

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 1898.

The following call for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was issued November 6, 1898:

“Upon the call of the President, Mr. F. M. McKay, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at 8 o'clock a. m., Saturday, November 12, 1898, in the Trustees' Room, Library Hall, Urbana, Illinois, to select a location for the burial of Dr. Gregory and to consider such other business as may come before the Board.”

There were present at the meeting Messrs. Armstrong, Bullard, McKay, McLean, Morrison, Raymond, and Smith, and Mrs. Flower, also President Draper; absent, Governor Tanner and Messrs. Freeman and Pearce and Mrs. Carriel.

On motion of Mr. Bullard it was voted that the Board go into Committee of the Whole and that Professors Burrill, Shattuck, and Ricker be invited to sit with the committee.

When the Committee of the Whole rose, President McKay reported that the committee had considered carefully the question of a place for the burial of Dr. Gregory, and had, after consultation with the University professors invited to sit with the committee, and after viewing several spots suggested for the burial place, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole recommends that the body of the late Dr. John Milton Gregory be laid to a permanent rest in the University grounds south of the Library Building, near a point 100 feet south of the drive in a line with John street, and midway between Wright street and the west line of University Hall.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Smith it was voted to appoint a committee of three to prepare resolutions in memory of Dr. Gregory, the committee to advise with President Draper.

President McKay appointed Messrs. Raymond, Bullard, and McLean upon this committee.

The resolutions were as follows:

RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF JOHN MILTON GREGORY.

(First Regent of the University of Illinois—1867-1880.)

WHEREAS, Dr. John M. Gregory, the first Regent or President of the University, died in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 19th of October last, and

WHEREAS, The deceased had expressed a wish that his remains might have burial within the grounds of the University, and such suggestion has already had the approval of the members of the Board individually, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the University takes the first opportunity since the death of Dr. Gregory to renew an official expression of its appreciation of the great debt of gratitude under which the University must always rest to its first Executive. He was endowed in liberal measure with the qualities which were needed to prepare the plans and effect the organization of such an institution. His scholarship, his intellectual balance, his familiarity with public questions, his courage in the face of much opposition, and his skill in debate, laid foundations for a University upon which the superstructure has been continually growing stronger and nobler since he ceased to be so potent in guiding its affairs. His sympathetic nature and his efficiency as a teacher not only endeared him to students, but gave inspiration and direction to their lives. His works will remain after him to do him honor and his memory must always have a unique and enviable place in our history. His death, even at the end of a long and exceedingly fruitful life, fills all friends of the University with sorrow. The Board of Trustees, not only because of its official responsibility and its point of vision, but perhaps more particularly because four of its members were students of the distinguished deceased, is in a position to realize the great worth of his services to individuals, to the University, and to the educational progress of the State, and knows how very feeble its former action is in adequately expressing it. Not only in an official and formal way, but with a depth of feeling which we can not utter, we declare that it was rare good fortune which brought his great gifts to the aid of the University in the days of its infancy; and in the years of its strength it will never cease to cherish his memory and draw inspiration from his words and his example.

Resolved, That his desire to be buried in the grounds of the University is not only significant of his unceasing affection for it, but brings to it the opportunity to secure in larger measure the continuance of his influence upon its life. While any common practice in this direction is doubtless to be avoided, even in the case of strong characters who have exerted telling influence in the affairs of the University, the preëminence of Dr. Gregory in this regard is assuredly sufficient justification in this instance. Therefore, the Board directs that burial be made in mason work in the neighborhood of a point south of the line of John street if projected into the University grounds and about one hundred feet therefrom, and about midway between University hall and the west line of the University grounds; and the Board will, as soon as practicable, give appropriate treatment to the grounds in that vicinity and will assume the perpetual care of the grave, to the end that it may unceasingly remind us, and coming generations, of the virtues of the departed, and forever exert an influence at once mellowing and uplifting in the life of the University. And the executive officers of the University are directed at an early day to carry this action into effect.

ISAAC S. RAYMOND,
SAMUEL A. BULLARD,
ALEXANDER McLEAN,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. McLean, it was ordered that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds should look after the location of the burial place and make arrangements for the burial at as early a date as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, \$300.00, or so much thereof as might be needed, was appropriated to defray expenses connected with the burial.

The board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,

Secretary.

F. M. MCKAY,

President.