

Meeting of August 21, 1907.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at 139 Adams street, Chicago, August 21, 1907, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the secretary, August 16, 1907:

Upon the call of the president, Mr. W. L. Abbott, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at 1:00 p. m., Wednesday, August 21, 1907, at 139 Adams street, Chicago, for the purpose of receiving reports of committees and to take action on such matters as may be properly presented.

When the board met pursuant to this call, the following members were present: Messrs. Abbott, Hatch, Lehman, McLean, Madden, and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Busey; absent, Governor Deneen and Mr. Blair, Dr. Davison and Mrs. Alexander.

President James was absent; Vice President Burrill was present.

COAL BIDS.

An informal report with regard to the coal bids and bids for hauling the same was made by Mr. Abbott, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. A complete report will be made at the next meeting.

BRONSON BLOCK.

President Abbott reported an interview with Mr. Bronson with regard to the purchase of the block at the southwest corner of Mathews avenue and Illinois street.

Mr. Lehman moved that the board offer Mr. Bronson \$25,000.00 for the block, and that if the offer were refused the attorney for the board, Judge Harker, be instructed to commence legal proceedings for the condemnation of the block, so that it might be used for the site for the new Physics Laboratory; provided, that in his judgment such proceedings would be safe and legal.

The question was divided, and the proposition to offer \$25,000 for the lot was carried.

It was moved to postpone action on the proposition with regard to condemnation until the next meeting of the board. The motion was lost, and the second proposition was then adopted.

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE—ADDITION TO CERAMICS BUILDING.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 20, 1907.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee at a meeting August 15th approved a request of President James to have alterations made to the president's house at an estimated cost of \$250.00. It also approved a request of Professor Rolfe to have an addition built to his present kiln house at an expense of about \$100.00.

This last item payable from the ceramics fund.

Very truly yours,
W. L. ABBOTT.

The board approved the action of the committee in ordering the addition to the Ceramics building.

It also approved, on motion of Mr. Hatch, the action of the committee in ordering the change in the president's house. Mrs. Busey voted no on this motion.

PLANS FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

President Abbott recommended that on account of difficulties in the way of employing an outside architect to prepare plans for the new buildings, the State Architect be requested to prepare the plans at once.

On motion of Mr. McLean, it was voted that the State Architect, Mr. W. Carbys Zimmerman, be requested to prepare plans for the buildings. The secretary was directed to write Mr. Zimmerman telling him of this action of the board.

FIXTURES FOR LIGHTING AUDITORIUM.

It was ordered that a contract for electric fixtures be made with the Chicago Gas & Electric Fixture Company. An additional amount of \$303.50 was appropriated for this purpose.

CHAIRS FOR THE AUDITORIUM.

The special committee (page 160) which was instructed to purchase chairs for the Auditorium reported that the "New York" chair had been purchased of the Superior Manufacturing Company of Muskegon, Michigan, at \$2.07 a chair adjusted and set in place upon the floor of the Auditorium.

FENCES ON THE HORTICULTURAL GROUNDS.

A communication from Professor Shattuck with regard to a contract for fencing on the horticultural grounds was referred to the Committee on Agriculture for investigation and report.

Action on another communication from Professor Shattuck was postponed until the September meeting.

Upon recommendation of Vice President Burrill, Mr. J. E. Smith was appointed instructor in Civil Engineering in the University for the ten months beginning September 1, 1907, at a salary of \$110.00 a month.

The board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

W. L. ABBOTT,
President.