

SEPTEMBER 12, 1876.

The Board assembled in the University parlor at 4 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the President.

Present—Messrs. Byrd, Cobb, Gardner, Mason, and Piekrell.

Absent—Governor Beveridge, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Flagg, Gillham, and Sabin.

The Board then took a recess to attend Chapel exercises.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the following corrections made in the By-Laws then adopted:

Article XI. "Quarterly," changed to "monthly."

Article XII. Section 1, Omit the words: "At the seat of the College at least quarterly, or."

Article XII. Section 4 was struck out.

Thus corrected the minutes were approved.

The record of the meeting of the Executive Committee, was also read and approved.

The reports of the Regent and the Business Agent were next read and received.

REGENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University:

GENTLEMEN—In meeting you again, I owe it as a duty to you and to myself to announce to you formally my answer to your urgent request to me to withdraw the resignation which I placed in your hands at your last meeting. Your somewhat hasty adjournment prevented any reply at that meeting.

The desire which had been growing in my mind for several years, to be released from so heavy a burden, and to be left free to complete some long-cherished plans of literary labor, caused me to feel an intense reluctance to resume cares and responsibilities which, heavy in themselves, had been rendered far heavier by an unjust and often ignorant newspaper criticism. But the almost unprecedented unanimity and extraordinary urgency with which the faculty, the alumni, and the students of the University, and the people of this county, and to some extent of the State at large, and last, but not least, the Board of Trustees, asked my continuance, scarcely left me any liberty of choice. Your own prompt and kindly action removed the more immediate difficulties in my way, and I consented, though with a somewhat painful hesitation, to take up again the office I had laid down.

The grandeur of this great public interest, its importance to the State and to the always sacred cause of education, will not allow me to make my new term of service any less earnest and hearty than the past. I can only hope that the public concern so unexpectedly shown may portend for the University a future growth commensurate with the greatness of the interests at stake.

In resuming my work let me state briefly some of the principles which have guided me hitherto, and which must still guide me in the future:

When I accepted, at the outset, the position so suddenly and unexpectedly offered me, I was sustained by the belief that I knew and could use the chief agencies for success. I had watched for years the progress and growth of American colleges, and especially those in the west. I had seen them languish through a feeble infancy for lack of that public sympathy which their Presidents and Faculties took too little care to win, and I determined that this University should not be allowed to suffer from this source, so far as my own efforts could prevent it. I accepted, therefore, eagerly every fit opportunity to meet the great public. I visited and addressed agricultural and horticultural societies, teachers' conventions and institutes, religious and social gatherings. I spoke at State and county fairs, delivered lectures, preached sermons, wrote articles, and met the people in their homes, schools, churches, and other assemblies. Everywhere I laid before them the great and noble public aims which filled my own mind, and which I believed ought to influence theirs.

I have no doubt that these labors contributed largely to the early success of the University; I only wish that my strength would permit me to continue these public efforts, but they are too hard and exhausting to be endured by any one for a long period. During the first year or two the Trustees paid my traveling expenses, since that time I have made no charge; usually, but not always, receiving enough to cover all expenses. I mention this because it has been published that I was away lecturing, etc., for my own profit, to the neglect of my duties at home. I have, not infrequently, taken the cars after my work was done for the day, gone to a distant town, lectured and returned the same night to be at my post the next day. Frequently I have been left to pay my own bills, and in many other cases I have given the proceeds to the University. In this way I earned, alone, the money to buy the organ used in our Chapel, and some of the means for our Art Gallery was raised in the same way. During the past vacation I have made ten public ad-

dresses before teachers' institutes, and as far as my health will allow, I hope to continue to do both the University and public service in this way. I need not assure you that no such labors will be permitted to interfere with my duties to the University.

It is the common usage of the College Presidents of this country to attend and aid the great national societies of an educational and scientific character. It is regarded as a proper contribution to the public good, and as reflecting beneficially upon the institutions thus represented. I have not deemed it fit that a great State institution like this should fail in its duty to the public, though I have been obliged to decline more invitations of this sort than I have accepted. I believe that in all this I have acted in accordance with your judgment as well as my own.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GREGORY, *Regent.*

REPORT OF BUSINESS AGENT.

To EMERY COBB, Esq., *President Board of Trustees, Illinois Industrial University :*

SIR—I have the honor to make herewith the usual report as Business Agent, for the six months ending September 1, 1876.

Paper "A" shows the appropriations and expenditures under the same for the six months. It also shows the collections made by the Business Agent in that time.

Paper "B" is a statement of the State appropriations.

Paper "C" gives a list of bills presented for auditing, and the warrants drawn since the June meeting.

There is an unsettled account with Carl Schuman, resulting from an order made in 1871 for mining models, which order he claims is not yet filled. Paper "D" is his statement of the case. Dr. Gregory informs me that he thinks the original order amounted to over \$1,000; \$848.13 has been paid by the University, and a balance of 38 thalers audited. With the last bill, he sent a list of apparatus which he intended to manufacture, costing 489 thalers.

The University machine shop was in operation in the months of June and July, with fair results.

The carpenter shop was closed for the vacation. Both shops have a good amount of stock and tools, though the blackwalnut, the purchase of which was authorized at your last meeting, should be got at an early day. One carload of pine lumber was purchased last month.

The University dormitories have been put in better condition than usual. Under the authority given at the June meeting, 10 rooms in the main dormitory were made into double rooms, and with the advice of Dr. Gregory and Mr. Gardner, 10 additional ones were changed in the same manner. In all of these 20 rooms one of each suit formed had not been chosen for the present year. It seems necessary that the prices of the rooms throughout should be determined at an early day so that when charges are made the University should have the advantage of the improvements made, etc.

The windows on the court in the Library and Cabinet have been stopped with a nine-inch brick wall at a cost of \$12 per window. The stairway has been supported from the ground, so that it is considered perfectly secure.

Arrangements have been made for closing the grating in the baseboards where the cold air comes through them.

The second furnace has been reset in the most thorough manner. The heating apparatus is now in better condition than ever before.

A counter with 100 boxes for coats, etc., has been made in the young men's dressing room, and 200 brass checks have been purchased for use in connection. The water closets have been overhauled and it is thought the ventilation of them improved. Your attention is asked to the communication of the Marshal of Urbana, in regard to sidewalks—paper "E." The walk referred to has been repaired every year, but the plank are many of them pulled up and carried away. I have had them all taken up since the receipt of the Marshal's letter.

The Janitor tells me that with heavy rains the double spouts on the west side of the building are not sufficient, that they seem clear but do not take the water fast enough. The drain from the spout is a six inch one, which is quite large enough.

At the request of Dr. Gregory, some 34 photographic views of the University departments have been framed, with the intention of placing them in the Chicago Exposition. The secretary has assigned the University a very good space for the purpose. The cost of getting them in place and having the property returned may be \$20, and it may be much less. In the same connection, a large number of catalogues could be distributed.

I transmitted to Mr. Hume, late of the Agricultural Department, \$25, allowed him by the Trustees for services in June. I received in place of a receipt asked for, the letter marked "F," of this report.

In closing this, my last report, as Business Agent of the University, allow me to offer you and the members of the Board of Trustees, my thanks for the confidence placed in me during the three years I have acted as such.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SHATTUCK.

Recess taken till 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

After re-assembling, the bills presented were audited and allowed.

The action of the Business Agent in regard to discontinuing the order for mining models was confirmed.

The question of prices for students' rooms was referred to a committee consisting of the Regent and Mr. Gardner.

It was voted that Mr. Peter Roos be employed as Teacher of Industrial Drawing and Designing at a salary of \$75 per month, for twelve months.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M.