

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 1900.

The following call for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was issued November 3, 1900:

“By order of the President, Mr. McLean, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois will hold a special meeting in the Trustees' Rooms, Library Building, Urbana, Illinois, at 9 o'clock a. m., Friday, November 9, 1900, to consider and act upon the report of the committee appointed to examine into the proposed purchase of the West Division high school, in Chicago, for the use of the College of Medicine, and such other business as may be duly presented.”

There were present at the meeting, Messrs Bullard, Hatch, McKay, McLean, Nightingale and Smith and Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Carriel, and Mrs. Abbott; absent Governor Tanner and Messrs. Bayliss and Fullerson. President Draper was present.

PURCHASE OF WEST DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Mr. Bullard, from the special committee, made the following report and moved its adoption:

URBANA, Nov. 9, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees.

Your special committee to consider the request of the College of Medicine for the approval by this Board of the proposal to purchase the West Division high school property in Chicago, reports as follows:

Your committee has taken the time to examine into the needs of the College of Medicine for enlarged quarters, the character and condition of the West Division high school building, the value of said property, the price asked for the same, and probability of the College of Medicine producing a surplus of revenue above expenses should the said building be purchased, and the probable effect of the said purchase upon the contract now in force, and the time of its termination.

After seriously considering the subject and obtaining as much information as possible from parties more conversant with certain phases of the question than your committee we have arrived at the following conclusions:

(1) Your Committee believes that the need of the College for enlargement in its buildings is urgent; that the present building is barely large enough to accommodate the present attendance of 635, and not at all adequate to accommodate the increase of another year or two years. If the College is to grow—and we believe that if it remains a department of the university it must grow then at the farthest we cannot delay a year without doing incalculable injury to the College.

(2) The West Division high school building occupies a half block of ground, having an area of 42,845.76 square feet and having a possibility of enlargement of 4,272 square feet by the vacation of an alley. This school building is adjoining the building of the College and, if obtained, the whole would really become one piece of property. It is, therefore, for the College, the most desirable piece of property in its vicinity. The building occupies about 27,500 square feet of ground, only about two-thirds of the whole tract. It is three stories high not including the basement, which is a fairly good story for certain purposes. It is well built and is in good condition. It is sufficiently large to accommodate 1,200 high school pupils, has 28 rooms for instruction besides a large assembly room seating 1,250, and three laboratories and other necessary rooms, together with cloak and toilet rooms. The building is much larger than necessary to accommodate the increase of the students in the College of Medicine, for several years, and, therefore, is not an economical investment unless immediate occupancy can be provided by a permanent tenant that would not interfere with the use of the remainder of the building by the College. Your Committee is assured that such an arrangement, entirely agreeable to all parties interested, can be consummated.

(3) Your Committee has carefully estimated the value of the said property and is of the opinion that it is worth \$170,000 to 175,000.

(4) The price asked by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, is \$186,000, and it is the belief of the members of the faculty of the College conversant with the matter that the price fixed by the School Board cannot be reduced at present, and that an attempt to secure a reduction would be at the risk of the withdrawal of the offer at any price. The advantage of having additional buildings on contiguous property makes this property of more value to the College by an indetermined amount than any other. This will in large measure diminish the difference between the two figures.

(5) Your Committee has been especially particular to determine as accurately as possible the amount of income and expense the Medical College may reasonably expect following the purchase of the said property. It is the desire and determination of the faculty of the College of Medicine to organize a Dental School as a department of the Medical College and have it occupy a part of the new building. We have all also considered the possibility of providing the Pharmacy School of the University with quarters in the building. In this manner we estimate that the building would be well occupied from the opening of school in 1901, and, while there would still be much room for expansion in the College and in each of the schools, the building would be so occupied from the first that an excess of revenue above expense may be safely relied upon the first year, as well as a gradual increase in surplus during succeeding years. The income from the Medical College which will fall to the Medical College purchase and endowment fund of our treasury this year will be sufficient, if continued, to pay out the contract with the College of Physicians and Surgeons within the period of the contract. We estimate that on the most conservative and trustworthy basis the use of the new building by the Medical College would produce sufficient additional surplus each year to pay for the new building, likewise during the term of the contract.

(6) It was the fear of some members of the Committee that the large cost of this property would so increase the amount now provided for in the contract that the period of fulfillment of the contract would be indefinitely extended. This fact has caused the Committee to be unusually careful in its estimates. Our conclusions are that while the amount of the contract would be increased to about \$400,000, the income to our treasury would amount to \$15,000 a year on an average, which would pay off the total within the original limit of the contract.

Now, in accordance with the conclusions arrived at by your Committee, the following resolutions are presented by your Committee and are recommended for adoption:

WHEREAS, The Medical College of this University is in need of larger quarters for its present and growing attendance; and,

WHEREAS, The Chicago School Board has offered to sell the West Division high school building of that city; and,

WHEREAS, The said building is adjoining the building of the Medical College and adequate to the needs of the College; and,

WHEREAS, Additional room is desired for the use of the Pharmacy School and for a Dental School, both of which may be housed in the surplus room of the said high school building; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of Chicago is hereby authorized to purchase the West Division high school property of the City of Chicago, described as lots one (1) to seven (7), inclusive, in block twenty-three (23), also sublots one (1) to seven (7), inclusive, of lots nineteen (19) to twenty-five (25), inclusive, in block twenty-three (23), and the vacated alley running north and south through said block twenty-three (23) in Ashland Second Addition to Chicago, in the west half (½) of the north-east quarter (¼) of section eighteen (18), township thirty-nine (39) north, range fourteen (14) east of the third (3d) principal meridian, the said purchase to include the building or buildings thereon, together with the furniture, fixtures and apparatus therein, all of the said property to be acquired for the purposes of the College of Medicine of this University, in accordance with article twelve (12) of an agreement entered into between this University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons on the ninth day of February, A. D. 1900, and that the sum to be paid for the said property be an amount not exceeding one hundred and eighty-six thousand (\$186,000) dollars; it is further

Resolved, That the College of Physicians and Surgeons is hereby authorized to make permanent improvements in the building described in the foregoing resolution, after its purchase, for the purposes of the Medical College, to an amount not exceeding five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, in accordance with article 12 of the contract aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. A. BULLARD,
T. J. SMITH,
LUCY L. FLOWER,
ALEX. McLEAN,

Committee.

Mr. Smith moved to amend by adding to the resolution for the purchase of the property in question the following:

Provided that this purchase shall in no way be allowed to operate to postpone the termination of the contract now in force between the University of Illinois and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago, so far as it relates to the University's acquiring the title and receiving the deed for the property described, so as to conform to the provisions of article ten of original contract with the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Mrs. Abbott moved to amend further by striking out from the report all reference to the School of Pharmacy and to a proposed dental school.

On this amendment the roll was called and the amendment was lost: Yeas—Mrs. Carriel, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Abbott, and Mr. Hatch; nays—Messrs. McLean, Bullard, Smith and Nightingale and Mrs. Flower; absent, Governor Tanner and Messrs. Fulkerson and Bayliss.

The amendment offered by Mr. Smith was adopted.

Mr. McKay moved to refer the report to the Attorney General for an opinion as to the legality of the proposed plan of purchase.

On motion of Mr. Bullard the motion to refer to the Attorney General was laid on the table.

The roll was then called upon the motion to adopt the report and it was adopted as amended by the following vote: Yeas—Messrs. McLean, Bullard, Smith and Nightingale and Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Carriel, and Mrs. Abbott; nay—Mr. Hatch; absent, Governor Tanner and Messrs. Fulkerson, Bayliss and McKay.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the same special committee was authorized to take such measures as might be necessary to carry into effect the resolution just adopted.

The Committee on Students' Welfare made the following report which was adopted:

URBANA, ILL., Nov. 9, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees.

Your Committee on Student's Welfare, to which was referred the proposition to charge each pupil of the School of Music a fee of \$1.50 a semester or \$3.00 a year, begs leave to report that it has considered the proposition carefully and recommends that the fee be not charged.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY T. CARRIEL,
T. J. SMITH,
Committee on Students' Welfare.

RECORD OF BONDS AND SECURITIES.

On motion of Mr. McKay the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member or officer of this Board who may purchase or otherwise secure or receive for the Edward Snyder Students' Aid Fund (except notes for loans to students) or for the Medical College Purchase and Endowment Fund any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall at once turn over such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to the Treasurer of this Board.

That the Secretary of this Board shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, inspect such bonds and evidences of indebtedness and after inspecting them, shall make such record of them in a book suitable for the purpose as will serve for their identification, and

That the Secretary shall also make upon all such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, not already by their terms or by endorsement payable to the University of Illinois, an endorsement showing that they are the property of the University of Illinois and may not be transferred without an order by its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Bullard moved that Mr. J. R. Scott be paid for hauling coal during the year 1899-1900, 3 cents a ton in addition to the contract price for hauling, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, made at the June meeting of the Board.

The motion was lost.

On recommendation of the Committee on Instruction it was voted that Judge Harker be paid a salary of \$500 for the current year for services in the College Law.

At the September meeting of the Board it was voted that a committee be appointed to consider measures looking to the appointment of a member of the Faculty of the University as State Geologist.

President McLean reported to the Secretary, October 30, that he had appointed the following persons members of such committee: Mrs. Abbott, Mr. Hatch, and Mrs. Carriel.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Abbott, was adopted:

STATE GEOLOGIST.

Resolved, that in deciding, at the last meeting, to appoint a committee to secure the appointment of a member of the University Faculty as State Geologist, the Board acted without knowledge of the fact that the matter had been the subject of conference between the professors of geology of this and other leading universities of the State, with a view to an agreement upon a plan of procedure which would best promote the interests of geologic science; that the Board has no purpose to embarrass such conference, or interfere with the results thereof; that pending the fullest consideration of the subject by the scientific men most interested therein, the committee of the Board be requested to take no steps in the matter; that the President of the University, the Dean of the General Faculty, and the Professor of Geology are desired to confer with the authorities of other universities upon the subject, and, if practicable, arrive at an agreement which will secure coöperative action, and that in such event the committee of the Board act in accord with such agreement.

President Draper announced that in accordance with authority given at the September meeting of the Board he had arranged that Prof. S. A. Forbes should attend as a delegate the convention of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations to be held in New Haven, Conn., next week.

The Board adjourned.

ALEXANDER McLEAN,
President.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.