

## PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES—SEPTEMBER, 1885.

The Board met at the University parlor on Tuesday, September 8, 1885, at 3:30 P. M.

Present—Trustees Bennett, Eisenmayer, Earle, Follansbee, McLean, Millard and Pearman.

Absent—Governor Oglesby, Trustees Landrigan, Cobb and Paden.

The minutes of the last two meetings were approved.

The Regent, Dr. Peabody, then read his report, which was received and laid over for further consideration.

### REGENT'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to instructions given me at your last meeting, and since then by the Executive Committee, efforts have been made to fill suitably the vacancies in the corps of instruction.

The professorship of mining engineering has been tendered to Professor Theodore B. Comstock, of Cleveland, Ohio. He was graduated at Cornell University, and was afterwards a professor there, and has had an experience of several years as a superintendent of mines in Colorado. In both capacities, as instructor and as miner, he brings an excellent record. He has accepted the position, and will enter upon his duties at the beginning of the year. His salary will be \$1,800 per annum.

The professorship of rhetoric and oratory has been offered to Professor James H. Brownlee, of the Southern Normal University at Carbondale, Ill., at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. He holds the question of acceptance under advisement.

Miss Josephine A. Cass has been engaged as instructor in ancient languages and acting preceptress. She is a graduate of Wellesley College, Mass., and has taught some years in the preparatory department of that institution.

Miss Helen B. Gregory, one of our own alumni, and a lady well and favorably known to many of you, has been engaged as instructor in modern languages.

I am not prepared to make any report in the department of veterinary science. An extended canvass has not found the person to whom this important subject should be intrusted. It is probable that some temporary arrangement, as contemplated in your instructions of last meeting, will carry this work forward until a suitable appointment can be made.

With this exception, the ranks of the corps of instruction are filled, and all arrangements are completed for carrying forward efficiently the work of the coming year. The indications are good for a full attendance.

### IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

The work on the fire-walls in the mansard roof approaches completion. The brickwork and plastering are done; tinner's work and most of the carpenter's work is finished. The decoration of the society halls must wait a little for the thorough drying of the walls. The expenditures in this account thus far amount to \$1,490.35. The whole of this improvement will cost considerably less than the original estimates.

Some work will be done this fall upon the improvement of ventilation, but most of this must now go over until another season.

The improvements in the zoölogical laboratory, and in fitting up quarters for the State Laboratory of Natural History, have been more expensive than was anticipated. The bills thus far amount to \$519.19, while the estimates were but \$400. Of this expense about \$100

should be charged to account of improved ventilation, a very important item in this place, and about \$50 to expense of concreting the ground under the floor, found to be necessary when the floor was taken up.

To provide for the deficiency in this work, and to complete it, an appropriation of \$250 is needed in addition to that made before.

There is also needed a farther appropriation for tables, desks, sinks and other furniture, to fit this department for service; \$400 is asked for this purpose.

The changes and repairs in the janitor's apartments are completed. These also have exceeded the estimates. They have cost \$360.99; the appropriations made were \$280, and the deficiency needs to be provided for.

Nothing of importance has been done towards building the Halfway House. The work at the University has had the preference, because it had to be finished before the close of the vacation. The Halfway House will next receive attention, and will be pushed to a speedy conclusion. I have urged the architect to revise his plans, with a view to lessening the expense in a way which shall not detract from the utility or beauty of the structure.

The library floor has been relaid at a cost of \$145.77. Appropriation for same, \$150.

Upon the improvements in the carpenter shop \$117.88 has been expended. The work is not quite complete, but the appropriation, \$150, is sufficient.

The purchases of tools and machinery for the shops are still under advisement. The machines will be in place as soon as needed. Much care has been exercised in their selection.

The changes in the engravings for diploma, certificate and seal, required by the change of name of the University, are nearly completed. They will cost \$164, instead of the sum estimated heretofore.

I present the report of the Professor of Agriculture. His request for \$120 for repairs on his dwelling should be granted.

Professor Forbes asks the following items:

For purchase of material for dissection in the Zoological Laboratory, \$50.

For painting casts of fishes, and for boxes for display of insects for the museum, \$200.

Also, the following items for the expenses of the State Laboratory of Natural History for the ensuing quarter:

For field, office and incidental expenses of the laboratory .....	\$150 00
For traveling, office and incidental expenses of the State Entomologist .....	150 00
For the library .....	250 00
For pay of assistants .....	750 00
For publication of bulletin .....	75 00

The sums are all pro rata of the State appropriations for this department.

An appropriation of \$250 is asked for additional apparatus for assaying, and for repairs in the assaying room of the chemical laboratory.

I recommend that authority be given the usual committee to expend the State appropriations for the current year for books and publications, as follows:

For periodicals .....	\$300 00
For binding, not to exceed .....	200 00
For new books, the balance of the appropriation of \$1,500.	

¶The summary of special appropriations asked at this time is as follows:

For deficiency in repairs Zoological Laboratory and Laboratory of Natural History (B. & G.) .....	\$250 00
For furnishing same in part (current) .....	400 00
For deficiency in repairs, janitor's rooms (B. & G.) .....	80 99
For repairs of house of Professor of Agriculture (farm) .....	120 00
For current expenses State Laboratory N. H., as asked by its director, for the quarter .....	1375 00
For expenses Zoological Laboratory for material (cab.) .....	50 00
For casts of fishes and boxes for insects (cab.) .....	200 00
For apparatus and repairs in assaying room, Chemical Laboratory (C. P. & B. Lab's) .....	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. PEABODY, *Regent*.

The report from the Professor of Agriculture was read and referred to the Farm Committee. Trustee Earle was appointed to serve on that committee *pro tem.*, vice Trustee Cobb, absent.

#### REPORT OF PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE.

URBANA, Ill., Sept. 1, 1885.

*Dr. S. H. Peabody, Regent:*

SIR: I respectfully present the following memoranda of the work of the University farm during the three months ending with this date:

The receipts have been .....	\$1,094 56
Expenditures have aggregated .....	1,514 60

Sales have been somewhat less than usual during corresponding time. The expenses connected with harvesting and threshing have made the outlay greater than during the other quarters of the year.

With a few exceptions of minor importance, the work appropriate to the season has been promptly done. The extreme heat during the latter part of July added to the discomfort and cost of the oat and hay harvest. These crops were well secured, and the oats threshed from the field. The yields were fair.

We had 2,464 bushels of oats, machine measure; 70 bushels of timothy seed. Because of the severe winter, nearly all the wheat sown last fall had been plowed up in the spring, so that we only had a crop of 17 bushels. Of hay we have about 180 tons, aside from 10 tons of timothy straw. The oat straw was well stacked, and is more than usually good.

Pastures have kept in good condition, aside from a remarkable growth of weeds.

Hedge trimming and drawing of manure is nearly completed. We have plowed a few acres for wheat sowing.

As a whole the live stock has done well. We have a reasonable supply of lambs and pigs for sale for breeding purposes.

Feeding of a car-load of steers for sale was commenced August 20; also of a few cows and heifers not desirable to be retained for breeding.

A well bred and good Jersey bull has been obtained in exchange for a heifer calf.

Our corn crop promises to be better than for four years past. Most of it is already secure from injury from frost.

An exhibit of cattle, lambs, and some farm products, was made at the recent county fair.

There has been a noticeable increase in the requests received for information on agricultural questions, for special articles for the agricultural press, for addresses, etc. I count this an encouraging evidence of increased interest in our work.

Accompanying this is a copy of a bulletin just issued giving some results in our breeding and feeding on the farms.

The roof of the house where I reside and some of the flooring need renewing. The estimated cost is \$120.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. MORROW.

*Professor of Agriculture.*

The following report from Professor S. A. Forbes was read and laid over for further consideration:

URBANA, ILL., Sept. 7, 1885.

*To the Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to nominate, in accordance with the law, the following named persons as assistants in the State Laboratory of Natural History, to serve until otherwise ordered:

For Entomological Assistants—Thomas F. Hunt, at \$40 a month; Clarence M. Weed, at \$40 per month.

For Botanical Assistant—Charles F. Hart, at \$45 a month.

For amanuensis—Miss Mary J. Snyder, at \$45 a month.

I would further like to be empowered to engage Prof. T. J. Burrill and Mr. F. S. Earle for certain services relating to the botanical survey of the State—the latter for such time as may be necessary, (within the limit of the appropriations made for botanical assistance), at the rate of \$83½ a month, and the former for the gross sum of \$300 for the current year.

If you deem it necessary that I should be formally authorized to engage such other miscellaneous assistants as the work may require and as the funds available will enable me to pay, I respectfully request that such authority be given me once for all, as it will be obviously impossible to submit the names of such assistants in advance, at the regular meetings of the Board.

It seems to me advisable that the Director of the Laboratory should be given general power to suspend assistants, for cause, until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Very respectfully,

S. A. FORBES, *Director of Laboratory.*

The Executive Committee submitted the following report:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of Illinois was held at Chicago on the 21st day of July, 1885. Present: Emory Cobb and S. M. Millard.

Professor Ricker made a report of the needs of the University and the necessity for fire walls and ventilation.

Whereupon the committee took the following action:

WHEREAS, \$4,500 was appropriated by the department to extend the fire walls of the University and for ventilation; therefore,

*Resolved.* That the Regent, and Professors Ricker and Shattuck be, and are hereby, appointed a committee, and are hereby authorized to proceed at once to build fire walls in the mansard roof of the main building of the University, and with the additional ventilation according to plans submitted.

*Resolved.* That the committee procure material and let contracts for the extension of said walls, having regard to the needs of the society rooms. That all contracts be let to the lowest responsible bidder. That so far as can be done this material and labor be furnished by the committee on the best possible terms, and that the whole work be done under the personal supervision of the committee.

*Resolved.* That iron doors of substantial make be placed between the rooms where necessary on the fourth floor of the building.

*Resolved.* That it is the sense of this committee that the work should be done well, but with economy, and that if the amount appropriated will warrant, the ceiling under the fourth floor over the main hall should be made of iron laths and heavily plastered and made fire-proof as nearly as possible.

*Resolved.* That the committee above appointed investigate the subject of permanent water supply for the University, and report to the Board at its September meeting the results of their investigations, giving cost, amount of water, character, and all information they can obtain on the subject.

*Resolved.* That \$50 be appropriated to make the additional changes requested by Mr. Baker.

Whereupon the committee adjourned.

S. M. MILLARD,

EMORY COBB.

*Executive Committee.*

The report of the Executive Committee was approved, and their action, as set forth therein, was confirmed.

The Executive Committee further reported as follows:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of Illinois was held in Chicago August 17, 1885, at the office of S. M. Millard.

Present—Messrs. Millard and Pearman.

Dr. Peabody, Regent, appeared before the committee and reported progress in securing needed instructors for the University, naming Professor Theodore B. Comstock, of Cleveland, Ohio, late of Cornell University, to the chair of Mining Engineering.

On motion, the Regent was authorized to appoint Professor Comstock to the chair named at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

On motion, the Regent was authorized to appoint a Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, at a salary not to exceed \$1,800 per annum.

On motion, the Regent was authorized to print a new edition of the catalogue and circular of the year 1884-5, not more than 3,000 copies, to cost not more than \$250—which sum was appropriated for that purpose.

Whereupon the committee adjourned.

S. M. MILLARD,

J. T. PEARMAN.

*Executive Committee.*

The report of the Executive Committee was approved, and their action, as set forth therein, was confirmed.

A memorial from Mr. H. J. Dunlap and others, in regard to the Veterinary Department of the University, was received and placed on file.

The report of Prof. S. A. Forbes was taken up, and on motion of Trustee Follansbee the report was approved and the appointments were confirmed.

The following communication from Trustee Earle was read and received:

*To the Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

I am authorized by Miss Fannie LeBaron, of Elgin, Ill., daughter of Dr. William LeBaron, late State Entomologist, to tender to the University the large and valuable entomological collection made by the doctor during his lifetime, upon the condition that it be given a place in the Museum of the University and cared for and maintained permanently as "The LeBaron Collection of Entomology."

PARKER EARLE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the entomological collection of the late Dr. LeBaron be accepted by the Trustees, as tendered, that it be given a suitable place in the Museum, and be cared for and maintained as "The LeBaron Collection."

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Board of Trustees be returned to Miss Fannie LeBaron for this generous donation.

*Resolved*, That the Regent be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding twenty-five dollars in transporting this collection to the University, and the placing of it in a suitable cabinet.

The Regent's report was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Trustee McLean, the Regent, Librarian, and Business Agent were authorized to expend the State Appropriations for books and publications, as recommended in Regent's report.

The request of Prof. Forbes for an appropriation of \$1,375 for salaries and contingent expenses for the Laboratory of Natural History and State Entomologist, was granted, and the funds were so appropriated.

The following appropriations were made, as recommended by the Regent.

\$250 for Assaying Furnace and repairs.  
 \$250 for Insect Cases and casts of fishes.  
 \$50 for expenses for Zoological Laboratory.  
 \$120 for repairs of Farm House.

Adjourned to meet at 7:38 P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Board met as by adjournment.

Present—Trustees Bennett, Eisenmayer, Earle, Follansbee, McLean, Millard, and Pearman.

Treasurer J. W. Bunn submitted the following report:

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS,

To John W. Bunn, Treasurer, *Cr.*

1885.							
June	9	By Balance				\$604 25	
July	15	Interest on Morgan County Bonds				1,750 00	
July	1	Champaign County bonds		\$5,850 00			
		Pike County bonds		2,100 00			
		Sangamon County bonds		880 00			
		Chicago Water bonds		875 00			
		Pittsfield School bonds		600 00			
		Kankakee School bonds		300 00			
		Macoupin County bonds		135 00			
		Kankakee County bonds		1,500 00			
						12,240 00	
July	3	Amount received from State for taxes on lands in Nebraska and Minnesota		\$1,776 28		900 00	
		Amount received from State for buildings and grounds		3,000 00			
		expenses Chemical, Physical, and Botanical Laboratories		1,500 00			
		Amount received from State for educational work in mechanical shops		1,500 00			
		Amount received from State for library and museum		1,500 00			
		specimens for cabinets		1,000 00			
		expenses of instruction		12,000 00			
		additional tools and machines		2,000 00			
		Amount received from State for building fire-walls, mansard roof		4,500 00			
						28,766 28	
Aug.	1	Amount received from State for State Laboratory of Natural History—for field work		\$150 00			
		For traveling, incidental and office expenses		150 00			
		For improvement of laboratory		250 00			
		For Entomologist's assistants		250 00			
		Botanical assistants		250 00			
		For miscellaneous assistants		250 00			
		For publication of bulletins		75 00			
		Amount received on account buildings and grounds		\$18 33		1,375 09	
		Fuel and lights		50 62			
		Stationery and printing		6 10			
		Preparatory Department		130 00			
		Mechanical Department		312 76			
		Architectural Department		1,768 79			
		Agricultural Department		1,094 56			
		Horticultural Department		819 41			
		Chemical Department		162 02			
		Incidentals		8 00			
		Griggs farm		107 25			
		Music fees		67 00			
		Elocution fees		14 00			
		University fees		53 00			
		Laboratories		30 56			
		Ills. Cent. R. R. donation		881 50			
						5,523 90	
						\$51,159 43	

To John W. Bunn, Treasurer, Dr.,

1885.					
Aug.	31	To amount paid on account	Board expense	\$477 24	
			Salaries	7,679 23	
			Buildings and grounds	40 20	
			Fuel and lights	1,083 41	
			Stationery and printing	689 02	
			Mechanical Department	362 02	
			Architectural Department	1,822 96	
			Agricultural Department	1,514 80	
			Horticultural Department	739 73	
			Chemical Department	48 36	
			Military Department	3 46	
			Library and apparatus	146 08	
			Incidental expense	95 70	
					\$14,702 21
			Cabinets	\$1 65	
			Drawings for Arch. Dept	19 50	
			Library catalogue case	42 82	
			Gymnasium	52 77	
			Piano	200 00	
			Music fees	67 00	
					386 74
		State appropriations;			
		To amount paid on account taxes on lands in Nebraska and			
		Minnesota		\$1,766 28	
		" amount paid on account	buildings and grounds	2,443 82	
			Laboratories	45 13	
			Mechanical and Arch. shops	356 44	
			Books and publications	571 31	
			Cabinets	84 53	
			Machines and tools	429 58	
			Fire-walls and ventilation	1,490 35	
			State Laboratory of Natural		
		History		1,085 14	
		" Balance			
					8,272 58
					27,797 90
					\$51,159 43

JOHN W. BUNN, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following report from the Treasurer was received and approved:

URBANA, Sept. 8, 1885.

*Hon. S. M. Millard, President:*

I have purchased for the endowment fund of the University of Illinois the following bonds:

1885.			
March 31	Macoupin County 6 per cent refunded bonds.		\$8,000 00
July 1	" " " " " " " "		3,000 00
May 1	Sangamon County 6½ per cent. school district bonds.		6,000 00
Sept. 1	Christian County 6 per cent.		5,000 00
	Sangamon County 7 per cent.	" " "	2,000 00
	Litchfield 5½ per cent.	" " "	2,000 00
			\$26,000 00

JOHN W. BUNN, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's bill for \$235, paid out in premiums for the purchase of the bonds above mentioned, was audited and allowed, and a warrant for the same was ordered to be drawn.

The Business Agent submitted the following report :

*Current Appropriations.*

March 11, 1865.	Appropriated.	Receipts also appropriated	Expended.	Balance.
Board expense.....	\$534 60	.....	\$636 81	.....
Salaries for instruction.....	16,010 00	.....	15,567 12	\$442 88
Salaries for services.....	1,210 00	.....	1,187 46	22 54
Buildings and grounds.....	1,500 00	\$56 66	65 43	42 23
Fuel and lights.....	1,000 00	57 41	1,501 21	.....
Stationery and printing.....	1,500 00	7 20	1,059 44	447 76
Nebraska lands.....	100 00	130 08	135 58	94 50
Library and apparatus.....	185 00	.....	157 16	27 84
Incidental expense.....	200 00	8 00	174 75	33 25
Mechanical Department.....	500 00	363 61	618 89	244 72
Architectural Department.....	800 00	1,828 02	2,183 12	444 50
Agricultural Department.....	800 00	2,160 66	2,592 21	368 45
Horticultural Department.....	500 00	1,152 81	1,195 81	457 00
Chemical Department.....	400 00	166 92	159 46	406 56
Military Department.....	50 00	.....	46 26	3 74
Sundries:	.....	.....	.....	.....
Griggs Farm.....	100 00	107 25	40 40	156 85
Physical and Botanical Laboratories.....	25 00	30 56	.....	55 56
Cabinets.....	25 00	.....	4 65	20 35
Gymnasium.....	140 00	.....	65 65	74 35
Engraving for report.....	65 00	.....	.....	65 00
Library card case.....	30 00	.....	46 42	.....
Drawings, Architectural Department.....	50 00	.....	19 50	30 50
Rubber stamp, Engineering coll.....	20 00	.....	19 98	2 02
Elocution fees.....	.....	157 00	.....	157 00
Music fees.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
Preparatory Department fees.....	.....	350 00	350 00	.....
University students fees.....	.....	2,481 75	.....	2,481 75
Purchase of piano.....	200 00	.....	200 00	.....
Seal and diploma plate.....	400 00	.....	.....	400 00

*State Appropriations.*

	Appropriated.	Received.	Expended.	Balance.
July 1, 1883.				
Laboratories.....	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00	\$2,157 34	\$842 66
Cabinets.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	725 90	1,274 10
July 1, 1885.				
Taxes on land, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	4,000 00	1,766 28	1,766 28	.....
Buildings and grounds, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	6,000 00	3,000 00	2,016 46	983 54
Laboratories, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	3,000 00	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00
Mech. and Arch. shops, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	3,000 00	1,500 00	150 00	1,350 00
Books and publications, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	3,000 00	1,500 00	9 08	1,490 92
Cabinets, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	2,000 00	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00
Current expense of instruction, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	24,000 00	12,000 00	.....	12,000 00
Machines and tools, $\frac{1}{2}$ per annum.....	4,000 00	2,000 00	429 58	1,570 42
Fire walls and ventilation.....	4,500 00	4,500 00	1,490 35	3,009 65
Laboratory of Natural History.....	18,000 00	1,375 00	1,085 14	289 86



*Summary of Accounts for the Six Months ending August 31, 1885.*

1885.	CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.		Dr.	Cr.
March 10	By balance from last year			\$4,570 50
Aug. 31	.. collection, six months			5,471 00
	.. balance laboratories			28 47
	.. balance Griggs farm			66 85
	To balance board expense	\$636 81		
	.. salaries for instruction	1,505 56		
	.. salaries for services	1,187 46		
	.. buildings and grounds	7 77		
	.. fuel and lights	1,443 89		
	.. stationery and printing	1,052 24		
	.. Nebraska lands	5 50		
	.. library and apparatus	157 16		
	.. Mechanical Department	255 28		
	.. Architectural Department	355 50		
	.. Agricultural Department	431 55		
	.. Horticultural Department	43 00		
	.. Military Department	46 26		
	.. incidentals	166 75		
	.. gymnasium	65 65		
	.. library and catalogue case	46 42		
	.. drawings, Architectural Department	19 50		
	.. rubber stamp eng. col.	19 98		
	.. purchase of piano	200 00		
	.. State buildings and grounds	3 88		
	.. balance	2,486 75		
	Total	\$10,136 82	\$10,136 82	
1885.	STATE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.		Dr.	Cr.
March 10	By balance from last year			\$4,888 44
May 30	To warrants drawn	\$1,449 87		
July 3	By amount received from State taxes on land			1,776 28
	.. buildings and grounds			3,000 00
	.. laboratories			1,500 00
	.. Mech. and Arch. shops			1,500 00
	.. books and publications			1,500 00
	.. cabinets			1,000 00
	.. current expense of instruction			12,000 00
	.. tools and machines			2,000 00
	.. fire walls and ventilation			4,500 00
	.. State Lab'y Natural History, etc			1,375 00
Aug. 1	To warrants drawn	8,272 58		
Aug. 31	By current expense (buildings and grounds)			3 88
	To balance	25,311 15		
	Total	\$35,033 60	\$35,033 60	

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Trustee McLean offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the President and Secretary be directed to draw their requisition upon the State Auditor for the several sums of money appropriated by the General Assembly for the use of the State Laboratory of Natural History and the State Entomologist's office for the quarter ending December 31, 1885.

For the field work and incidental expense of the Laboratory the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the traveling, office, and incidental expenses of the Entomologist the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improvement of the Library the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the pay of the Entomological assistant the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the pay of the Botanical assistant the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For miscellaneous assistance the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the publication of bulletins the sum of seventy-five dollars.

The Farm Committee, to whom was referred the report from the Professor of Agriculture, recommended that the same be approved and placed on file. The recommendation was agreed to.

## The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:

*To the Honorable Board of Trustees:*

Your Auditing Committee report that they have examined warrants and vouchers from No. 551 to 750, both inclusive, and find them to all appearance correct, as reported by the Business Agent, also that they find the Treasurer's report correct, and they recommend the approval of both reports.

J. T. PEARMAN,  
GEO. C. EISENMAYER,  
*Committee.*

The report was approved.

The following appropriations from current funds were made for the six months ending February 18th, 1886:

### *For Current Expenses.*

Board expense.....	\$600 00	
Salaries for instruction.....	18,524 00	
Salaries for services.....	1,580 00	
Buildings and grounds.....	25 00	
Fuel and lights.....	2,000 00	
Stationery and printing.....	800 00	
Nebraska lands.....	50 00	
Library and apparatus.....	100 00	
Incidental expense.....	356 86	
Mechanical department.....	\$500 00	
Architectural department.....	500 00	
Agricultural department.....	500 00	
Horticultural department.....	500 00	
Laboratories.....	500 00	
Military department.....	50 00	
		2,550 00
* <i>Sundries</i> -		
Gymnasium.....	\$75 00	
Engraving for report.....	65 00	
Drawings, Architectural department.....	30 50	
Seal and diploma plate.....	200 00	
Drawing desks and bulletin boards in Architectural department.....	35 00	
Le Baron Entomological Collection, expenses.....	25 00	
		430 50
Total.....		\$27,016 36

\$250 from the State Appropriations for Buildings and Grounds were appropriated for the completion of the rooms of the Laboratory of Natural History.

The matter of an over expenditure of \$80.99 above the appropriation in fitting up janitor's rooms, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for report at next meeting.

For the furnishing of the Zoölogical Laboratory \$400 were appropriated from such funds as were not otherwise assigned.

The Regent and Prof Ricker asked, and were granted further time for their report on permanent water supply.

A bill of traveling expenses of the Regent amounting to \$156.86 was audited and allowed, and a warrant for the same was ordered to be drawn.

Trustee Bennett, from special committee, made the following report:

*To the Board of Trustees:*

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the petition of Foster North, beg leave to report, that inasmuch as the said petition presents a question of constitutional law, therefore the committee recommend that the matter of said petition be referred to the Attorney-General of this State, for his opinion on the question of law raised thereby.

S. M. MILLARD,  
S. H. PEABODY,  
C. BENNETT,  
*Committee.*

## Trustee Follansbee submitted the following minority report:

*To the Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

In the matter of the petition of Foster North, Esq., which has heretofore been submitted by your honorable Board to a committee with directions to make a report thereon at this meeting, the undersigned begs leave to offer the following as a minority report in said matter.

In arriving at the conclusions hereinafter stated he has endeavored to keep steadily in view two objects, viz.: First, that Mr. North should be accorded by this Board all of his constitutional and legal rights, whatever they may be; and, secondly, that the benefit of the chapel exercises as heretofore enjoyed should be preserved to this institution.

Upon the first point we are of the opinion, and so recommend, that Mr. North shall be allowed to graduate from this University upon the completion of the required list of studies and upon passing a satisfactory examination therein, notwithstanding the fact that he was not in attendance upon his recitations during the last term of his course of studies. We make this recommendation inasmuch as we understand that it is conceded the reason he did not so attend was because he was not allowed to do so, having been suspended therefrom because of his non-attendance at the daily chapel exercises, at which portions of the New Testament are read and the Lord's Prayer repeated.

No good purpose would be subserved in this report by submitting an argument upon the constitutional question as to whether Mr. North's position in regard to his attendance upon such exercises is or is not correct.

Suffice it to say that the undersigned is of the opinion that the reading of the Bible and offering prayer at such stated intervals are, and are intended to be, acts of worship, and the chapel at such times is, and is intended for the time being, to be a "place of worship."

If so, the bill of rights of this State positively declares that no one shall be required to attend such a place without his consent, and it necessarily follows that no one should be deprived of any rights that he could otherwise enjoy or should otherwise have if he does not so attend.

A law of the State which would require each person to attend a place of worship, subject to pains and penalties, would clearly contravene this provision of our bill of rights. No less subject to the objection, to my mind, is a law or rule which deprives a person of the benefits of a public institution like this because he fails to give his consent to attend upon these acts of worship.

A rule or law is no less objectionable because in the one case it would deprive an individual of the right to public instruction, or to vote, or to hold office, unless he attends a place of worship, than it would be if it commanded or "required" him to do so under pains or penalties.

In the one case he is deprived of his rights, and in the other of his liberty or his property, because of his failure to attend "a place of worship."

With the wisdom of this right to entirely abstain from attendance upon any place of worship, which is reserved to each individual of this State, we have nothing to do. In conceding powers to the State government the people of this State have seen fit to reserve this one to themselves, so that each individual may follow out in this respect the dictates of his own conscience. Not only is each person now free to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience—the principle for which our Puritan ancestors stood; but we have gone beyond that, and now say that each person is free to worship or not to worship God, according to the conclusions of his own judgment. And this enunciation of our reserved individual rights marks a wide departure from the declarations contained in the earlier State constitutions in this country. Nor does it, in my opinion, obviate the constitutional objection that the faculty offered to excuse Mr. North from attendance at such exercises, if he would request it or state that he had conscientious scruples against doing so.

He was not asking a favor, he was simply asserting a right; and he avers that he had no conscientious scruples on the subject, but to be compelled to go there was against his consent.

It must be apparent, I think, that Mr. North has planted himself upon his constitutional rights, and however widely we may differ from him in the opinions which he holds in regard to religious matters, we should not on account thereof deny him such privileges as the constitution of our State has guaranteed him.

I therefore, as above stated, recommend to the faculty of this institution that Mr. North be graduated upon the terms and conditions above set forth.

Upon the second question, as to the retention of the chapel exercises, I recommend that they be continued as heretofore.

I realize that this recommendation does not follow as a matter of course from the consideration of Mr. North's petition, yet inasmuch as fear is entertained that the effect of this report if adopted by you will be to encourage other students to willfully absent themselves from such exercises, and thereby cause their gradual disintegration, I feel instigated to urge that no marked deviation be made in that respect from the rules heretofore governing attendance thereat.

I understand in the past any person by representing to the Regent or Faculty that he has conscientious scruples against attending such exercises, or by furnishing other good reasons why he should not so attend, has been excused from such attendance.

The students who will decline to comply with this requirement will in my opinion be so few in number that there seems to be no real occasion to depart from the practice heretofore adopted.

I desire to say in conclusion that I thoroughly believe in the desirability of the religious instruction given to the pupils of this institution at such chapel exercises, and earnestly trust that no occasion will be furnished for doing away with them.

The boys and girls who attend this University are for the most part away from their homes and home influences, are here during the formative periods of their character, and it would be unfortunate, in my opinion, if, during these important years, the religious side of their education should receive no instruction or culture. Many parents in this State would hesitate to send their children to such a University.

Again, it would be comparatively an easy matter to obtain the "consent" of almost every person upon entering the University that he would attend such exercises.

The few persons who would want to appear "singular," and who would refuse such consent, would be exceedingly small.

Those who "consented" could be "required" to attend such exercises, and thus a uniform attendance secured.

I cannot feel that these recommendations in favor of Mr. North will have any serious effect upon the chapel exercises, and that if complied with it will only be doing an act of simple justice to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. A. FOLLANSBEE.

Trustee Pearman moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report. The motion was lost.

The majority report was approved, and its recommendation adopted.

Adjourned.

S. M. MILLARD, *President*.

E. SNYDER, *Secretary*.