wash.; Anna Gertrude King, Richland county, Ill.; Gertrude Larison, McLean county, Ill.; Sara Abbie Laughlin, College Springs, Iowa; Helene Marie Lendman, Whiteside county, Ill.; Katherine Loretta Lucey, LaSalle county, Ill.; Oliver Lincoln Lyon, McLean county, Ill.; Jessie McDonald, McLean county, Ill.; Bernice Blackburn McKinney, Christian county, Ill.; John R. McKinney, Christian county, Ill.; Maud Miller, McLean county, Ill.; Thena Ellen Miller, Douglas county, Ill.; Josephine Marie Moore, McLean county, Ill.; Frederick David Niedermeyer, Macon county, Ill.; Minnie Nuckollis, Sangamon county, Ill.; Ida May Pearson, Livingston county, Ill.; Wilson James Perry, Ford county, Ill.; Helen Clifford Putnam, Sangamon county, Ill.; Etta Grace Quigg, Tazewell county, Ill.; Charles Ryburn, McLean county, Ill.; Florence Cook Sample, McLean county, Ill.; Blanche Alberta Skinner, McLean county, Ill.; Elizabeth Esther Sprecker,

Carroll county, Ill.; John Carl Stine, Christian county, Ill.; Henry Field Stout, Fulton county, Ill.; Charles Penrose Tiley, St. Clair county, Ill.; Frederick Marsh Trumbull, Ogle county, Ill.; Edith Melinda Wallace, Macon county, Ill.; Isaac Newton Warner, Jasper county, Ill.; Frank Lester Wilson, McLean county, Ill.; Adelaide Hayward Young, Montgomery county, Ill.; Anna Lou Young, Sidney, New York; Charles William Whitten, Marshall county, Ill.

The chair appointed Mr. Harrington member *pro tem* of the committee on auditing and finance.

The president of the university submitted the following report:

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—The attendance at the summer term held June 25–August 3, 1900, was as follows:

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| Ladies | 323 |
| Gentlemen..... | 123 |
| Total..... | 446 |

Of these 371 had not been enrolled in any other term of the school year. The attendance for the fall term of the present school year was as follows:

Normal Department.

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| Ladies | 361 |
| Gentlemen..... | 108 |
| Total..... | 469 |

Enrollment of the Practice School.

| Grade. | Boys. | Girls. | Total. |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1..... | 17 | 22 | 39 |
| 2..... | 9 | 17 | 26 |
| 3..... | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| 4..... | 11 | 11 | 22 |
| 5..... | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| 6..... | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| 7..... | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 8..... | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| 9..... | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| 10..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| 11..... | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Preparatory..... | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Total..... | 125 | 126 | 251 |

It will be noticed that the enrollment in the Normal Department is 21 less than in the corresponding term last year. The enrollment in the Practice School is 40 greater.

The following table exhibits the number and credentials of the students entering the Normal Department:

| | Men. | Women. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| Number of applicants..... | 53 | 200 | 253 |
| Rejected on examination..... | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Admitted..... | 47 | 192 | 239 |
| High school diploma—1st class..... | 5 | 59 | 64 |
| High school diploma—2d class..... | 7 | 43 | 50 |
| First grade certificate..... | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Appointment..... | 21 | 55 | 76 |
| Promotion from Preparatory..... | | 3 | 3 |
| Examination..... | 10 | 0 | 10 |

The following table exhibits the attendance from the 76 counties represented in the Normal Department during the fall term:

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| Adams..... | 6 | Madison..... | 8 |
| Bureau..... | 2 | Marion..... | 2 |
| Calhoun..... | 1 | Marshall..... | 8 |
| Carroll..... | 1 | Mason..... | 7 |
| Cass..... | 4 | Menard..... | 4 |
| Champaign..... | 2 | Mercer..... | 3 |
| Christian..... | 9 | Monroe..... | 1 |
| Clay..... | 1 | Montgomery..... | 4 |
| Clinton..... | 1 | Morgan..... | 5 |
| Coles..... | 1 | Moultrie..... | 1 |
| Cook..... | 4 | Ogle..... | 1 |
| DeKalb..... | 1 | Peoria..... | 10 |
| DeWitt..... | 6 | Perry..... | 2 |
| Douglas..... | 2 | Platt..... | 7 |
| Edgar..... | 1 | Pike..... | 19 |
| Ford..... | 8 | Pope..... | 1 |
| Fulton..... | 6 | Putnam..... | 4 |
| Gallatin..... | 1 | Richland..... | 4 |
| Greene..... | 2 | Rock Island..... | 5 |
| Grundy..... | 4 | Saline..... | 2 |
| Hancock..... | 2 | Sangamon..... | 8 |
| Henderson..... | 1 | Schuyler..... | 10 |
| Henry..... | 2 | Scott..... | 1 |
| Iroquois..... | 12 | Shelby..... | 1 |
| Jasper..... | 1 | Stark..... | 5 |
| Jefferson..... | 1 | St. Clair..... | 11 |
| JoDaviss..... | 2 | Stephenson..... | 4 |
| Johnson..... | 1 | Tazewell..... | 21 |
| Kane..... | 2 | Vermilion..... | 6 |
| Kankakee..... | 7 | Warren..... | 3 |
| Knox..... | 4 | Wayne..... | 2 |
| Lake..... | 1 | White..... | 3 |
| LaSalle..... | 10 | Whiteside..... | 1 |
| Lee..... | 1 | Will..... | 7 |
| Livingston..... | 16 | Winnebago..... | 2 |
| Logan..... | 6 | Woodford..... | 16 |
| McHenry..... | 2 | Other States..... | 9 |
| McLean..... | 94 | | |
| Macon..... | 30 | Total..... | 469 |
| Macoupin..... | 3 | | |

Of the above students 8 from other States and 50 from McLean county paid tuition at the rate of \$12 per term.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The time has come when some systematic tree-planting should be done in the campus. The white pines, still the most numerous variety in the campus, are dying at the rate of about ten a year. The other evergreens are not thrifty and vigorous and cannot survive many years. Many trees have been removed because they were dwarfed and ill-shapen, some to make room for buildings. As a consequence the 1,800 trees standing in 1880 have been reduced to 881, belonging to 40 species. Several species are entirely gone. The planting should not be done with sole regard to landscape effect. To serve its highest purpose as an aid in science study, the campus should contain every species of tree and shrub that will grow in the open air in this latitude. There should be laid out, too, in some open area in the north end of the campus a model school garden for experiments in gardening and floriculture with our classes in elementary science.

The appearance of the campus has been much improved by regular mowing, which has been carried on the past year with little expense beyond the ordinary janitor force. The surface, however, is in many portions so uneven as to make a neat lawn impossible. It is not easy to keep people off the grass plats unless they present a lawn-like appearance. Means should be afforded for filling the depressions and leveling the ridges. The cinder areas next the buildings have been seeded to grass and a number of flower-beds laid out during the past summer.

The wooden sidewalks built about the practice school eight years ago must be rebuilt. Brick walks are not satisfactory. It is recommended that hereafter only cement walks be laid. About 4,400 square feet are needed to replace the wooden walks. Some of the existing brick walks are not laid in the right place, and a few additional are needed.

For the last four years our supplies of drinking water have been drawn from a single well. In dry seasons it is soon exhausted and must be filled from the city water works. Pipes should be laid to bring the city water into the various buildings for drinking purposes.

The plumbing in the basement of the main building needs overhauling, and some better provision should be made for ventilating that portion of the building. In the practice school new stoves or furnaces are needed for the dry closets and new ventilating tunnels, to be made of masonry and galvanized iron. The old wooden ones have scarcely lasted eight years. In the practice school the blackboards need refinishing, and No. 17 in the normal department should be provided with new blackboard. One of the basement rooms in the practice school is well lighted and with a small expense for benches and tools can be converted into a room for manual training. New curtains are needed in many of our class rooms. Venetian blinds are the only style that afford adequate control of light and ventilation when the windows are open. A new carpet will soon be needed in the office. There is hardly a class room connected with the school which is not in serious need of additional equipment. We are almost destitute of historical charts; our stock of maps is dilapidated and out of date. A hood should be built in each of the two rooms devoted to history and geography, and the maps so mounted upon spring rollers that all may be kept concealed beneath it when not in use. The department of psychology should be provided with apparatus for experiments. The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated for the art department in June, 1899. The funds have not yet been available. The faculty requests that a printing outfit be provided partly for every day use in providing classes with outlines and other material, partly for preparing bulletins for general circulation among the teachers of the State.

THE GYMNASIUM.

With the reduction of the amount of gymnastics required by the new course of studies it is possible to increase the facilities for elective and voluntary work. The gymnasium is now open more hours per day. With the reduced demands upon the time of the director and his assistant in regular class work it has been found practicable to give more attention to the individual student and prescribe for him the kind and amount of physical exercise needed. The facilities of the gymnasium are far below the demands upon it, especially in the winter months. The bowling alley should be fitted up, if possible, during the coming summer, and the room beneath the bowling alley should be finished especially as a boys' gymnasium, as the space and light are there ample for a variety of exercises of which the boys are especially fond, and which would interfere with the regular exercises carried on in the main room. The other needs are:

1. 160 lockers in the dressing rooms.
2. Provisions for ventilating the gymnasium, dressing rooms, and bath rooms, by inserting coils and ventilating registers in the ventilating flues already in the building.
3. Guy rods to support the gymnasium gallery which is now in a dangerous condition.
4. Additional toilet and bathing facilities.
5. Electric fixtures in bathrooms, dressing rooms, toilet rooms, and halls.

THE LIBRARY.

The present school program with ten-minute intervals between class recitations, in which the students are free to move about from building to building, has increased the use of the library as a place for reading and study. There has been a notable improvement in the command which the students have of our library facilities. The outside circulation since last report has been—

Summer term (July 25–August 3, 1900), 1,701 volumes.

Vacation and fall term, 5,400 volumes.

The cataloguing and preparation of reference sheets has made very satisfactory progress.

Students are permitted to take out books freely for vacation use—even out of town. No books have been lost in this way. During the Thanksgiving, March and June vacations, when a large portion of our students remain in town, the library should be kept open. Heretofore it has not been done. The library should be provided with electric fixtures. On many days it is useless after 4 p. m. With the exception of a few chance volumes no books, except bound periodicals, have been added to the library for three years until the present term. We have just spent about \$100 for books. We are badly behind in recent literature and have made no progress whatever in stocking the library with standard works which should have been there long ago. The annual appropriations for the next two years exclusive of salaries should be \$1,500. This will allow \$1,000 a year for books. The librarian asks also for a special appropriation of about \$150 for book stacks, desks, tables, and other library equipment, and about \$150 for extra services in completing the cataloguing during the summer months. Her detailed report may be referred to your committee. \$300 will be needed for the ordinary expenses of the library during the coming six months.

The following books have been purchased since July 1:

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SINCE JULY 1, 1900.

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| Barnett. Common sense in education..... | 1 13 |
| Bellamy. Looking backward..... | 70 |
| Brannt. Petroleum..... | 6 00 |
| Brown. Elements of English grammar. 5 copies..... | 2 82 |
| Cook. England, pictorial and descriptive..... | 3 50 |
| Cunningham. Outlines of industrial history..... | 1 32 |
| Davenport. Introduction to zoölogy. 2 copies..... | 1 94 |
| Davis. Physical geography..... | 1 00 |
| DeMorgan. Study of Mathematics..... | 1 00 |
| Dewey. School and society..... | 70 |
| Fink. Brief history of elementary mathematics..... | 1 20 |
| Fitzgerald. Highest Andes..... | 5 70 |
| George. Protection or free trade. 6 copies..... | 1 05 |
| Halle. Trusts..... | 88 |
| Halleck. Education of central nervous system..... | 88 |
| Hanus. Educational aims and values..... | 70 |
| Hart. American history told by contemporaries. v. I..... | 1 40 |
| Hart. Source book of American history..... | 53 |
| Hobson. Evolution of modern capitalism..... | 1 05 |
| Höföding. Outlines of psychology. 2 copies..... | 2 64 |
| James. Talks to teachers on psychology. 2 copies..... | 2 85 |
| Jordan. Animal life 3 copies..... | 3 24 |
| Jordan. True basis of economics..... | 90 |
| King. The soil. 2 copies..... | 1 05 |
| LaGrange. Lectures on elementary mathematics..... | 80 |
| Lubbock. Scenery of Switzerland..... | 1 05 |
| Mace. Method in history..... | 94 |
| Montgomery. New bookkeeping..... | 75 |
| National anti-trust conference..... | 70 |
| Necomb. Astronomy..... | 1 07 |
| Oppenheim. Development of the child..... | 1 10 |
| Ribot. Evolution of general ideas..... | 84 |
| Salmon. Art of teaching..... | 94 |
| Shakespeare. Winter's tale. Furness variorum ed..... | 2 80 |
| Sherratt. Mexican vistas..... | 1 05 |
| Stedman. American anthology..... | 2 10 |
| Sully. Studies of childhood..... | 1 75 |
| Taylor. British isles through an opera glass..... | 1 40 |
| Thomson. Outlines of zoölogy..... | 2 94 |
| Thomson. Study of animal life..... | 1 43 |

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| Todd. Total eclipse of the sun | 70 |
| Warner. Study of children | 88 |
| Wendell. Wm. Shakespeare | 1 23 |
| Sound currency. 3 vols | 75 |
| Crane's standard atlas, 1900 | 7 50 |
| Hinsdale. How to study. 3 copies..... | } From section A gift. |
| Paulsen. Ethics..... | |

An order is out for more books but these are all that have been received.

A. V. MILNER.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

The science department has been occupying the new laboratory for the two years, yet they are far from being properly equipped. A teacher's demonstrating table, with needful accessories, four student's laboratory tables, with lockers, sinks, and plumbing for water and gas, a hood for gas experiments, a gasoline gas generator, carburetter, and mixer are badly needed. There should also be tight blinds provided for the windows in the west and middle laboratory rooms such as would enable to the use of the lantern in these rooms in the daytime. The appropriation for the science expenses in the physical laboratory should be greatly increased. The appropriation available the past two years has served merely to meet the demands for immediate supplies and to repair breakage. It has been impossible to buy any new apparatus except a few inexpensive pieces. For the biological laboratory is needed a series of tanks in the basement where frogs, clams and fish may be kept for use during the winter months. The cost of these tanks should not exceed \$75. A manakin is desired for the classes in anatomy.

THE PRACTICE SCHOOL.

The new organization of the practice school has been found eminently satisfactory. Eighty-two practice teachers taught regular classes and twelve additional classes were taught by the critic teachers or by members of the faculty. In the two primary grades pupils are divided into four and three groups respectively. Each student teaches two classes consecutively in the same subject, or the same class in two subjects. Most of these classes pass to recitation rooms. The critic teachers visit them from time to time and take charge of a class for one or more complete recitations as may be found advisable. Grades three, four, five, six are each divided into two classes which study and recite alternately for 25-minute periods. All the work is done in the school room under the eye of the critic teacher. Grades seven to eleven and also the preparatory class recite as single classes, usually in recitation rooms, with occasional visits from the critic teacher and members of the normal faculty. The entire body of practice teachers meets with Mr. Black once a week. Each critic teacher meets her own group weekly to discuss matters of general interest to all. The program has been so arranged that nearly all of the classes in each branch recite at the same hour and the program of the normal school has been so adjusted that the teachers of that branch are free to visit the practice school at such hour.

The critic teacher keeps the roll and looks after cases of absence; she lays out the work for the term for the practice teacher, inspects her daily plans, criticises her teaching. The most serious drawback seems to be that the children are likely to regard the critic teacher as the real authority in the room, and the practice teacher does not have a fit opportunity to reveal her power of discipline. None of the grades of the practice school contain enough pupils. The 32 of the sixth grade make a respectable school. The 38 of the lowest primary were obtained by opening the doors to five-year-olds. It was hoped that reducing the tuition to the nominal fee of one dollar would fill the practice school. The present attendance is somewhat better than last year, but is still far below our needs if anything like ordinary school conditions are to be provided in our practice school.

The best solution of the practice school is to be found in such a union with the local public school system as will place at our disposal as many grades as may be needed. The local school buildings are conveniently situated on an

adjoining block. Our more advanced pupils could be put in entire charge of a room for a quarter day or a half-day until they had demonstrated their ability to manage a school.

I have collected information from thirty-six leading state normal schools in regard to the organization and support of their practice schools. Of the twenty-three in which the state supports the practice school without local aid, fourteen charge tuition. Eleven of the twenty-three report not enough pupils. Of the nine normal schools with larger attendance than our own, six report that their practice schools are too small. In the normal schools of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, at Oswego and Potsdam, New York, at Cedar Falls, and Los Angeles, St. Cloud and Terre Haute, at De Kalb and others the local school authorities pay a portion of the cost of the practice school. The usual basis is the cost per pupil in the rest of the public school system. In some cases buildings, janitors and all supplies are furnished by local authorities, the critic teachers receiving the regular salary. It is doubtful whether a public school board in Illinois may lawfully pay a gross sum to the management of a school not under its control. Any basis of co-operation should provide:

1. All teachers must hold legal certificates and be elected by the local school board.
2. All teachers should receive from local school board the regular salary.
3. To the teachers in all rooms used for practice teachers, the State Board should pay such additional salary as is necessary to secure competent critic teachers.
4. Only such teachers as are nominated by the State Board of Education may be elected as such critic teachers.

The citizens of Normal and the local board of education will, I think, enter into any reasonable arrangement that will add to the efficiency of this institution.

TUITION.

I would renew the recommendations of last year that no tuition fee be exacted from McLean county students who take the pledge to teach, and that the pledge be made more specific and clear. If the pledge were abolished altogether many local students with no intention of teaching would seek admission to our classes.

Students from other states have not been heretofore required to pay tuition if they have made a declaration of their intention to teach in Illinois. We have found that many of these students have not remained to teach in Illinois. Accordingly during the current year all new students from other states have been required to pay tuition, with the proviso that if they teach the required time in the public schools of Illinois such tuition shall be refunded.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The very large attendance at the summer term of 1899, is proof that it should be made a permanent feature of our institution. It will be necessary to charge a fee of six dollars the summer term of 1901. Is it not best that all fees be turned into the general treasury of the institution and that all expenses be paid from such treasury? It is recommended that all annual salaries of professors and instructors that were fixed when the school year consisted of 39 weeks be increased by one-thirteenth if the teacher continue his service during the summer term. If any such teacher at his own request be granted leave of absence during the summer term one-thirteenth of his present salary should be deducted. The president's salary should not be increased. If all the faculty including two teachers in the practice school should remain, \$1,900 would be needed for the additional three weeks. Last year the net receipts of the practice school distributed among the faculty were \$2,379.73. The summer school must be extensively advertised. An appropriation of \$100 is asked for this purpose.

THE CALENDAR.

At its June meeting the date of beginning the summer term was fixed at June 3, 1901. The attendance last summer was mainly of teachers in city schools, many of whom could not have attended at so early a date. The faculty requests that the date of opening the term be made June 10.

The date as fixed for Commencement is May 30. It is recommended that a program suited to the day be given in university hall and that the graduating exercises be held on Friday, May 31.

THE NEW COURSE.

The newly adopted course of study is now in full operation. The shifting of certain branches to different places in the course has made the work especially heavy in the departments of literature and mathematics and has left the teachers of drawing, pedagogy and reading with comparatively light work. This difficulty will disappear after the first year. The new work in elementary science under Mr. Whitten is especially promising. Inasmuch as most of the students in these classes are preparing to teach in rural schools an attempt will be made by means of the local nurseries and other available material to develop a series of practical lessons in science pertaining to agriculture.

The term that has just closed has been successful in almost every way. The school has never had a body of students of higher average preparation or better spirit. I wish to express my appreciation of the hearty support of the faculty in my new duties and of the eagerness with which they have undertaken the additional tasks imposed by the new course.

The Chair referred the various recommendations of the report to the appropriate standing committees.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—My last report as your treasurer, included June 19th, 1900, and showed a balance of \$1,256.05.

The receipts have since amounted to \$22,193.38, \$19,746.76 being from the State Treasurer, \$2,343.60 from tuitions, and \$103 from rent of land.

The disbursement has been \$22,196.46, as shown by forty-two vouchers, which are returned herewith together with a statement of account in detail.

The balance on hand at this time is \$1,252.97.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MARQUIS,
Treasurer.

F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

| | | <i>Dr.</i> | | |
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| 1900. | | | | |
| June | 19 | To balance..... | | \$1,256 05 |
| " | 21 | " tuition..... | \$208 60 | |
| " | 30 | " | 160 75 | |
| July | 25 | " State Treasurer..... | 9,873 39 | |
| September | 1 | " land rent, Phoenix Nursery..... | 103 00 | |
| " | 13 | " tuition..... | 1,000 00 | |
| " | 25 | " | 300 00 | |
| October | 17 | " State Treasurer..... | 9,873 39 | |
| November | 30 | " tuition..... | 674 25 | |
| | | | | 22,193 38 |
| | | | | <u>\$23,449 43</u> |
| December | 3 | To Balance..... | | \$1,252 97 |
| <i>Cr.</i> | | | | |
| Number. | By vouchers - | | | |
| 2,617 | Bayliss, Alfred..... | | \$6 00 | |
| 2,618 | Shanahan, M. M..... | | 16 00 | |
| 2,619 | Baily, J. L..... | | 16 50 | |
| 2,620 | Plain, M. E..... | | 15 00 | |
| 2,621 | Kimbrough, E. R. E..... | | 7 75 | |
| 2,622 | Brady, Matthew P..... | | 14 00 | |
| 2,623 | Sandham, Wm. R..... | | 15 00 | |
| 2,624 | Walker, P. R..... | | 27 00 | |
| 2,625 | Gastman, E. A..... | | 10 00 | |
| 2,626 | Capen, C. L..... | | 100 00 | |
| 2,627 | Green, William H..... | | 26 00 | |
| 2,628 | Tompkins, Arnold..... | | 3,222 67 | |
| 2,629 | " | | 200 00 | |
| 2,630 | Morrison, F..... | | 74 08 | |
| 2,631 | Public School Pub. Co..... | | 50 00 | |
| 2,632 | Vidette..... | | 50 00 | |
| 2,633 | Pantagraph Ptg. and Sta. Co..... | | 101 74 | |
| 2,634 | Johnson Temperature Controlling Co..... | | 18 75 | |
| 2,635 | McLean Co. Coal Co..... | | 876 80 | |
| 2,636 | Hunt, S..... | | 18 10 | |
| 2,637 | Shadle, C..... | | 13 65 | |
| 2,638 | Tompkins, Arnold..... | | 2,936 66 | |
| 2,639 | " | | 100 00 | |
| 2,640 | " | | 100 00 | |
| 2,641 | Walker, P. R..... | | 33 00 | |
| 2,642 | Bayliss, Alfred..... | | 99 75 | |
| 2,643 | Tompkins, Arnold..... | | 200 00 | |
| 2,644 | " | | 2,921 66 | |
| 2,645 | Keiser Van Leer Co..... | | 32 80 | |
| 2,646 | Root, G. T..... | | 25 00 | |
| 2,647 | Pantagraph Ptg. and Sta. Co..... | | 4 50 | |
| 2,648 | Felmley, David..... | | 34 25 | |
| 2,649 | Burke, J. E. & Co..... | | 245 05 | |
| 2,650 | Pantagraph Ptg. and Sta. Co..... | | 5 75 | |
| 2,651 | Felmley, David..... | | 200 00 | |
| 2,652 | " | | 100 00 | |
| 2,653 | " | | 3,250 00 | |
| 2,654 | " | | 100 00 | |
| 2,655 | " | | 200 00 | |
| 2,656 | Colton, B. P..... | | 200 00 | |
| 2,660 | Felmley, David..... | | 3,250 00 | |
| 2,661 | " | | 3,280 00 | |
| To balance..... | | | | \$22,196 46 |
| | | | | <u>1,252 97</u> |
| | | | | \$23,449 43 |

Mr. Walker, of the special committee authorized June 5, 1900, to appoint a teacher of mathematics to succeed Mr. Felmley, reported that the committee had appointed Mr. Charles Ammerman at a salary of \$1,500 for 42 weeks' service per annum.

President Felmley presented the following joint account of—

Arnold Tompkins and David Felmley with the Contingent Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

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| June 19, 1900, balance on hand | \$15 18 | |
| June 26, Order No. 2629 | 200 00 | |
| July 31, Order No. 2639 | 100 00 | |
| September 26, Order No. 2651 | 200 00 | |
| October 18, Order No. 2655 | 200 00 | |
| | | \$715 18 |

EXPENDITURES.

| Voucher No. | | Amount. |
|-------------|---|---------|
| 1 | J. H. Arnett, treasurer, advertising in index..... | \$25 00 |
| 2 | Edward Hunt, lights in gymnasium..... | 1 25 |
| 3 | Read & White, primary supplies..... | 2 00 |
| 4 | G. G. Johnson, primary supplies..... | 1 15 |
| 5 | Warner & Richardson, floor oil..... | 3 15 |
| 6 | Keiser-Van Leer Co., steam packing..... | 3 40 |
| 7 | J. D. Robinson, geraniums for flower beds..... | 11 00 |
| 8 | P. A. Coen & Son, text-books and stationery..... | 3 85 |
| 9 | J. E. Burke & Co., catalogue envelopes..... | 4 80 |
| 10 | McKnight & McKnight, text-books for practice schools..... | 2 68 |
| 11 | Holder, Milner & Co., drawer locks..... | 1 50 |
| 12 | George Champion, hardware and labor..... | 15 40 |
| 13 | Normal Advocate, local notice..... | 1 30 |
| 14 | N. E. L. & P. Co..... | 56 70 |
| 15 | C. S. Neeld, stamps..... | 22 75 |
| 16 | G. W. Thomas, blacksmithing..... | 7 75 |
| 17 | Home Telephone Co., telephone rental, 3 months..... | 15 00 |
| 18 | J. E. Burke & Co., catalogue envelopes..... | 10 00 |
| 19 | Seibel Bros., ribbons for commencement..... | 50 |
| 20 | Loar & Enlow, brandy..... | 5 56 |
| 21 | McKnight & McKnight, stationery..... | 6 00 |
| 22 | Central Union Telephone Co., telephone rental..... | 1 25 |
| 23 | Roscoe Stout, labor..... | 25 01 |
| 24 | George Champion, asphaltum, paint and hardware..... | 19 60 |
| 25 | C. S. Neeld, stamps..... | 5 00 |
| 26 | Arnold Tompkins, expenses Dr. Burrill..... | 1 25 |
| 27 | C. A. Burner, commencement tickets..... | 50 |
| 28 | P. A. Coen & Son, Bon Ami..... | 1 00 |
| 29 | Sherman Hunt, 10 pieces old car plush..... | 15 50 |
| 30 | Corn Belt Printing Co., 1200 commencement programs..... | 2 15 |
| 31 | P. P. & S. Co., stationery..... | 8 00 |
| 32 | P. P. & S. Co., letter heads..... | 2 50 |
| 33 | Home Telephone Co., telephone rental..... | 4 60 |
| 34 | P. A. Coen & Son, stair varnish..... | 5 90 |
| 35 | G. G. Johnson, oil and soap..... | 10 88 |
| 36 | N. E. L. & P. Co..... | 2 50 |
| 37 | Home Telephone Co., telephone rental..... | 3 97 |
| 38 | Read & White, stationery..... | 21 95 |
| 39 | B. B. Dick Co., mimeograph supplies..... | 5 27 |
| 40 | Prang Educational Co., primary supplies..... | 15 00 |
| 41 | C. S. Neeld, stamps..... | 1 45 |
| 42 | Prang Educational Co., drawing supplies..... | 2 44 |
| 43 | McKnight & McKnight, plan books..... | 2 25 |
| 44 | James H. Williams, repairing clocks..... | 7 00 |
| 45 | Clarence Burner, printing..... | 6 55 |
| 46 | P. P. & S. Co., stationery and record..... | 3 67 |
| 47 | Thomas Charles Co., primary supplies..... | 8 75 |
| 48 | C. S. Neeld, stamps..... | 6 90 |
| 49 | Thompson & Gregory, plumbing repairs..... | 17 50 |
| 50 | N. E. L. & P. Co., electric lighting..... | 3 50 |
| 51 | Home Telephone Co., telephone rental..... | 14 55 |
| 52 | George Champion, hardware..... | 6 00 |
| 53 | James H. Williams, two new clocks..... | 55 |
| 54 | Illinois Central R. R., freight..... | 10 00 |
| 55 | P. P. & S. Co., toilet paper..... | 4 20 |
| 56 | C. C. Martens & Co., repairing mower..... | 6 00 |
| 57 | Central Union Telephone Co., telephone rental..... | 6 00 |

Statement—Continued.

Voucher No.

Amount.

| | | |
|----|---|----------|
| 58 | C. S. Neeld, stamps..... | 13 00 |
| 59 | N. E. L. & P. Co., electric lighting..... | 20 20 |
| 60 | G. G. Johnson, brooms and oil..... | 5 43 |
| 61 | Keiser, Van Leer & Co., steam packing..... | 9 15 |
| 62 | J. B. Adam, chair bottoms..... | 90 |
| 63 | A. E. Stout, chamois skins..... | 1 00 |
| 64 | Home Telephone Co., telephone service..... | 2 50 |
| 65 | Clarence Burner, printing..... | 3 00 |
| 66 | McKnight & McKnight, stationery and text books..... | 1 49 |
| 67 | P. A. Coen & Son, stationery..... | 1 80 |
| 68 | Carl H. Kiebsame, piano repairing..... | 1 50 |
| 69 | P. P. & S. Co., typewriter ribbons..... | 4 50 |
| 70 | P. P. & S. Co., students' record..... | 25 10 |
| 71 | George Baker, oil, soap, etc..... | 3 00 |
| | Total..... | \$546 84 |
| | Balance on hand December 5, 1900..... | 168 34 |
| | Total..... | \$715 18 |

Appropriation of \$800 is asked for the coming six months, the additional \$100 being needed for advertising the summer school.

President Felmley presented the following special report, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

Arnold Tompkins and David Felmley, in account with the Library Fund.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 19, 1900, balance on hand..... | \$16 45 |
| July 31, Order No. 2640..... | 100 00 |
| September 26, Order No. 2652..... | 100 00 |
| October 18, Order No. 2654..... | 100 00 |
| | <u>\$316 45</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

Voucher No.

Amount.

| | | |
|----|--|----------|
| 1 | Ange. V. Milner..... | 3 40 |
| 2 | D. Appleton & Co..... | 6 00 |
| 3 | A. V. Milner..... | 2 20 |
| 4 | Ange V. Milner..... | 1 20 |
| 5 | McKnight & McKnight..... | 1 80 |
| 6 | P. P. & S. Co..... | 4 00 |
| 7 | The Normal Advocate..... | 2 00 |
| 8 | P. P. & S. Co..... | 83 85 |
| 9 | P. A. Coen & Son..... | 89 50 |
| 10 | American Book Co..... | 2 45 |
| 11 | Arnold Tompkins..... | 7 50 |
| 12 | Ange. V. Milner..... | 3 30 |
| 13 | P. P. & S. Co..... | 8 50 |
| 14 | A. C. McClurg & Co..... | 64 51 |
| 15 | Ange. V. Milner..... | 98 |
| | Total..... | \$281 19 |
| | Balance on hand November 30, 1900..... | 85 26 |
| | Total..... | \$316 45 |

Three hundred dollars are asked as an appropriation, for binding, periodicals, and current expenses until June 30, 1901.

President Felmley transmitted the following report from Prof. Colton:

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 4, 1900.

David Felmley, President State Normal University.

Sir:—I herewith present statement of the Natural Science Fund.

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| Balance on hand, June 19..... | \$3 46 |
| Order on Treasurer, Oct., 1900..... | 200 00 |
| Total..... | \$203 46 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Vouchers. | |
| 1. The Fair..... | \$3 00 |
| 2. G. O. Shields..... | 1 00 |
| 3. The Fair..... | 4 25 |
| 4. The Fair..... | 3 00 |
| 5. Montgomery, Ward & Co..... | 6 56 |
| 6. Sharp & Smith..... | 2 28 |
| 7. The Macmillan Company..... | 10 00 |
| 8. Popular Science..... | 2 00 |
| 9. DeLoss Funk..... | 4 30 |
| 10. Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co..... | 11 20 |
| 11. Bently & Hurst..... | 2 45 |
| 12. Geo. Champion..... | 1 50 |
| 13. Carter Harris..... | 3 30 |
| 14. B. P. Colton..... | 28 27 |
| 15. B. P. Colton..... | 7 65 |
| 16. McKnight & McKnight..... | 25 05 |
| 17. Richards & Co..... | 14 80 |
| 18. McKnight & McKnight..... | 8 00 |
| 19. J. E. Burke & Co..... | 1 50 |
| 20. M. T. Johnston..... | 1 70 |
| 21. A. E. Stout..... | 11 60 |
| 22. Henry Heil Chemical Co..... | 3 00 |
| 23. F. D. Barber..... | 12 94 |
| 24. P. A. Coen & Son..... | 4 00 |
| 25. Z. T. Miller & Sons..... | 5 50 |
| Balance on hand..... | 24 66 |
| Total..... | \$203 46 |

The Biological Department will need \$200 before the December meeting of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. COLTON.

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Reports of the Committee on Auditing and Finance:

REPORT NO. 1.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Arnold Tompkins and David Felmley in joint account with the contingent fund, begs leave to report it has examined the same with the accompanying 71 vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$168.84 and find the same correct. They recommend an appropriation for the next six months of \$890, as asked for.

CHARLES L. CAPEN,
G. B. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The question being upon the adoption of the foregoing report, the roll call resulted as follows: Yeas, 8; nays, none; absent, 7; and the report was adopted. Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Houghton, Sandham, Walker, Bayliss and Mrs. Young.

REPORT No. 2.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the statement of Frank D. Marquis, Treasurer, begs leave to report it has examined the same, with the accompanying 45 vouchers, showing balance on hand of \$1,252.97, and finds the same correct. It recommends the same be approved.

CHARLES L. CAPEN,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The foregoing report was approved.

REPORT No. 3.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the statement of Arnold Tompkins and David Felmley, in account with the Library fund, begs leave to report it has examined the same with the accompanying vouchers and finds the same showing balance on hand of \$35.26 correct. It recommends the same be approved, and that an appropriation of \$300 for the next six months be granted as asked for.;

CHARLES L. CAPEN,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The question being upon the adoption of the foregoing report, the roll call resulted as follows: Yeas, 8; nays, none; absent, 7. Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Houghton, Sandham, Walker, Bayliss, and Mrs. Young, and the report was adopted.

REPORT No. 4.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the statement of B. P. Colton, in account with the Natural Science Fund, begs leave to report it has examined the same with the accompanying 25 vouchers and showing balance on hand of \$24.66. It finds the same correct, and recommends an appropriation for the next six months of \$200.00 as asked for.

CHARLES L. CAPEN,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The question being upon the adoption of the foregoing report, the roll call resulted as follows: Yeas, 8; nays, none; absent, 7. And the report was adopted.

Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Houghton, Sandham, Walker, Bayliss and Mrs. Young.

REPORT NO. 5.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred unpaid bills begs leave to report it has examined the following bills:

To the Honorable Board of Education:

The following bills are on the table presented by various parties:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Charles Shadle, laundering 20 doz. towels..... | 87 00 |
| Mrs. Sherman Hunt, laundering 41 doz. towels..... | 12 55 |
| Boiler insurance..... | 100 00 |
| Metcalf & Malcomb, moulding for practice school..... | 5 88 |
| H. W. Stillhammer & Co., lumber..... | 60 25 |
| Warner & Richardson, painting practice school..... | 19 70 |
| McLean County Coal Co..... | 186 42 |
| J. E. Burk & Co., balance on catalogues..... | 6 00 |
| C. S. Neeld, P. M., alleged bill for stamps..... | 6 00 |
| Charles Jepson, old bill O.K'd. by President Tompkins..... | 79 50 |
| Charles Jepson, old bill dating back to June, 1899..... | 25 50 |
| H. M. Senseney, coal..... | 224 12 |

CHARLES L. CAPEN,
G. B. HARRINGTON,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The question being upon the adoption of the foregoing report, the roll call resulted as follows: Yeas, 8; nays, 0; absent, 7.

And the report was adopted. Those voting in the affirmative were: Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Houghton, Sandham, Walker, Bayliss, Mrs. Young.

Mr. Capen, of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the lease of the premises now occupied by the Bloomington Phoenix Nursery be renewed for the term of two years.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Clarence Crisler be appointed assistant janitor for the main building at a salary of \$35.00 a month during the school year.

THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries, to whom was referred matters named in the president's report, begs leave to report that we are pleased with the condition of the school and with the good feeling that prevails in every department. We find all well pleased with the new course of study and the new order of things.

We recommend that the commencement exercises be held on May 31, 1901, and that the summer term be opened on June 10, 1901.

Since the length of the school year has been changed from thirty-nine to forty-two weeks, the Committee on Teachers and Salaries recommends that those who teach in the summer school for more than three weeks receive a salary in proportion to the time taught beyond thirty-nine weeks, provided such amount is available for tuition received, and if any, at their own request, are excused, that their salaries be reduced in proportion.

P. R. WALKER,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
ELLA F. YOUNG.

The foregoing report was adopted without dissent.

THE COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS AND COURSE OF STUDY.

Your Committee on Text Books and Course of Study recommend that Scott and Denny's Composition be adopted as the text book in the department of English.

ELLA F. YOUNG,
WILLIAM R. SANDHAM,
FRANK A. HUGHTON.

Mr. Gastman moved the appointment of a special committee to negotiate a plan of coöperation between the Normal University and the school board of Normal in the interests of the practice school.

The motion prevailed, and the chair named as members of the committee: President Felmley and Messrs. Capen and Gastman.

Mrs. Young moved that the tuition of Miss Jennie Burroughs, a soldier's orphan, residing in McLean county, be "declared off" and it was so ordered.

A letter from Mrs. Laura H. Norton, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution adopted July 31, in memory of the late James H. Norton, and expressing her appreciation of the same, was read and ordered filed.

Mr. Walker moved the appointment of the usual committee to assist the president of the University in representing the needs of the University to the Forty-Second General Assembly.

The motion prevailed and the chair named Messrs. Walker, Capen and Shanahan.

Mr. Walker called up Mr. Capen's resolution of June 20, which was as follows:

Resolved, That, commencing with the fall term of 1901, students from McLean county be admitted upon the same basis as those from other counties.

And the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Walker moved the adoption of the form of pledge to teach recommended by President Tompkins, Dec. 6, 1899. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Walker moved that no teacher, or employé of the University, shall receive compensation for extra or special services to students, societies or the school. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Walker moved that when the Board adjourns it shall be to meet Wednesday, May 29, 1900.

The Secretary reported that he had complied with the requirements of the resolution introduced by Mr. Sandham June 21, 1899, and that said report had been offered to the Board December 6, 1899, and June 20, 1900, and twice postponed. The report was referred to Mr. Sandham, with instructions to report such revision of the rules as seemed to him advisable.

At the hour of 12:40 p. m., Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn.

The motion prevailed,

And the Board adjourned.

ALFRED BAYLISS,
Secretary.

WILLIAM R. SANDHAM,
President, pro tempore.