

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING—MARCH 10, 1868.

The Board met in the University building, March 10th, 1868, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Regent, who conducted the devotional exercises.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present, and answered to their names, viz: Messrs. Allen, Blackburn, Brayman, Burchard, Cunningham, Galusha, Goltra, Johnson, Mahan, McMurray, Pickrell, Pullen, Quick, Scroggs, and the Regent—15.

As seventeen members are required for a quorum, for the transaction of business,

Mr. ALLEN moved that the Board take a recess until three o'clock, this afternoon; which was agreed to.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.—MARCH 10.

The Board re-assembled, and was called to order by the Regent.

The roll was called, and the following members responded, viz: Messrs. Allen, Blackburn, Brayman, Burchard, Burroughs, Cunningham, Dunlap, Galusha, Goltra, Johnson, Mahan, McMurray, Pickrell, Pullen, Quick, Scroggs, and the Regent—17.

The REGENT announced that a quorum was present.

On motion of Mr. GOLTRA, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the reception of communications was in order, when Mr. CUNNINGHAM presented the following:

PETITION FOR SITE OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

To the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University :

The undersigned, Board of Directors of School District No. 1, Township No. 19, Range No. 9, would respectfully represent that the farm owned by the University, known as the "Busey Farm," occupies a position near the center of said district, and that the legal voters therein have, by unanimous vote, selected as a site for a school house about to be built for the use of said school district, a point near the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 19, township 19, range 9, being a part of said Busey farm: *Provided*, the permission of your Board to such location be granted.

We, therefore, respectfully ask that your permission to such location, and the use of one acre of land, be given, upon such terms as may seem right and just.

(Signed)

S. P. PERCIVAL,
JESSE BURT,
THOMAS LINDSEY.

On motion of Mr. CUNNINGHAM, this petition was referred to the Committee on Agricultural Department

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer presented his report, as follows :

ILLINOIS INDUSTRIAL UNIVERSITY,

In account with JOHN W. BUNN, Treasurer.

DR.

To amount paid for lands and lots.....	\$15,511 00
" " locating scrip.....	2,544 33
" " postage and expenses selling.....	411 12
" " Regent's salary	3,666 66
" " Powell's Scientific Expedition	500 00
" " library.....	1,000 00
" " insurance	286 68
" " cut stone	1,280 00
" " lumber, etc	1,570 62
" " labor and materials.....	3,715 08
" " furniture and carpets	898 05
" " grading	722 32
" paid on account of farm.....	716 60
" " for expenses	1,891 24

\$34,713 70

CR.

By \$40,000 Champaign county Bonds.....	\$40,000
By interest on \$125,000 Ill. bonds.....	3,750
By rent for farm.....	1,500

\$45,250 00

\$10,536 30

By balance\$10,536 30

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The Treasurer also presented a statement of sales of scrip, and of the investment of funds derived therefrom.

Mr. JOHNSON moved that the report of Treasurer be referred to the Auditing Committee.

It was so referred.

Mr. DUNLAP offered the following resolution—moving its adoption :

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be directed to make an annual detailed statement of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, the date of each warrant, the name of the person to whom payable, on what account drawn, and whether by the Board of Trustees or by the Executive Committee, with page of the record authorizing the same.

On motion of Mr. BRAYMAN, the resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

DR. GEO. VASEY'S PROPOSITION.

Mr. MAHAN asked leave to read a communication from Dr. Geo. Vasey ; which being granted, he read as follows :

There are in the State of Illinois about 1500 species of plants, including the Mosses and higher forms of Cryptogams.

Of this number there are 106 species of true grasses, 105 species of Cyperaceæ or Sedge grasses, and 12 species Irmcææ or rush grasses—making in all 223 species of grasses and grass-like plants, or nearly one-sixth the whole number of species in the State.

There are also about 80 species of Forest Trees in the State, besides a large number of shrubs, which do not attain the magnitude of trees.

It would seem that persons seeking to attain the position of *educated* Farmers, especially, ought to have a practical acquaintance with the trees of the forest, to be able to distinguish the different kinds and to understand the various uses to which they are applicable. It also seems especially desirable that such persons should obtain an acquaintance with the native grasses and grass-like vegetation of the country in which they reside, as by such an acquaintance they might learn what kinds are best adapted to the various kinds of soil, what species it would be advantageous to cultivate and what to eradicate.

Every teacher in the department of botany, especially of practical and economic botany, will appreciate the great importance of a good Herbarium. It is the best possible substitute for a collection of the living plants, and a few minutes study of a well prepared specimen will give a better idea of a plant or tree than hours of description alone. Besides, a collection put up under the hands of a competent person possesses an *authority*, and is in a measure *decisive* as to the name and character of species, and is therefore of the greatest value as a *reference*, in cases of doubt. The specimens here presented * are designed to illustrate the general character of my specimens, and the style in which they should be arranged in the Herbarium.

* This paper was accompanied by a collection of grasses, plants and forest trees' put up in a tasteful manner.—*Rec. Secretary.*

I propose to furnish a collection, after the style of the specimens presented, to the number of about 2000 species, comprising the principal part of the plants of this and the adjoining States. The cost will be twenty dollars per hundred species. It would be much better if all the labels were printed, but I can not furnish printed labels for a smaller order than 2000 species. The specimens are fastened by glued strips to sheets of heavy lithographic paper. The specimens of forest trees are attached to light paste-board sheets. Each species has a label attached to the right hand lower corner of the sheet. All the species of a genus are inclosed in a sheet or wrapper of heavy brown manilla paper, and the name of the genus given at the left hand upper corner. The whole to be put into boxes of paste-board or binders' board.

It will probably require six months to complete the collection.

(Signed)

GEORGE VASEY.

Richview, Washington Co., Ill.

On motion of Mr. MAHAN, the communication was referred to the Committee on Library and Cabinets.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Mr. FLAGG having arrived, the Regent called for his report as Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. FLAGG stated that he had in course of preparation (and hoped soon to complete) his annual report, required by the act of the General Assembly of this State, creating this Board. He also gave his views in respect to the duties of his office, as prescribed by law.

On motion of Mr. BLACKBURN, the Board adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the verbal report of the Corresponding Secretary be accepted ; and that he be directed, in his discretion, with the approval of the Regent, to publish a printed report for the last year, as required by law.

On motion of Mr. BURCHARD, the Regent was instructed to draw a warrant on the Treasurer, in favor of Mr. FLAGG, to the amount of \$39 80, for expenses incurred in prosecuting the duties of his office during the past year.

The REGENT presented a report from Mr. PERIAM, "Head Farmer," which, on motion of Mr. BRAYMAN, was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Agricultural Department.

EMPLOYMENT OF A MECHANIC.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as this Board, at a former meeting, had authorized the Committee on Buildings and Grounds to employ a mechanic for the Institution, and since the said committee has contracted with J. S. Scarfoss, at a salary of \$1000

per year—that they be instructed to notify the said Scarfoss that his term of service will commence at the discretion of the Regent.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Mr. QUICK, Chairman of the Committee appointed to solicit donations of Agricultural Implements, etc., presented the following

REPORT:

The undersigned, committee appointed to solicit donations of Agricultural implements and machines from the various manufacturers of this State, respectfully reports as follows:

That he caused application to be made to the various manufacturers to make donations in accordance with the resolution of the last meeting of this Board. That, believing but little could be accomplished by writing letters, he procured the services of Jonathan Periam, Superintendent of the University farm, who, by his residence in Chicago, had become personally acquainted with many of the leading manufacturers, to call, in person, and lay the matter before them and solicit donations, and to write to such as he failed to see. In pursuance of that arrangement, Mr. Periam waited upon a large number of the manufacturers, and wrote over two hundred letters soliciting donations. The following is the result of his labors, as furnished by himself:

Donations procured by letter to the amount of \$114; donations by personal solicitation, \$282; at an expense, for traveling expenses, hotel bills, correspondence, etc., of \$51 15—making the amount of donations equivalent to three hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty five cents (\$344 85), up to the present time, after deducting expenses in procuring the same.

The value of machines *received*, up to this time, is \$264 50, and machines promised to the value of \$132. The names of the donors, the kinds of implements, and their value, we give as follows:

One set of Mats, donated by L. Vandesyde, of Calumet ..	\$5 00
One Subsoil Attachment, donated by R. P. Wheatly, DuQuoin.....	10 00
One Vandevire Corn Planter donated by Barlow, Wood & Co., Quincy.....	85 00
One Walking Cultivator, donated by Furst and Bradly, Chicago.....	30 00
One Jones' Corn Planter, donated by Emerson & Co., Rockford.....	12 00
Fifty small Sash, donated by Fuller, Palmer & Co., Chicago.....	12 50
One Gorham Seeder and Cultivator, donated by Clark & Utler, Rockford..	75 00
One Farm Pump, donated by Wm. Lintner & Co., Decatur.....	12 00
One Rotary Harrow, donated by I. I. Inglehart, Matteson.....	16 00
Garden seeds, donated by S. Wilber, Momence.....	7 00
	\$264 50

The following implements are promised, but not received:

One Cast-Steel Plow, H. H. Taylor, & Co., Chicago.....	\$30 00
One Walking Cultivator, and set of Plows, Hapgood, Young & Co., Chicago	102 00

In the aggregate.....\$132 00

Which, added to donations received, makes a total of.....	396 50
From which deduct expenses.....	51 15

And there remains\$345 50

[A slight discrepancy in the estimates—*Rec. Sec.*]

Your committee further report, by the same authority, that many of the leading manufacturers have signified their willingness to furnish any of the more expensive implements, manufactured by them, at half price: and several agents at two-thirds of their value. Believing it to be due to the gentlemen who have made donations, and signified their willingness to furnish additional implements at reduced prices, that the Board should give an expression of their feelings in relation thereto, your committee offer, for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board, and of the friends of Industrial education throughout the State, are due to the honorable gentlemen, whose names are herein given, for the liberality and public spirit manifested by them in furnishing to the University implements for the institution, and to illustrate Agricultural and Mechanical science.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

T. QUICK, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

Mr. JOHNSON moved that the accounts now in the hands of the Regent, be referred to the Auditing Committee for settlement; which was agreed to.

INVITATION TO REPORTERS FOR THE PRESS.

On motion of Mr. BURROUGHS, it was

Resolved, That this Board appreciates the interest taken in its proceedings by the newspaper press of the State, and cordially invites the representatives of the different papers to all meetings of the Board, and to make full reports of all proceedings, excepting such as the Board may indicate or wish to withhold.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the Board adjourned until half-past seven this evening.

EVENING SESSION—MARCH 10.

Board re-assembled at 7½ o'clock.

The REGENT presiding.

The roll was called, and nineteen members responded.

The REGENT called Mr. BURROUGHS to the chair, and reported, verbally, the steps which he had taken in regard to ornamenting the college grounds.

COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE TREES FROM MR. DUNLAP.

On motion of Mr. PULLEN, Messrs. Regent and Cunningham were appointed a committee, who were instructed to associate with them Mr. Periam, and receive so many of the trees which are due to this Board, from Mr. M. L. Dunlap, as may be needed for this spring's planting.

MR. PICKRELL'S RESOLUTION ON PRINTING.

Mr. PICKRELL read the following preamble and resolution, moving its adoption :

WHEREAS there seems to be vague conceptions, on the part of the public, of the official acts and doings of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University ; and,

WHEREAS, there have been grounds of complaint on account of the non-publishing of the proceedings of the Board in some public journal ; and,

WHEREAS, we deem it but just to ourselves, as a Board of Trustees, that the public should see our *entire proceedings*, in order to judge correctly of our motives and doings—therefore,

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary shall prepare and publish the entire proceedings of the Board and Executive Committee in the ———, at this and all subsequent meetings, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said meetings.

The resolution was discussed by Messrs. Pickrell, Quick, Flagg, McMurry and Dunlap.

Mr. GOLTRA moved that the preambles and resolution be laid upon the table ; which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTION ON THE NON-ATTENDANCE OF EDWIN LEE BROWN.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the following and moved its adoption, viz :

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwin Lee Brown, of Chicago, has been appointed one of the members of this Board, and has never attended its meetings—therefore,

Resolved, That the Governor be informed, by the Regent, of said non-attendance, and that he be requested to recall said appointment, and make a new one, of some man who will feel called upon to attend the meetings of said Board.

Mr. SCROGGS moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Mr. MAHAN moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution until to-morrow ; which motion prevailed.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, from Committee on preparation for Inauguration, presented a partial report, asking privilege of completing and printing the same ; which was granted.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Board then adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.
