

MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 1904.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois met at the University at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, January 26, 1904, pursuant to the following call:

Upon the call of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, which is ready to report on the plans for the Woman's Building, there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the University, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, January 26, 1904, to consider the plans and transact such other business as may be duly presented.

The members present were Messrs. Bullard, Hatch, Kerrick, McLean and Nightingale, and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Abbott, and Mrs. Evans; absent, Governor Yates and Messrs. Bayliss, Dickirson and McKinley. President Draper was present.

THE WOMAN'S BUILDING.

Mr. Bullard, on behalf of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, presented plans for a Woman's Building, which had been prepared by McKim, Meade & White, of New York, and moved the adoption of the plans, and that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to conclude a contract with the architects and to advertise for bids for the construction of the building when the plans and specifications were ready.

The motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATION FROM PRESIDENT DRAPER.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

January 26, 1904.

To the Board of Trustees:

I have to report the following for your information and consideration:

PURCHASE OF LAND ON MATHEWS AVENUE.

Pursuant to your action four lots of land on Mathews avenue, south of the Railway right of way, have been purchased by and the title vested in the University. The Allen property, consisting of three lots having an aggregate width of about 209 feet on Mathews avenue, and running back to the University line a distance of about 198 feet, was purchased for seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars. There is upon this property a small dwelling house which the owner is to remove by April 1st. The Maguire property, consisting of a very fair dwelling house, and a lot 60 feet wide on Mathews avenue, and running back to the University line, was purchased for five thousand five hundred (\$5,500) dollars. The owner is to have the right to occupy the house until May 1st.

THE CHICAGO COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGERY.

I regret to have to report that the supplementary agreement arrived at with the Chicago College of Dental Surgery at the last meeting of the Board has not been executed. It was put in form by the counsel for the University immediately after the meeting of the board, and forwarded to Doctor Brophy for execution, but has not been executed. No specific refusal to execute it has been given by Doctor Brophy so far as I know. But his failure to respond to our requests to that end has been complete. In the meantime some of the smaller stockholders have claimed that they were not getting enough for the property, and have taken exception to the provision in the original contract conferring the ultimate power over appointments and expenditures upon this Board of Trustees. In the meantime Doctor William L. Copeland, one of the smaller stockholders who was present at all of the negotiations and assented to all of the conclusions, has brought an action at law to set aside and annul the original contract on the ground that it was never authorized at a meeting of the stockholders of the College of Dental Surgery. The Board of Directors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has considered the matter, claiming that their legal rights are involved, and asking us to insist upon the contract as at first prepared and executed by Doctor Brophy on behalf of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, and containing the assurance that he was duly authorized so to do, being carried out, or that damages be exacted of Doctor Brophy for our losses in the premises. In the course of this controversy the College of Dental Surgery has stopped paying receipts to us, and our Business Manager has stopped paying their bills. He has a small balance in his hands. Hon. George W. Gere of Champaign has acted as counsel for the University through the troublesome matter.

The facts are reported here for your official information. I am not at all confident as to what action, if any, you should take. Perhaps none is necessary just at present. You may think well to confer with Mr. Gere and, after fully considering the whole subject, will conclude upon the course to pursue.

MILITARY UNIFORMS.

I recommended that the Business Manager and the Professor of Military Science be appointed a committee to advertise for bids and let the contract for furnishing the uniforms to the members of the University Regiment for the ensuing two years.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. DRAPER.

The Board appointed Mr. Bullard, President Draper and the Business Manager, Professor Shattuck, a committee to look after matters in connection with the suit brought to annul the original contract with the College of Dental Surgery, authorizing them to take such action as might be necessary with regard to the litigation.

The President's recommendation with regard to military uniforms was adopted.

Upon the request of the Business Manager, an appropriation of \$500.00 from the accountancy fund was appropriated to meet expenses.

The Secretary presented to the Board a letter from Mrs. Mary S. Snyder, acknowledging the receipt of resolutions passed with regard to her late husband, Professor Edward Snyder.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Professor Breckenridge, of the Mechanical Engineering Department, presented plans for a new foundry; for changes in the metal shops to occupy the room left vacant by the removal of the foundry, and for a steam laboratory. The plans were approved by the Board. Professor Breckenridge and Professor White were given authority to carry them out, under the supervision of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. The Board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary

F. L. HATCH,
President.