

MARCH 14, 1876.

The Board met at the University parlor on Tuesday, March 14, 1876, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Present—Governor Beveridge, Messrs. Blackburn, Mason, Flagg, Pickrell, Sabin, Brown, Cobb and Gardner.

The President, Mr. Cobb, in the chair. A portion of the scriptures were read by Dr. Gregory and prayer offered by Mr. Blackburn.

The record of the December meeting was read and adopted.

The report of the Business Agent was received as follows:

EMORY COBB, Esq., *President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University:*

SIR—I have the honor to make the following report as Business Agent of the University:

Paper A gives the receipts and expenditures, so far as warrants have been drawn, for the six months ending February 29, 1876.

Paper B is a list of warrants drawn since the last Board meeting.

Paper "C" is a list of unaudited bills.

Paper "D" is a statement of these bills classified under their proper appropriations.

Three of the appropriations will be overdrawn, if the bills offered are audited, viz.: The Horticultural, Chemical, and Library and Apparatus.

The last results from the expense of apparatus from Europe, which had not been provided for; the Chemical from the fact that the collections of the term are not deducted; they will be some \$300.

That of the Horticultural was caused by placing Mr. Hay's salary against the department.

The fire hose authorized at your last meeting was purchased, and adjustments made within the limit of the appropriation, \$75.

The fire extinguishers were not purchased, as the parties did not wish to furnish them at the price named, \$30.

It was found necessary to repair the brick work of one of the boilers the past month; that of the other should be attended to before next fall. The one repaired is now in better condition than ever before, cost of repairs about \$75.

The condition of the young men's water closets is not satisfactory. Greater care of them is required than the Janitor can seem to give; the sewer may need overhauling, and more convenient urinals might help the matter.

On account of many losses occurring, it has been proposed that the young men be provided with means to have their caps, coats, etc., cared for in the dressing-room by the payment of a small fee each term. The cost of a proposed counter for the purpose is given in Paper E., \$31 72. I recommend it be allowed.

The shops have been run as in the past, one-half day for educational purposes, one-half day for commercial purposes, and show small balances.

The matting throughout the building has become worn, the original cost was some \$450. It seems desirable to replace that in the Library at least, which would cost about \$90.

Mr. Van Osdel, at a recent visit to the University, said it would be well to run two supporting columns from the basement to the third floor as supports to the main stairway. I have had small ones put on the first floor, which seems to answer at that place for the present. Your attention is drawn to the matter.

I wish instruction from the Board in regard to the Matriculation Fees, which are deposited by the students upon entering the University. In cases where the Matriculation paper is not taken out, my custom has been to return the fee if the student left in a few days, or in the term, in case of illness. But there are students who have not taken their Matriculation papers, not having passed their conditions, who have been here two or more terms.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SHATTUCK,  
*Business Agent.*

"A."—Statement of Current Appropriations and Receipts.

	Appropriated.	Receipts.	Expended.	Unexpended
Salaries—Hayes and Robinson.....	\$180 00			
Salaries.....	18,120 00		18,176 28	123 72
Board expenses.....	230 00		202 25	27 75
Fuel and lights.....	2,500 00	234 00	1,177 39	1,556 61
Stationery and printing.....	300 00		162 88	137 12
St. & C.....			205 09	
Buildings and grounds.....	500 00	26 05	494 75	73 89
Incidental expenses.....	300 00	1 07	114 54	186 53
Centennial.....	150 00			
Mechanical Department.....	180 41	892 50	1,055 99	166 92
Architectural ".....	120 00	854 79	861 21	113 58
Agricultural ".....	146 52	4,635 35	4,173 84	608 03
Centennial.....	50 00			
Chemical ".....	229 77	333 98	653 28	60 57
Military and Gymnasium.....	265 00		81 22	183 78
Library and apparatus.....	500 00	5 10	305 63	199 47
Horticultural Department.....	136 84	250 09	485 96	101 03
Lt. & Current.....			36 80	
Physical Laboratory.....	950 00		18 41	894 79
Veterinarian Department, St. ....	1,088 02		252 06	835 96
Printing Offices St. ....	82 78		36 80	45 58
Sundries—Library tables.....	116 00		96 00	20 00
Sundries.....	68 00		20 00	
Civil Engineers Department—				
Case.....	60 00			108 00
Transit.....	550 00			550 00
Chicago Exposition.....	50 00		61 36	11 36
Kenis, 1/2 June salary.....	25 00		25 00	
Centennial Exposition.....	200 00		12 85	187 15
Stands.....	100 00			
Microscope, &c.....	100 00			200 00
Architectural model and table .....	35 00			35 00
Cabinet, bottles and Alcohol.....	75 00			75 00
Ladies Gymnasium.....	50 00		8 30	41 70
Silver's salary.....	100 00		100 00	
Insects for cabinets.....	10 00		10 00	
Engravings for reports.....	10 00			10 00
Experimental Farm.....		395 90	118 03	276 87

## "B."—Abstract of Warrants.

No.	To whom.	For what.	Amount.
142	L. R. Noble.....	Work in armory fall term, 1875 .....	\$14 75
143	A. M. Coffeen.....	Books.....	5 10
144	Dodson & Hodges.....	Hardware .....	45 46
145	E. V. Peterson.....	Stationery and books.....	24 95
146	G. A. Wild.....	Birds for cabinet.....	67 83
147	S. W. Shattuck.....	Petty expenses November, 1875.....	9 50
148	A. S. Barnes.....	Freight on box from Paris.....	11 96
149	W. P. Ward.....	Glazing .....	2 90
150	A. Snedaker.....	Castings.....	39 35
151	H. Swannell.....	Chemicals, blank books, etc .....	16 80
152	Fuller & Fuller.....	Glass.....	33 50
153	A. C. Taylor & Co.....	Chemicals.....	4 60
154	J. W. Butler & Co.....	Paper.....	14 65
155	E. N. McAllister.....	Postage, November, 1875.....	5 25
156	Ill. Cen. R. R. Co.....	Freight advanced.....	11 66
157	Stearns & Co.....	Hardware .....	4 00
158	Crane Bros. Manufacturing Co.....	1 bbl. stucco .....	5 90
159	Lyon & Healy.....	1 base drum-head.....	4 75
160	Crane Bros. Manufacturing Co.....	Pipe for boiler.....	13 12
161	Illinois Central Railroad Co.....	Freight for Sept., Oct., and Nov.....	395 10
162	Students' Pay-roll.....	November, 1875.....	272 68
163	Mechanical Department .....	Work for other departments.....	84 28
164	Architectural .....	" " " " .....	624 42
165	Experimental farm .....	Produce.....	395 90
166	E. L. Lawrence.....	Farm expense, November, 1875 .....	411 80
167	Agricultural Department.....	Work for other departments.....	554 85
168	Trevett & Green.....	Hardware .....	60 70
169	Illini .....	Advertising for 1875-6.....	60 00
170	Horticultural Department .....	Rent of house.....	85 90
171	D. B. Gillham .....	Board expense.....	20 50
172	Emory Cobb.....	Expense to Sept., Oct., and Dec. meeting.....	16 00
173	R. B. Mason.....	" " December " .....	6 50
174	W. C. Flagg.....	" " " " .....	16 50
175	J. H. Pickrell.....	" " " " .....	14 50
176	D. D. Sabin.....	" " " " .....	21 35
177	A. Blackburn.....	" " " " .....	22 20
178	J. J. Bird.....	" " " " .....	17 00
179	J. M. Gregory.....	Salary, December, 1875.....	333 33
180	S. W. Robinson.....	" " " " .....	166 66
181	T. J. Burrill.....	" " " " .....	166 66
182	S. W. Shattuck .....	" " " " .....	200 00
183	E. Snyder.....	" " " " .....	166 66
184	D. C. Taft.....	" " " " .....	166 66
185	J. B. Webb.....	" " " " .....	166 66
186	J. C. Pickard .....	" " " " .....	166 66
187	M. Miles.....	" " " " .....	250 00
188	N. C. Ricker.....	" " " " .....	125 00
189	J. D. Crawford.....	" " " " .....	125 00
190	H. A. Weber.....	" " " " .....	133 33
191	E. L. Lawrence.....	" " " " .....	100 00
192	C. E. Patchen.....	" " " " .....	50 00
193	Lou. C. Allen.....	" " " " .....	120 00
194	F. W. Prentice.....	" " " " .....	100 00
195	A. C. Swartz.....	" " " " .....	75 00
196	J. O. Baker.....	" " " " .....	60 00
197	F. A. Parsons.....	" " " " .....	70 00
198	E. A. Robinson.....	" " " " .....	100 00
199	M. A. Scovell.....	" " " " .....	40 00
200	A. E. Barnes.....	" " " " .....	40 00
201	J. Kenis.....	" " " " .....	60 00
202	C. J. Hays.....	" " " " .....	50 00
203	F. M. Palmer.....	" " fall term, 1875.....	35 00
204	J. R. Mann.....	" " " " .....	40 00
205	Thos. Naughton.....	3 1-5 Geo. glass.....	3 60
206	James Green.....	Thermometers and rain guage.....	11 00
207	W. B. Keen, Cooke & Co .....	Stationery.....	9 07
208	Joe Ness.....	Janitor service to Jan. 1, 1876 .....	20 00
209	A. A. Ullrich & Co .....	Hardware .....	13 01
210	A. B. Baker.....	Janitor service to Dec. 31, 1875.....	29 16
211	J. J. McAllister.....	Team work .....	2 00
212	John Wood.....	Copying record.....	2 40
213	Fuller & Fuller.....	Chemicals.....	46 35
214	T. G. Lansden.....	Gas Fixtures.....	5 75
215	Walker Bros.....	9 set castors .....	5 40
216	Wm. Nash.....	Cutting trees .....	2 00
217	Larrabee & North.....	Hardware .....	7 95

## "B."—Abstract of Warrants—Continued.

No.	To whom.	For what.	Amount.
218	J. W. Dunlap.....	1 cylinder oil cup.....	\$14 00
219	S. J. Sindam & Co.....	Hardware.....	5 84
220	Frank I. Man.....	Repairs of base of Institution.....	2 30
221	Benjamin & Wilson.....	Photographic apparatus.....	4 69
222	E. Miller.....	Oil cloth rug.....	2 00
223	Chicago Screw Co.....	Machine screws.....	2 64
224	Crane Bros., Manufacturing Co.....	Hardware.....	5 96
225	Abendroth & Roat, ".....	26 lbs gaskets.....	26 00
226	Students Pay Roll.....	Dec., 1875.....	169 26
227	Walter P. Ward.....	Glazing.....	1 40
228	I. B. & W. R. W. Co.....	Freight.....	5 93
229	Specialty Manufacturing Co.....	1 windmill.....	550 00
230	A. H. Andrews & Co.....	16 stools.....	17 60
231	E. N. McAllister.....	Postage, Dec., 1875.....	7 00
232	S. W. Shattuck.....	Petty expense.....	25 51
233	J. M. Gregory.....	Salaary, January, 1876.....	333 33
234	S. W. Robinson.....	" " " ".....	166 66
235	T. J. Burrill.....	" " " ".....	166 66
236	S. W. Shattuck.....	" " " ".....	200 00
237	E. Snyder.....	" " " ".....	166 66
238	D. C. Taft.....	" " " ".....	166 66
239	J. B. Webb.....	" " " ".....	166 66
240	J. C. Pickard.....	" " " ".....	166 66
241	M. Miles.....	" " " ".....	250 00
242	N. C. Ricker.....	" " " ".....	125 00
243	J. D. Crawford.....	" " " ".....	125 00
244	H. A. Weber.....	" " " ".....	133 33
245	E. L. Lawrence.....	" " " ".....	100 00
246	Charlotte E. Patchin.....	" " " ".....	50 00
247	Lou. C. Allen.....	" " " ".....	120 00
248	F. W. Prentice.....	" " " ".....	100 00
249	A. C. Swartz.....	" " " ".....	75 00
250	J. O. Baker.....	" " " ".....	60 00
251	F. A. Parsons.....	" " " ".....	70 00
252	E. A. Robinson.....	" " " ".....	100 00
253	M. A. Scovell.....	" " " ".....	40 00
254	A. E. Barnes.....	" " " ".....	40 00
255	J. Kenis.....	" " " ".....	60 00
256	C. J. Hays.....	" " " ".....	50 00
257	A. B. Baker.....	" " " ".....	90 00
258	Joe Ness.....	" " " ".....	20 00
259	J. E. Bumsted.....	" " " ".....	10 00
260	E. Hume.....	" " " ".....	75 00
261	Enterprise Coal Co.....	10 cars coal.....	151 60
262	N. C. Thayer.....	Chemicals.....	8 25
263	A. C. Swartz.....	1 qr. crayon paper.....	3 60
264	Fuller & Fuller.....	Chemicals.....	21 43
265	Agricultural Department.....	Farm expense Dec., 1875.....	127 97
266	C. and U. Gas Co.....	Gas bill Oct., Nov. & Dec.....	247 80
267	E. B. Benjamin.....	Chemicals and apparatus.....	131 49
268	Crane Bros., Manufacturing Co.....	Hardware.....	62 78
269	Edwin H. Hume.....	Salary from Nov. 4 to Dec. 31, 1875.....	140 00
270	J. M. Gregory.....	Salary for February, 1876.....	333 33
271	S. W. Robinson.....	" " " ".....	166 66
272	T. J. Burrill.....	" " " ".....	166 66
273	S. W. Shattuck.....	" " " ".....	200 00
274	E. Snyder.....	" " " ".....	166 66
275	D. C. Taft.....	" " " ".....	166 66
276	J. B. Webb.....	" " " ".....	166 66
277	J. C. Pickard.....	" " " ".....	166 66
278	M. Miles.....	" " " ".....	250 00
279	N. C. Ricker.....	" " " ".....	125 00
280	J. D. Crawford.....	" " " ".....	125 00
281	H. A. Weber.....	" " " ".....	133 33
282	E. L. Lawrence.....	" " " ".....	100 00
283	C. E. Patchin.....	" " " ".....	50 00
284	Lou. C. Allen.....	" " " ".....	120 00
285	F. W. Prentice.....	" " " ".....	100 00
286	A. C. Swartz.....	" " " ".....	75 00
287	J. O. Baker.....	" " " ".....	60 00
288	F. A. Parsons.....	" " " ".....	70 00
289	E. A. Robinson.....	" " " ".....	100 00
290	M. A. Scovell.....	" " " ".....	40 00
291	A. E. Barnes.....	" " " ".....	40 00
292	J. Kenis.....	" " " ".....	60 00
293	C. J. Hays.....	" " " ".....	50 00
294	A. B. Baker.....	" " " ".....	90 00

"B."—*Abstract of Warrants*—Concluded.

No.	To whom.	For what.	Amount.
295	Joe Ness.....	Salary for February, 1876.....	\$20 00
296	J. E. Bumsted .....	“ “ .....	10 00
297	E. H. Hume .....	“ “ .....	75 00
298	Stearns & Co.....	2 barrels stucco.....	7 00
299	C. E. Mann.....	Services as janitor and fireman.....	70 84
300	Crane & Bros. Manufacturing Co.....	Cutting geers and hardware.....	35 74
301	Yale Lock Manufacturing Co.....	One-half dozen locks.....	4 95
302	J. Munsell.....	Books .....	14 00
303	Jones & Laughlin .....	Hardware .....	8 46
304	Enterprise Coal Company.....	10 cars coal .....	160 50
305	E. N. McAllister.....	Postage for January.....	16 67
306	Trevett & Green.....	Hardware .....	6 20
307	Goodnow & Wightman.....	Hardware .....	15 66
308	Thomas Naughton.....	Glass for photographs .....	1 00
309	M. E. Lapham.....	Lumber .....	6 83
310	Weeks Bros.....	Moving lumber.....	2 00
312	H. R. Cabrey.....	2 pair sample chevrons.....	2 25
313	Western Electric Manufactur'g Co.....	25 pounds line wire No. 12.....	3 75
315	Agricultural Department.....	Farm expense January.....	202 54
316	Students' pay-roll.....	January, 1876.....	244 82
317	S. W. Shattuck.....	Petty expense January.....	16 10
311	Lou C. Allen.....	Expenses for Ladies' Gymnasium.....	8 30
314	Fuller & Fuller.....	Tilters.....	30 00
318	A. H. Andrews.....	3 dozen lineal measure pointers.....	8 10
319	J. W. Bunn.....	Salary for six months.....	250 00

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S. W. SHATTUCK, *Business Agent,*

## "C."—Unaudited Bills.

No.	To whom.	For what.	Amount.
319	S. W. Shattuck .....	Petty expense.....	\$17 38
320	Civil Engineering Dept.....	Hardware.....	14 75
321	Illinois Central Railroad.....	Freight for Dec., Jan. and Feb.....	627 90
322	J. W. Bunn.....	Salary as Treasurer for six months.....	250 00
323	C. & U. Gas Co.....	Gas bill January and February.....	207 28
324	A. Swannell.....	Stationery, chemicals, &c.....	27 17
325	Enterprise Coal Co.....	Ten cars of Coal.....	143 00
326	J. S. Pickard.....	3,000 sheets of paper.....	9 00
327	Wensel Morava.....	Service in Armory, winter term.....	7 26
328	F. M. Palmer.....	Service as Adjutant, winter term.....	30 00
329	F. I. Mann.....	Three band instruments.....	5 75
330	J. R. Mann .....	Service as Leader of Gymnasium, winter term...	30 00
331	L. Taft.....	Work on plaster bracket for Armory.....	15 00
332	Straiton & Stoven .....	One bale of stems.....	5 00
333	Fuller & Fuller.....	Chemicals.....	14 90
334	Geo. W. Call.....	Plow beam, handles, &c.....	7 75
335	Leuborns & Secretan.....	Apparatus.....	10 44
336	Bent & Smith.....	Six brooms.....	3 00
337	Champaign Co. Gazette.....	Stationery, advertising, etc.....	39 05
338	Fuller & Fuller.....	Glass.....	8 48
339	New England Subscription Agen'y	Periodicals.....	99 20
340	Zell & Francis.....	Two barrels of Alcohol.....	46 00
341	J. B. Roberts & Co.....	One Scroptican.....	25 00
342	Jonce & Laughlins.....	Hardware.....	6 46
343	Horticultural Department.....	Work for other departments.....	3 63
344	A. Binder.....	Cleaning 10 chimneys.....	7 50
345	Crane Bros. Manufacturing Co.....	Hardware.....	2 47
346	Trewett & Green.....	Hardware.....	3 10
347	A. Brown.....	Cutting door in wall.....	6 25
348	T. Doty & Co.....	Coal.....	18 00
349	Elliott Bros.....	Physical apparatus.....	400 00
350	J. M. Gregory.....	Freight on apparatus from Europe.....	12 50
351	J. B. Webb.....	Expense Engineering Department.....	8 93
352	Dodson & Hodges.....	Hardware.....	13 11
353	A. Snideker.....	Castings.....	35 33
354	Benerman & Wilson.....	Photo apparatus.....	7 92
355	Jno. R. Barrett.....	Fifty book binders.....	10 00
356	Agricultural Department.....	Farm expense, Feb.....	571 25
357	E. N. McAllister.....	Postage.....	14 59
358	Carl Schuman.....	Apparatus.....	38 00
359	I. B. & W. R. R.....	Freight.....	45 76
360	Students' Pay-Roll.....	February, 1876.....	234 25
361	D. O. Butterfield.....	One barrel of prepared clay.....	5 00
362	Mechanical Department.....	Work for other departments.....	182 22
363	Architectural Department.....	Work for other departments.....	382 07
364	Buildings and Grounds.....	Transfer credit.....	181 55
365	Chemical Department.....	Chemicals for Physical Laboratory.....	116 04
366	Chemical Department.....	Apparatus for ".....	13 99
367	Mechanical Department.....	Work for ".....	84 64
368	Agricultural Department.....	Work for other departments.....	138 45

The bills presented for payment were audited and allowed.  
The Board adjourned to meet at the Doane House at 7:30 P. M.

## EVENING SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The Board met as per adjournment.

The report of the Business Agent was taken up. An appropriation of \$35 was made for counters for the young men's dressing rooms.

The matter of putting in supporting columns for the center stairway, was referred to the executive committee.

It was resolved that the deposit of \$10 for matriculation fee by such students as are admitted on conditions is not to be returned except in case a student leaving for sickness during the first term. The Regent, Dr. J. M. Gregory, then read his report.

## REPORT OF REGENT.

### *To the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University:*

With this meeting opens the tenth year since the first Board of Trustees of the University met and organized at Springfield. Eight years of actual work as a university have been completed, and the measure of success attained affords the most gratifying evidence of the soundness of the ideas on which the university was founded, and gives the most certain assurance of the large success which awaits it. The records show the following attendance in the several years:

For term closing June 1868.....	77
For year " " 1869.....	112
" " " 1870.....	180
" " " 1871.....	278
" " " 1872.....	381
" " " 1873.....	400
" " " 1874.....	406
" " " 1875.....	374
" " to March 1876.....	385

It will be observed that the increase was regular and rapid up to the year 1873-4, when the great financial panic which struck the country began to make its influence felt on all the higher institutions of learning, our own as well as others. But the present year, though the hard times still continue, begins again to show increase, and the outlook promises a much more rapid enlargement in the years immediately to come, provided the institution shall continue to deserve and retain the public confidence.

It is gratifying to know that the University has at last surmounted the hostile and injurious criticism which so hotly assailed it in its earlier years, and did so much to injure its proper growth. Not a single paper in the State, so far as I know, now holds a hostile attitude, nor a single writer, unless it may be some one or two disappointed men, who can find little good in those who failed to find the required good in them. Nor is this triumph of the University merely negative—the simple cessation of complaints. The University has been visited by large numbers of intelligent observers, men of all classes, and large public bodies, Legislative committees, Educational and Medical conventions, and the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. And from all parties, without exception, there have come nothing but expressions of surprise at the extent and power of the University, and approbation of its plans and methods. I shall have the pleasure to lay before you the resolutions of the Wayne County Grange based upon the reports carried home to them by their delegates to the State Grange, at their late meeting in this city. Our last catalogue contains a letter signed by the members of the Legislative committees sent to inspect the institution, and commending it in strong terms to the confidence and patronage of the citizens of the State. From newspaper articles in my possession, written by regular correspondents who have visited us, I might quote to you additional testimony to the high position the University has come to hold in the public esteem. I recall now their favorable judgments, not because of the personal satisfaction they may afford the Trustees or myself, but as indications of the progress made, and as sure promises and precursors of the rapid growth to come.

But our success has not been simply that of large numbers and public approval. Our plans and methods of instruction have worked out valuable results. Obligated, like all other young institutions, to receive a large part of its students with a low grade of preparation, the University has succeeded in imparting to these students a degree of scholarship and culture which, while differing in kind, falls but little if any short of that given to their more thoroughly prepared matriculants by the oldest and best institutions of the country. Our commencements and frequent public exercises in which the students have borne part, have, in the judgment of good critics, and I must add in my own, exhibited a scope of information, a power of thought and expression, and a justness of taste rarely surpassed in the American Colleges. And our students coming into contact with the students of other colleges, in their inter-collegiate conventions, have shown a mastery of business and a readiness and power in debate which commanded the respect of their associates. Nor ought I to forget to mention that it was one of our students who took the first prize for oratory in the last inter-collegiate contest. It is too soon, our graduates are all too recently at work, to tell how their education will stand the sterner tests of practical life; but if the zeal with which they pursued their studies here, and the rate of progress which they showed do not fail them, we may look confidently for the riper results. As to the special aims of their study, as Agriculture, Engineering, &c., we must probably wait still longer to test the final success of our methods. Our several schools of Agriculture, Horticulture, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Architecture and Chemistry will exhibit at Philadelphia students' work of which they need not be ashamed. Many of our students of Agriculture have gone back to their farms. Several of our young Civil Engineers hold responsible places on the Lake Survey and on Western railroads; one, at least, of our Architects has won a separate place among the Architects of Chicago, while a good number of Mechanical Engineers and Chemists are pursuing their proper work in their own or other people's establishments. But, doubtless, as always with the graduates who have their own capital to collect, many have gone temporarily to other employments than those for which they were educated, and which offered them a readier pathway to their goal; while some, using the freedom which our country allows its children, have sought in the Teacher's calling or other professional careers the needful daily bread and the possible emoluments and honors which we all covet and catch when we can.

As was to be expected, our graduates have not yet become numerous in proportion to our attendance. In all higher institutions, and in young ones more than in the old, many students drop out of their classes by the way and fail to complete their course. In these eight years we have matriculated 1,098 students, and graduated (including present graduating class) only 116; but our

graduating classes annually increase, and when we can secure a better preparation in those who come, we may hope for greater perseverance in their studies. Nor ought we to regard our work as wasted on those who stay but a year and fail to finish any course of studies. They may fail to reflect honor on the University, as the full graduate can, but their lives will be the brighter and their work the better for the studies they have taken.

To sum up the results thus far attained, we may count the verdict on the side of industrial education. Its feasibility and value are more firmly established; its true methods are becoming better known.

I hand the Board herewith the report of the several chief instructors, of the work of the term. I need not occupy your time at this meeting, which occurs in the midst of the year, with any detailed statement of our several colleges and Schools. At the close of the year, I may more appropriately offer my suggestions.

#### THE CATALOGUE.

The unusual demand for our annual catalogues exhausted, several weeks ago, the supply and the new one should be issued as soon as practicable. As it is the Centennial year, and our exhibition at Philadelphia will create an unusual demand, and afford a favorable opportunity for the distribution of catalogues and circulars, will it not be wise to publish a much larger number than in other years, and if necessary, diminish for the time our advertisements through other mediums? I would suggest, also, the propriety of adding to the illustrations a full-page engraving, on which may be grouped all the College edifices of all sorts.

#### PRELIMINARY YEAR OF STUDIES.

After careful consideration, the Faculty have concurred in asking the Board to provide for a year of preliminary studies, to be required of all students before entering any of the Colleges. It is recommended that this course consist of the scientific studies and Algebra, now required for admission, and of the Geometry and two terms of English now making a part of the first year; these studies to be arranged as follows:

First Term—Algebra, Bookkeeping, Physiology.

Second Term—Algebra and Geometry, English, Natural Philosophy.

Third Term—Geometry, English, Botany.

I recommend the addition or substitution in place of the last studies mentioned in each term, preparatory studies in Latin and Greek for those students who are candidates for the College of Literature and Arts.

The Faculty also recommended, as will be seen by reference to their resolution herewith communicated, that no student be matriculated without passing an examination in the studies of this year, and that an extra charge be made for instruction in these studies, sufficient to defray all the expense thereof.

The adoption of this year will accomplish three desirable objects. First, it will give some much-needed facilities to students who come to us unprepared for our higher studies. Secondly, it will raise the standard of admission to our proper college courses, and give to those courses much more of completeness and value. Thirdly, it will relieve our already overloaded funds from the burthen of providing free instruction in elementary studies, which ought to be taken in the High Schools of the State. The students of this year would pay no matriculation fee till they were prepared to enter some one of the colleges, and a tuition fee of \$15 the term would cover the expense of instruction. The measure, for these and other reasons, seems to me evidently wise and timely.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

The Faculty have spent much time over a revision of the several courses of study, to accommodate them to the proposed preliminary course and to remove some other discrepancies which had crept in the successive publications of our annual catalogues. These revisions I have sought to embody in the scheme of courses I herewith present, with some slight modifications which seem to me necessary to meet the declared and settled aims of the institution. The course in Agriculture is not yet agreed upon. I recommend that three courses be adopted and ordered printed in the new catalogue.

#### WANTS.

I communicate herewith, reports from several of the professors asking appropriations for the wants of their several departments. I need not enumerate these here, but submit them with a recommendation that you give them liberal consideration. If all cannot be granted, a wise discrimination may be made in favor of departments which have shared least in your former appropriations.

#### THE CENTENNIAL.

Since your last meeting much progress has been made in our preparations to take part in the great Centennial Exhibition. At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Commissioners, I have consented, in your absence, that our exhibition should be made in company with that of the general educational exhibit. As the educators of the State have undertaken to raise the necessary funds to transport and care for the State exhibit, it relieves us from the necessity of sending a special agent with our material, and remove some of the solicitude we might feel for the loss of articles we shall exhibit. Additional appropriations will be needed to complete our preparations and furnish some of the frames and fixtures for the exhibit. I recommend that you authorize the Regent and Faculty to select the articles to be sent. In some cases there should be included some of the apparatus of instruction, as illustrating our methods. As the State exhibit is to be under the constant care of a special agent on the ground, this apparatus will be entirely safe from injury.

#### ART GALLERY.

The last purchases for the Art Gallery are now on their way from New York, having recently arrived from Paris. When these are in place, the work I undertook will be complete and the University will be in possession of an Art collection which has few equals on this continent, and



which is already proving not only its attractive power, but is exerting an influence upon the spirit and culture of our students of no mean quality or importance. The collection has been made with no expense to your funds except that of fitting up the room, and a small allowance of freights, I am making a final effort to properly frame the valuable photographs which would otherwise soon be ruined. I have raised some funds for this purpose, but as the amount is still insufficient, I would respectfully ask an appropriation, not exceeding \$80, for this use. A part of this sum is already due to the shop for some swinging frames for which I am responsible unless the Board choose to assume it. As the collection is now the property of the University, it seems just then that it shall be preserved from harm and loss.

The reports I transmit give so full a statement of our wants that I need not detain you to argue them separately.

Before closing this report there remains to me one more duty to perform. It is to announce to you my fixed purpose to offer you my resignation at the close of this college year in June next. I owe it to you and to the University to give you this timely notice of my intention that you may have ample time to provide for the emergency that will then arise. I am happy in the belief that our beloved University has reached a point in its history when no one man can be necessary to its prosperity, and that I am permitted to close my long and difficult labors in the midst of an outlook of coming good so full of brightness. No one of you can feel the pain that I shall in severing the ties which have grown through these long years of hard but happy toil, but I shall quit the post to which your kindness raised me with the best wishes for all connected with the institution and a humble prayer to Almighty God for its continued success and usefulness.

J. M. GREGORY,  
*Regent.*

The report was received.

On motion, Judge Brown, Messrs. Flagg, Gardner, and Blackburn were appointed a committee to which was referred the opening and closing portions of the Regent's report.

The Board adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., March 15, 1876.

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