

FEBRUARY 26, 1873.

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 26, at 9 A. M., in the Regent's office.

Present—Messrs. Cobb, Cunningham, Goltra, Lawrence, Pearson, Pickrell, Scott and the Regent.

Absent—A. M. Brown.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Judge Lawrence, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Pearson, Cunningham and Cobb, to draw up a resolution expressive of the sense of this Committee in relation to the appropriation now pending before the Legislature.

Mr. E. Cobb offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the following amounts are hereby appropriated as current expenses, in addition to the appropriation made by the full Board at the meeting of March 12th, 1872 :

Board expense.....	\$300 00
Building and repairs.....	1,000 00
Incidental expense.....	300 00
Library and Cabinet.....	200 00

Mr. Cunningham, from the sub-committee, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS it is represented to this Committee that a bill is now pending before the General Assembly of Illinois, appropriating to the University the sum of \$75,000, which sum is by said bill charged with the payment of certain alleged claims of the creditors of Mr. Gehlman, contractor; therefore,

Resolved, That this Committee has no knowledge of any legal claims of any person whatever against the University, on account of work performed or materials furnished for the University Building. All dues under our contract with Mr. Gehlman having been promptly paid, upon the approval by the architect, according to said contract.

Judge Cunningham then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Regent be requested to communicate with the Attorney-General of Illinois, in relation to the defense in the courts of Champaign county, of all suits now pending against the University.

Carried.

The following communication from Prof. Robinson was referred to the Regent and Mr. Pearson :

To the Regent and Executive Committee:

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully submit for your consideration the question of our lumber-drying house.

The main question is: how shall we furnish steam to Mr. Steadman, who uses it, and receives the proceeds? It may also be questioned, as to whether repairs should come out of the proceeds. The pipes have been frozen and burst, causing repairs amounting to an item.

Yours, obediently,

S. W. ROBINSON.

The following communication in relation to the manufacture of thermometer graduating machines, from Prof. Robinson, was received:

To the Regent and Executive Committee:

GENTLEMEN: Accompanying this, please find two letters from Rochester, each containing an order for a graduating machine. The price named in correspondence is \$25 00 more than that of machines we have made heretofore, viz., \$175.

I think we should clear 50 or 75 dollars on each. The state of our work in the shop is now such as to admit of our going ahead with the machines. I would respectfully ask if we shall proceed with them.

Respectfully,

S. W. ROBINSON.

On motion of Mr. Scott, Prof. Robinson was authorized to make the machines, if the Regent, on inquiry, should find the parties responsible, and that accurate accounts of outlays on said machines be kept.

Mr. James R. Scott, to whom was referred the matter of the hay-press sold to Mr. Harris, reported that no settlement has been made with Mr. Harris. Mr. Scott further recommended, that the claim against Mr. Harris be abandoned; which was adopted.

Mr. Pearson, from the Committee on Mechanical Department, reported in favor of retaining the services of Mr. Steadman under his minimum salary, until March 18th.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Regent be authorized to return a proportionate sum of the term fee to students who are prevented from prosecuting their studies by protracted sickness: *Provided*, That in no case shall the amount returned exceed one-half of the fee paid for the current term.

The report of the Book-keeper, of expenditures and collections, was read and approved.

The bills presented for payment were audited and allowed.

On motion, the sum of \$25 00 was appropriated towards the purchase of apparatus for gymnasium for the ladies of the University.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at 4 P. M., March 10th, 1873.

J. M. GREGORY, *Regent*.

E. SNYDER, *Secretary*.