## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Board of Education 

OF THE

## State of Illinois

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# Regular Meeting Held at Normal December 20, 1905 

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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| J. Stanley Brown. | Joliet. |
| W. W . Y. Willard. | Rushville. |
| Frank A. Keren | Wyoming |

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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## 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. Report of special committees.
6. Report of standing committees, in order.
7. Communications.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Unfinished business.
10. General business.

CALENDAR FOR 1905-06.

Opening of Training School-Sept. 4, 1905.
Fall Term-Sept. 11, 1905-December 1, 1905. Winter Term-Dec. 4, 1905-March.9, 1906. Spring Term-March 19, 1906-June 7, 1906. First Summer Term-June 11, 1906-July 20, 1906. Second Summer Tern-July 23, 1906-Aug. 31, 1906. Winter Recess-Dec. 23, 1905-January 7, 1906. Spring Vacation-March 10, 1906-March 18, 1906.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD-Wednesday June 6. 1906

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

Regular Meeting.

Normal, Ill., Dec. 20, 1905.
The Board of Education met in the office of the president of the university at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Present-Messrs. Gastman, Bayliss, Brown, Capen, Harrington, Robertson, Sandham, Walker, Willard and Mrs. Young.

The minutes of the proceedings at the regular meeting held at Normal, June 7, 190̆, were approved, as printed.

## The President's Report.

The president of the university read the following report:
Mr. President and Members of the Board:
During the school year ending August 30, 1905, the total enrollment of normal students was 1,230. Of these 1,164 are pledged to teach in the public schools of Illinois; thirty-four were students from other states, and thirtytwo academic students, were admitted upon the payment of tuition. This enrollment was 203 greater than in any previous year in the history of the institution.

Seventy-seven Illinois counties and thirteen other states were represented.
The attendance in the Normal department for the three terms since your last meeting is as follows:

|  | Men. | Women. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First summer term, 1905 | 124 | 708 | 832 |
| Second summer term, 1905 | $64^{\circ}$ | 128 | 192 |
| Fall term, $190 \overline{\text {. }}$ | 88 | 283 | 371 |

New students were admitted during the fall term as follows:

| Men...... <br> Total. | 45157 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  | 202 |

Of these eighty are high school graduates.

During the fall term sixty-four Illinois counties were represented.


Eleven more counties are represented than in the fall term last year, the enrollment 39 greater, enrollment of academic students paying tuition is six greater.

It is gratifying to note that the improvement in attendance begun last year, is continued at an undiminished rate. The gain this year is largely due to the larger number of advanced students who are remaining to complete their course. Our graduating class is fifty per cent larger than last year.

## THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The attendance at the summer school exceeded all expectations. It reached 832 in the first term, 192 in the second term. In all 916 different students were enrolled. Eighty-five per cent of these were teachers of experience, capable of strong work and of appreciating in full whatever the normal school has to offer. A few of these resigned their schools to continue their studies during the present year. Many others have planned to return next year to complete our full course of study. There can be no longer any reasonable doubt of the wisdom of the policy of maintaining the summer school. We attract large numbers of teachers who derive large personal and direct benefit from our work, and who advertise in hundreds of communities the character and value of the instruction and training afforded by the normal school. Furthermore, former students who have taken partial courses, embrace the opportunity to continue their studies at the summer terms until the time that a full year's attendance will enable them to complete their course. Then they return to graduate. Of the seventy-nine people who expect to receive their diplomas in June 1906, five entered this institution before 1891, two in 1894, one in 1895, six in 1897, three in 1898, three in 1899, six in 1900.

The large attendance seriously taxed our accommodations. By a diligent canvas of the town we were enabled to secure enough rooming and boarding places, but we were seriously embarrassed by want of space for our classes. The science laboratories in the third floor of the gymnasium building are proving too small for our needs. The same is true of the rooms set apart for
drawing, elementary handwork and observation of primary teaching, classes that are especially popular. No hall about the institution was large enough to contain the school when assembled for general exercises, and for lectures.

We were obliged last year to employ two teachers in addition to those approved by you at the June meeting.

For the summer session of 1906 it is recommended that substantially the same programs be offered as in 1905 with the addition of courses in the history of Illinois, and that the Committee on Teachers and Salaries be authorized to employ the additional instructors required. It is recommended that thirtytwo instructors in all be provided for the first term, twelve for the second.

## THE FACULTY.

For the position of teacher of public speaking, established at your last meeting, your committee employed Mr. Howard Spencer Wootward, a graduate of Yale University, who has done one year of graduate work at Harvard.

Early in June Miss Amelia F. Lucas, our teacher of reading, requested a year's leave of absence to study in Boston. Mrs. Cora McCullom Smith, for the past four years teacher of reading in the State Normal School at Moorhead, Minn., has been secured for the year. Her extensive experience in training students for platform exercises is proving of high value in connection with the work of Mr. Woodward.

In June Miss Chestine Gowdy was offered a desirable position in the University of Minnesota. Her services to this state not only in her class room instruction, which is always of high order, but in rewriting the course in grammar and language in the State Course of Study, and in her work before teachers' institutes are such that she can ill be spared from Illinois. To induce her to remain in Illinois, your Committte on Teachers and Salaries raised her salary to $\$ 1,800$ for forty-two weeks of service.

In August Mr. D. C. Ridgley, your professor of geography, asked for three months' leave of absence to be spent in collecting and editing a series of geographical photographs for the Keystone View Co: Miss Grace Knudsen, former teacher of geography in the Eastern Illinois Normal School, and later in the Iowa State Normal School, was employed for the three months at a salary of $\$ 500$.

About Nov. 1. Mr. Ridgley tendered his resignation to accept permanent employment with the Keystone View co. This resignation has not been accepted. Mr. Ridgley now presents a proposition to your committee which will give us his services for the greater part of the year and at the same time open to him a rich opportunity for growth in geographical knowledge.

## THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The training school is in a very satisfactory condition. At present seventysix students are engaged in practice teaching. This list includes two in the public high school, and three who are teaching academic and preparatory classes in this institution. Only sixteen classes are taught by the regular training teachers.
It is probable that the senior class of $1906-07$ will be larger than the present class. It is recommended, therefore, that the president be authorized to arrange with the public school board for one additional grade to be used for training purposes during the year 1906-07 if in his judgment such additional grade is necessary.
The salaries paid training teachers in the other state normal schools of Illinois are higher than in this institution. Our maximum for the past five years has been $\$ 450$ in addition to the $\$ 361.25$ paid by the public school board, a total of $\$ 811.25$. It is recommended that this maximum be raised and that the increased salary be attoinable by teachers who render special extra services to the schools of the State, or by those who take additional courses in higher institutions.

Three of our training teachers expect to leave us in June to spend a year or more at Columbia, at the University of Chicago, and at Ann Arbor respectively.

## MANUAL TRAINING.

The demand for work in this department continues unabated. The shop is filled to its full capacity during the three hours in which work is offered. During the three other hours it is used by pupils of the training school. Some provision for mechanical drawing has been made, but no suitable room is available for this work without serious interference with other uses to which the same room must be put. Of the $\$ 100$ appropriated $\$ 101.54$ has been spent.

## THE GYMNASTUM.

Of the $\$ 100$ appropriated at your last meeting for additional physical apparatus $\$ 52.91$ has been expended. A further expenditure of $\$ 132.80$ is desired by the director of physical training.

## THE GRERNHOUSE.

The greenhouse authorized by the board has been built and is ready for your inspection. Under the limitation imposed by you at your last meeting that the aggregate of all contracts for the erection and furnishing of the new greenhouse should not exceed $\$ 5,000$, we were unable to build in accordance with the plans submitted by the Burnham-Hitchings-Pierson Co. A steel frame conservatory of sufficient size was clearly out of the question. On June 7, 1905, negotiations were begun with the John C. Moninger Co., of Chicago, who seemed better equipped for this work than any other western greenhouse builders. Diligent effort has been made to secure an early completion of the work, yet various delays have interfered. Only last Friday was the heat turned on.

In order to keep within the limits proposed, it was found necessary to let the contract for brickwork and cement work, for construction and painting, and for the heating equipment to local mechanics, buying only the plans and materials from the John C. Moninger Co.

The bills for material and construction are:

| John C. Moninger Co.-Plans and ma | \$2,345 14 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Southern Illinois Penitentiary-Brick | 10110 |
| 3. Thomas Sylvester-Brick and brickw | 41561 |
| 4. Michael F. Murphy-Cement work | 23292 |
| 5. R. M. Huffington-Construction. | 76589 |
| 6. Keiser-Van Leer Co.-Heating | 1,050 00 |
| Total | \$4,910 66 |

This total is nearly $\$ 600$ below the appropriation made by the General Assembly.

To receive the boiler, it was necessary to build an addition to our boiler house. This addition affords room for storing some of our agricultural implements. Its total cost is \$436.07.

To carry out the educational work planned in connection with the greenhouse, there is still needed a potting house, which will cost about $\$ 900$. It is recommended that the potting house be built early next summer.

## BUILDTNGS AND GROUNDS.

During the past summer the grounds have received more careful attention than ever before. Mr. Cassius E. Brock, who has proved a very efficient and trustworthy man, was employed continuously from April 15 until December 1. The grounds have been kept mowed; the flowers have received better attention; shrubbery has been planted extensively about the main building and upon various parts of the grounds.

The walls and ceilings of the various class rooms in the main building and training school have been painted. The fire extinguishers ordered by you have been purchased; but the fire escapes have not yet been constructed.

LIBRARY REPORT.

| Circulation. | Books. | Pictures. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First summer term... | 3,848 | 438 |
| Second summer term. | 1,742 | 288 |
| Fall term and vacation. | 6, 832 | 1.682 |
| Total................... | 12,422 | 2,348 |
| Total summer and fall 1904. | 11,624 | 2,715 |
|  | 798 | 367 |

Books purchased June 5-Dec. 15, 1905.

| Subjects. | Volumes. | Pamphlets. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture. | 1 |  |
| Art......... | 16 |  |
| Astronomy | 3 |  |
| Biography. | 8 |  |
| Chemistry and Yohysics. | 16 | 11 |
| Economics...... ....... | ${ }_{8}^{4}$ |  |
| Geography and Geology | 27 |  |
| Government | 9 |  |
| History... | 46 | $\ddot{8}$ |
| Juveniles.. |  |  |
| Language.. | 2 |  |
| Literature... | 54 | .... |
| Pedagogy and Psychology |  |  |
| Physical culture........... | 3 |  |
| Reading and Speaking... | 2 |  |
| Reference, General.... | 22 |  |
| Sociology ..... | 3 |  |
| Training school.. | 16 |  |
| Total | 274 | 52 |

GIFTS.
The chief gift received by the library since the last report is a collection of photographs and prints. It includes eighty-eight official photographs and a large birdseye view of the Lewis \& Clark Exposition, presented by their department of Publicity; and about 250 pictures illustrating the scenery and industries of the western United States, from California to the Great Lakes, including western Canada. They were presented by the railway companies and Chambers of Commerce and were accompanied by a great many attractive and useful illustrated booklets. All who saw the exhibit at which they were shown became much interested in them. The collection has been twice loaned in Bloomington.

In conclusion I would say that the work of the school during the past half year has been very successful. Attendance has been excellent; the spirit of the student earnest and confident.

> Respectfully submitted,
> DAVID FELMLEY.

## The Treasurer's Repurt.

## The treasurer of the board presented the following report:

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

Mr. Presidient and Members of the Board-The last report of your treasurer included June 5, 1905, and showed a balance on hand of $\$ 6,001.58$. The receipts have since amounted to $\$ 39,454.85$ from the following sources, viz:


The disbursement, amounting to $\$ 35,648.07$, is shown by 60 vouchers which are returned herewith, together with a statement of account in detail.

The amount on hand at this time is $\$ 9,808.36$.
Respectfully submitted,
F. D. Marquis,

Treasurer.

## Treasurer's Report in Detail.

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


## Treasurer's Account-Concluded.



The treasurer's report was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

## List of Unpaid Bills.

The following unpaid bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

| GREENHOUSE FUND. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thomas Sylvester, brick work on greenhouse | \$415 61 |  |
| John C. Moninger Co., greenhouse material, balance. | 34514 |  |
| Michael F. Murphy, cement work . . . . . . . . . . . . | 23292 |  |
| R. M. Huffington, glazing, painting and carpenter work.................. | 76589 |  |
| GENERAL FUND. |  |  |
| Thomas Sylvester, brickwork on boiler house addition. | 9590 |  |
| H. W. Stilhamer \& Co., lumber and tile.............. | 3475 |  |
| George Champion, roof and guttering .................................... | 9101 |  |
| M. F. Murphy, cement floor..... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5200 |  |
| Warner \& Richardson, painting. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 350 8 |  |
| R.M. Huffington, carpenter work......................................... | 15891 |  |
| Thomas Sylvester, repairing brick work under boiler..................... | 5045 |  |
| C. L. Capen, attorney's fees and outlays Lindblad suit, Supreme Court | 10525 |  |
| Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.. printing briefs. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1350 |  |
| A. H. Andrews \& Co., stationary tablet arms....... ....................... | 3800 |  |
| Charles Jepson, police service........ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6700 |  |
| Guy Carlton, electric repairs... | 31.04 |  |
| David Felmley, hire of horse for grounds . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5306 |  |
| H. M. Senseney Coal Co.................. | 25810 |  |
| Illinois State Reformatory, 2,500 envelopes. | 8 8 150 |  |
| Central Newspaper Association, suspended globe. ....................... | 1550 |  |
| Illinois State Penitentiary, stools. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 680 |  |

President Felmley presented reports of expenditures on account of the following four funds:

1. The Physical Science fund.
2. The Biological Science fund.
3. The Contingent fund.
4. The Library fund.

Which were all referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Illinois State Normal University.
David Felmley, President, in account with Physical Science Fund:

| ${ }^{1905}$ | RECEIPTS. <br> Order No. 3181 <br> Deficit reported Jun. 7, 1905. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 15000 \\ 4328 \end{array}$ | \$106 77 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vouchers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | EXPENDITURES. <br> E. H. Sargent \& Co., chemical apparatus $\qquad$ <br> A. E. Stout, chemicals. $\qquad$ <br> Union Gas and Electric Co, gas to Aug. 26 <br> Guy Carlton, electric wiring. <br> Central Scientific Co., storage batteries $\qquad$ <br> E. H. Sargent \& Co., hyrochloric acid. $\qquad$ <br> Union Gas and Electric Co., gas three monthis <br> Bausch \& Lomb Uptical Co, repairing microscopes | $\begin{array}{rr} \$ 91 & 45 \\ 1 & 60 \\ 3 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \\ 31 & 26 \\ 2 & 77 \\ 60 \\ 2 & 00 \end{array}$ | - |
|  | Deficit Dec. 19, 1905. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 14288 \\ 36 \\ 11 \end{array}$ | 10677 |

It is requested that the Biological Science fund and Physical Science fund be consolidated, and that the sum of $\$ 350.00$ be appropriated for the "Science fund" for the next six months.

David Felmley, President.

## Illinols State Normal University.

David Felmey, President, in account with the Biological Science Fund:


It is requested that the Biological and Physical Science funds be consolidated, and that the sum of $\$ 350.00$ be appropriated for the "Science fund" for the six months beginning Jan. 1, 1906.

David Felmley, President.

Illinois State Normal University.
David Felmley, President, in account with the Contingent Fund:


## Contingent Fund-Concluded.



An appropriation of $\$ 1.000$ is requested for the six months beginning Jan. 1, 1906.

David Fehmley,
President.

## Ilfinois State Normal University.

David Felmley, President, in account with the Library Fund.

| $\begin{array}{ll} \quad 1905 \\ \text { June } \\ \text { July } & 7 \\ 26 \end{array}$ | Receipts. <br> Balance on hand................ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 159 \\ 600 \\ 60 \end{array}$ | \$759 20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vouchers. | expenditures. |  |  |
| -1 | University Press. The Printing Art. | 500 |  |
| 2 | Library Bureau, library aids......... | 288 |  |
| 3 | A. C. McClurg \& Co., buoks...................................... | 10705 |  |
| 4 | G. C. Merriam \& Co., International dictionary............... | 850 |  |
| 6 | A. C. McClurg \& Co., books. . . ............................... | 2676 |  |
| ${ }^{6}$ | Librarian of Congress, catalog cards.......................... | 500 |  |
| 8 | W McKnight, Pantagraph...................................... | 250 |  |
| 8 | The Vidette, Scientitic American................................. | 350 |  |
| 9 10 | John P. Stewart, books....................................... | 434 |  |
| 10 | Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., binding........... | 6547 |  |
| 11 | National Geog. Society, magazines | 200 |  |
| 12 | University of Illinois, University Studies .................... The Psychological Review, nne copy................. | 35 50 |  |
| 14 | The Manual Arts Press, Man. Tr. Magazine | 100 |  |
| 15 | A. C. McClurg \& Co., books................ | 3632 |  |
| 16 | H. W. Wilson Co., Readers' Guide. | 1500 |  |
| 17 | Hammond Typewriter Co., ribbons............................. | 170 |  |
| 18 | American Historical Association, annual dues. | 3 co |  |
| 19 | Arthur H. Clark Co., Early Travels in Illinois. | 400 |  |
| 20 | McKnight \& McKnight, periodicals. | 9680 |  |
| 21 | A. C. MrClurg \& Co., books....... | 6600 |  |
| $\stackrel{22}{2}$ | J. G. Phelps Stukes, reports, etc................................ | 800 |  |
| 23 | George P. Brown, subscription H. and Schooi Education.... | 125 |  |
| 34 | Public School Pub. Co.. six Robinson Crusoes. | 217 |  |
| 25 | Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.. binding | 10244 |  |
| ${ }^{26}$ | A. C. McClurg \& Co., books.. | 4208 |  |
| 27 | Ange. V. Milner, library supplies. | $\because 642$ |  |
|  | McKnight \& McK night, mounting boards. | 880 |  |
| 29 | A. C. McClurg \& Co., books. | 6089 |  |
|  | Balance on hand Dec. 19, 190.\% |  | 4948 |
|  |  |  | \$759 20 |

An appropriation of six hundred dollars is requested for the next six months.

David Felmley.
President.

## Reports of Standing Committees.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:
Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred report of F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, with its sixty accompanying vouchers. and showing balance on hand of $\$ 9,808.36$, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct. They recommend that it be approved.

William R. Sanditam,
Charles L. Capen,
Committee on Auditing and Einance.
The roll being called on the adoption of the foregoing report, the ten members present all voting in the affirmative, the report was adopted.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:
Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the unpaid bills, aggregating $\$ 2,692.53$, begs leave to report it has examined the same and finds each correct. It recommends orders be drawn for the payment. thereof.

William R. Sandham, Charles L. Capen, (Except as to his bill.) Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The roll was called on the adoption of the foregoing report; all members present voted in the affirmative; the report was adopted, and the bills ordered paid.
To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:
Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of David Felmley, President, in account with the Physical Science Fund, with its eight accompanying vouchers, and showing deficit of $\$ 36.11$, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct. It recommends that the same be approved and that an appropriation be made for this and the Biological Science funds for the ensuing six months, as stated in the report as to the Biological Science expense statement.

William R. Sandham,
Charles L. Capen,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.
The roll was called on the adoption of the foregoing report, and the ten members present all voted in the affirmative. The report was declared adopted.
To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:
Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of David Felmley, President, in aecount with the Biological Science fund, with its seventeen accompanying vouchers, and showing balance on hand of $\$ 113.48$, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct. It recommends that the same be approved and that an appropriation of $\$ 350.00$ be made for this and the Physical Science funds for the ensuing six months.

> William R. Sanimam, CHarles L. Capen, Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The roll call on the adoption of the foregoing report showed ten members present, and all voting in the affirmative. The report was adopted and the appropriation of $\$ 350.00$ allowed.
To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:
Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of David Felmley, President, in account with the Contingent fund, with its 110 vouchers, and showing balance on hand of $\$ 109.03$, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct. It recommends that the same be approved and that an appropriation of $\$ 1,000.00$ be made for this fund for the ensuing six months.

> William R. Sandham,
> Charles L . Capre, Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The roll was called on the adoption of the foregoing report. The ten members present voted in the affirmative. The report was adopted, and the appropriation of $\$ 1,000.00$ allowed.

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

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of David Felmley, President, in account with the Library fund, with its twenty-
nine accompanying vouchers, and showing balance on hand of $\$ 49.48$, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds it correct. It recommends that the same be approved and that an appropriation of $\$ 600.00$ be made for this fund for the ensuing six months.

> William R. Sandham, Charles L. Capen, Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The roll being called on the adoption of the foregoing report, ten members present voted in the affirmative. The report was adopted, and the appropriation of $\$ 600.00$ allowed.

## Report of Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Capen, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported orally, that the buildings are all in unusually good repair; that the fire escape will soon be provided; that the surveyor has found the north line of the farm, that the fence is not yet built, but will be in the spring; that the delay in the construction of the greenhouse is regretable, but was unavoidable; that the greenhouse is nearly completed, the heat having that day been turned on; and that the University is indebted to Shaw's Garden in St. Louis for some greenhouse material.

## The Committee on Course of Instruction.

Mrs. Young, chairman of this committee, stated that the committee had no report to present.

## The Commíteee on Teachers and Salaries.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, submitted the following report:

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

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries beg leave to report that they employed Mr. Howard Spencer Woodward, a graduate of Yale, who has done one year of graduate work at Harvard, to the position of teacher of public speaking, established by this board at its last meeting, with a salary of \$1,200.

Mrs. Cora McCullom Smith, teacher of reading in the State Normal Schools of Moorhead, Minn., was secured for one year to take the place of Miss Amelia F. Lucas who was granted a leave of absence. Salary same as Miss Lucas.
In order to hold Miss Chestine Gowdy, who was offered a very desirable position in the University of Minnesota, after our last meeting in June, we thought best to increase her salary from $\$ 1,620$ to $\$ 1,800$. She has made herself very useful by her extra work in teachers' institutes in the State and assistance in writing the Course of Study for the rural schools of the State.

As Mr. D. C. Ridgley has returned from his leave of absence and will remain till next July your committee recommend that this subject be considered by this board in an informal manner at the present session.
We recommend that the salary of Miss Lora Dexheimer be increased from $\$ 450$ to $\$ 550$ for the present year.

P. R. Walker, Elila F. Young, G. B. Harrington, Committee on Teachers and Salaries.

Mr. Sandham moved the adoption of the foregoing report. A roll call being ordered, resulted as follows: Yeas, ten; nays, none, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Willard moved that the matter of a special contract with Mr . Ridgley be referred to the President of the University and the Committee on Teachers and Salaries. The motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

The secretary presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on Course of Instruction:

Chicago, Dec. 9, 1905.
To the Secretary of the State Board of Education:
Dear Sir-Several times during the past few years I have sent you printed matter with reference to the examination of school children's eyes and ears, but up to the present time I have not heard definitely whether any action was taken by your board or not. I enclose a copy of the resolutions adopted by the American Medical Association, and hope that you may be able to secure their adoption at the next meeting of your board, provided you have not already done so. Those interested in the subject are very anxious to have resolutions adopted by the State Medical Societies, State Boards of Health and State Boards of Education throughout the United States, and we also hope in such unanimity of action we may be able to bring such leverage on the Legislature as to make the tests a law, as has already been done in Connecticut and Vermont. But whether the matter is ever passed by the Legislature or not we do want the State Boards of Health and the State Boards of Education interested in this matter, and are anxious to have them work in unison. If, therefore, nothing has been done in your State under the auspices of the board, will you not have the resolutions adopted, and not only adopted but see that the work is earnestly taken up and the examinations made in your State? These resolutions have now been generally adopted through out the United States, and surely you do not want your State in the rear. I have, as already stated, sent you literature on the subject, but if it has been lost or destroyed, and you would be interested in reading it again, I will be glad to send you more.

I am preparing a paper for the meeting of the State and Local Boards of Health, to be held at Columbus next month, and am anxious to get material on the subject, and I will be very much obliged to you if you will let me know what action was taken by your State.
Thanking you in advance for your reply, I remain,
Cordially yours,
Frank Allport.
The resolution referred to in the foregoing communication is as follows:
"Whermas, The value of perfect sight and hearing is not fully appreciated by educacors, and neglect of the delicate organs of vision and hearing often leads to disease of these structures, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the American Medical Association that measures be taken by boards of health, boards of education and school authorities, and, where possible, legislation be secured, looking to the examination of the eyes and ears of all school children, that disease in its incipiency may be discovered and corrected." (Adopted at New Orleans, May, 1903.

Mr. Brown moved that the recommendations in the report of the President of the University relating to a Summer. School be concurred in.

The motion prevailed without dissent.
Mr. Robertson moved that the President of the University be authorized to procure a commencement orator.

The motion prevailed, and it was so ordered.
Mr. Walker moved that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to build a Potting-House at a cost not to exceed $\$ 1000$.

The roll call on this motion showed ten members present, all voting in the affirmative. It was so ordered.

Mr. Capen moved that the sum of $\$ 150$ be appropriated for the purchase of new apparatus for the Gymnasium.

The roll call on this question resulted as follows: yeas 9 , nays 1 . The motion prevailed and the appropriation was allowed.

Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bayliss, Brown, Capen, Gastman, Harrington, Robertson, Sandham, Willard and Mrs. Young- 9.

Voting in the negative: Mr. Walker-1.
At the hour of 12:13 p. m. Mrs. Young moved that the board do now adjourn.

The motion prevailed.
The board adjourned.
E. A. Gastman,

Alfred Bayliss,
President.


[^0]:    Auditing and Finance-Baily, Capen, Sandham.
    Building and Grounds-Capen, Kimbrough, Robertson,
    Course of Instruction-Young, Kimbrough, Smith.
    Teachers and Salaries-Walker. Young, Harrington.
    Practice Department-Young. Cook.
    Library and Museum-Sandham, Hainline. Willard.

