

Evening Session, Oct. 28, 1857,

The Board having attended the examination of the Agricultural College during the day, held an evening session at the Sec's office. Present, Messrs. Kellogg, Baxter and the Secretary.

Finances The Secretary reported the following Certificate to the Auditor General, as having been filled by him since the last meeting of this Board, pursuant to their directions, to wit; Aug. 12th, to J. B. Holmes, Treasurer of the College, \$3000.00; do, August 19th, \$5000.00; do, September 11th, \$5000.00; Sept. 18th, to A. Wood, on Contract for Brick, \$568.13; Oct. 21st, to J. C. Holmes, Treasurer of the College, \$1000.00.

Advertising \$50. A Check was filled, Oct. 17th, to J. T. Green, agt for the Detroit Advertiser, for \$50.00, for advertising for Agricultural College.

Boards' Accounts The accounts of members were allowed as follows, to wit; - to J. R. Kellogg, for services and expenses in attending this meeting, \$48.31; to W. J. Baxter, do, \$49.34; to Ira Mayhew, Secretary, for expenses in attending meeting and executing instructions of the Board at intervals between sessions, \$56.00.

The Board adjourned to meet at the Library of the Normal School Building in Ipswich, Thursday, the 18th of March, at 9 o'clock AM unless sooner convened by call from the Secretary.

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of Sec. Board of Education,
Simsbury, Feb. 3d, 1858.

No Quorum The Board met pursuant to a call of the Secretary at 9 o'clock AM. Present, W. J. Baxter and the Secy. There being no quorum, the Board adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

February 4th, 1858.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Present, John R. Kellogg, W. J. Baxter and the Secretary. A letter was read by the Secretary from George Willard, stating that he would not probably be in attendance.

The consideration of matters connected with the Agricultural College and conferences with

officers of that Institution, engaged the attention of the Board during the forenoon session.

Sessions of the Board were held during the afternoon and evening, when the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Preamble

Funds

Exhausted

Whereas the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the support of the Agricultural College have been expended, and whereas it is essential for the preservation of the property already invested in the institution now in successful operation, that it should be continued without interruption, and whereas we believe it to be the earnest desire and determination of the People of the State of Michigan to sustain said institution, and to afford it all reasonable facilities for accomplishing the great objects for which it was established, therefore,

\$500 per mo.

asked of State

Treasurer

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be requested, with the approbation of the Governor and other State Officers, to set aside the sum of \$500.00 per month, from and including January 1st, 1858, to and including December, 1858, to the Agricultural College Fund, to be drawn by the Board of Education for the support of said institution.

Bd. of Educ?

Responsible

Resolved, That if the above request be granted, we will, as a Board, use all honorable means to procure an appropriation by the next Legislature, to refund the amount so advanced, and that we will, in any event, save the Treasurer harmless in the premises.

The Secretary, pursuant to the direction of the Board of Education, communicated the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the State Treasurer, under this date (Feb. 4th) with the request, on the behalf of this Board, that it receive the favorable consideration and action of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer engaged to give the matter his consideration and communicate to this Board his decision before leaving Lansing.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning,
Ira Mayhew, Secy.

Lansing, Feb. 5th, 1858.

The Board met at the Office of the Secretary, pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock. Present, Messrs. Kellogg, Foster and the Secretary.

After fully and fully canvassing the whole matter, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

Horticultural
Professorship
Suspended

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the success of the Agricultural College would be greatly promoted by the appointment of a Professor of English Literature to enter upon the duties of the Professorship the commencement of the ensuing term; and Whereas we are restrained by the Statutes in the amount to be paid to Professors, to a sum precluding the possibility of such appointment, without retrenchment in some other department; and whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the Horticultural Department, in the present uncultivated state of the Farm, would suffer least from retrenchment and delay; therefore,

Resolved, That with the consent and approval of the Professor of Horticulture, the salary and duties of said Professor be suspended, from and after the close of the present term, and until the further action of this Board; and that such portion of the duties of said Professorship as are indispensable, be in the mean time devolved upon the President of said Institution.

J. C. Abbot
English Literature

Resolved, That Mr. J. C. Abbot, of Ann Arbor, be, and he is hereby appointed Professor of English Literature in the Agricultural College, with a salary of \$1000.00 per annum, commencing from the time he shall enter upon the duties of his Professorship.

Treasurer pro tem

Resolved, That Prof. J. C. Abbot be appointed Treasurer pro tem of the Agricultural College, and that he be expected to enter upon his duties as Treasurer, at the time of entering upon the duties of his Professorship.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be requested to notify Professor Abbot of his appointment under the two preceding resolutions, to inform him of the state of the Funds

applicable to the support of the College, to request his acceptance of the appointment, and to make arrangements as he shall be able, to secure the services of such Professor, at a smaller sum, temporarily, than the contemplated salary.

Religious Services

Resolved, That after the present term, religious services be held once on each Sabbath, at the College, to be conducted exclusively by those connected with the Institution.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

Whereas, J. C. Holmes, Esq., Professor of Horticulture, has indicated his concurrence in the proposition to suspend his salary and duties in connection with his Professorship, from and after the close of the present term, until further action by this Board; and Whereas he has recently furnished and moved into the House he now occupies on the College Farm; therefore,

Prof. Holmes' Dwelling

Resolved, That Professor Holmes have the privilege of continuing his present occupancy of the House and Barn on the Agricultural College Farm, until next Fall, and until the further action of this Board.

Finances

The Secretary reported the following certificates as filed by him since the last meeting of the Board, to wit: - to J. C. Holmes, Oct. 3rd 1857, for use as Treasurer of the Agricultural College, \$1500.00; and on account of bill rendered for Furniture for Boarding Hall, \$23.36; to J. C. Holmes, as Treasurer of the Agricultural College under the Statutes, \$1000.00 on the 12th of Nov.; do. Nov. 27th, \$3,000.00; do. Dec. 26th, \$2,000.00; do. Jan. 26th, 1858, \$1108.70; do. under date of Oct. 23^d 1857, to cover amount that had been advanced by the Treasurer without certificate, \$1000.00. Also, to H. Barnes, publisher of Detroit Tribune, Jan. 21st, 1858, for advertising proposals, postponement and opening of Agricultural College, \$58.50. The Board voted the allowance of J. C. Phinney, Tobias & Co., for work done for Agric'l College to date, \$27.50.

Advertising \$53.

The Board having disposed of the business before them, adjourned at 10 o'clock P.M.

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of Sec. Board of Education,
 Lansing, July 8th. 1858.

The Board met pursuant to call of the Secretary,
 Present, Messrs. Willard, Bator and the Secretary.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Willard
 was called to the Chair.

Shearer, Steward
 Resigned

The resignation of Mr. J. M. Shearer, the late
 Steward was received and accepted, and is
 placed on file.

After receiving and considering communica-
 tions from the President and Officers of the College,
 the Board took a recess till 1/2 past 1, P.M.

July 8th 1/2 past 1, P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment,
 Present, the same members as before.

Steward's Salary

The Board upon consideration unanimously
Resolved, That the salary of the Steward be
 fixed at six hundred dollars a year,
 including house rent, use of furniture, and the
 Board of himself and family, not exceeding
 four persons in all.

Assistant Chemist
 Dropped

Resolved, That the authority conferred upon the
 Prof. of Chemistry, Jan. 14, 1857, to employ an
 assistant, be and is hereby revoked.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow morning.

July 9th. 1858

The Board met at the office of the Secretary at
 8 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Willard, Bator & the
 Secretary. On motion it was

Brown, Steward

Resolved, That Mr. George A. Brown be, and
 he is hereby appointed Steward of the Agricultural
 College for the remainder of the present term,
 on a salary at the rate of \$600.00 a year.

Finances

The Secretary reported the following certifi-
 cates drawn since the last meeting of the Board
 pursuant to instructions, to wit: March 29th,
 to J. C. Holmes, Treasurer of Agric'l College,
 \$122.95; June 7th, to J. C. Abbot, Treasurer of Agric'l
 College, \$2,500.00; do, June 25th \$500.00; do, July 1st,
 \$500.00. — The Board adjourned to meet at the
 Normal School Building Wednesday before the close
 of the present term.

Isaac Mayhew, Sec.

Normal School Building,
Upsalanti, July 21st, 1858.

The Board of Education being in session at the Normal School Building, and Messrs. Baxter, Millard and the Secretary being in attendance, a communication from President Williams, of the Agric. College, dated July 17, 1858, was laid before the Board by the Secretary, which communication is placed on file.

Upon considering the contents of the aforesaid paper, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board both the Law under which the Agricultural College is organized, and the best interests of that Institution, preclude us from giving permission for, or in any manner sanctioning the pursuit of any employment for gain within the walls of the Institution, other than is provided for both the Officers and Professors regularly employed.

Whereas a majority of the applicants for admission to the Agricultural College have to be rejected for want of accommodations, and whereas the law requiring students to enter for a period of not less than one entire term, (except for providential reasons,) therefore,

Resolved, That when students leave the College prior to the expiration of any term, (except for providential reasons, for which they shall be excused by the Faculty,) they shall receive no pay for labor previously performed, during that term, but the same shall be deemed forfeited by reason of such desertion or abandonment of the Institution.

Resolved, That from and after the commencement of the next term of the Agricultural College, the times of determining the price of board, and of settling with students shall be as follows: The price of board for the term shall be determined on the third Wednesday of January and July of each year, at which times students shall be required to settle for board to those days, respectively. The price of labor shall be determined, and the settlement with students for the balance of board, and for labor, shall be made at the close of each term.

no

Money Making
at College

Forfeiture
of wages by
desertion

Times of Settling
for Board
& Labor

any credits for labor being allowed on the board of the latter part of the term, and balances either way being settled at the end of the term.

No Vacation

July Fourth

Whereas, The question has been raised as to the propriety and legality of a short vacation embracing the Fourth of July, therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board such vacation would not only be unauthorized by law, but injurious to the industrial interests of the Institution.

The Board resumed normal school business,

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary.

Office of S. C. Board of Education,
Sausung Oct. 27, 1858.

The Board met at the office of the Secretary on Monday morning, Oct. 25th, pursuant to adjournment from the last Normal School meeting, and notice from the Secretary. Present, Messrs. Kellogg, Basster and the Sec'y. After a brief session, without the transaction of business for record, the Board took a recess to attend the examinations at the Agricultural College, during the day.

The Board met again in the evening, Present the same members as before, and George Millard, making a full Board.

The Board continued in open session from day to day, till Wednesday, attending the examinations during the day, and considering matters connected with the College from time to time.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Resolved, That that the President of the Agricultural College be requested to prepare and submit to this Board by the first of Decem'r next, a brief report, embracing the following particulars:

1st. The amount expended for the Agricultural College from April first, 1858, to the date of the report, and an estimate of the necessary expenditures for the Institution to January first, 1859, with a particular statement of items and objects.

President's
Report

Expenses

- 2d. A full statement of the indebtedness of the Agric. College up to January first, 1859, including all amounts due for balances, giving items and particulars.
- 3d. Needed repairs before January 1861, and the estimated cost thereof.
- 4th. Additional Professors required.
- 5th. A map of the Farm, indicating, so far as practicable, surface, streams, improvements, buildings, etc., etc.
- 6th. Necessary buildings and improvements required before January, 1861, including plans for buildings, their location, and the estimated cost of their erection, having in view the accommodation of at least two hundred students.
- 7th. A detailed statement of the appropriations required to meet the wants of the Institution for the same length of time.
- 8th. Any further suggestions deemed of importance to the success of the Institution.
- 9th. Legislation required to promote the interests of the College.
- The functions of the Professor of Horticulture having been suspended, and with them those of the late Treasurer of the College, therefore,
- Resolved, That J. C. Holmes' Bond as Treasurer of the Agricultural College be released.
- Resolved, That the course of study adopted by the Faculty of the College, and presented for the approval of this Board, be and the same is hereby referred back to the Faculty, with the request that they amend it by striking out French or German, and inserting Entomology, Meteorology, and other studies specified in the law; and by further changing it so as to embrace but two terms; (dividing the long one into first and second parts,) and that they submit the same to this Board the 30th of November, or as soon thereafter as may be.
- Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do so to meet at the Office of the Secretary the 30th of Nov. inst. at 8 o'clock A.M.

Debts

Repairs

Professors

Farm Map

added Buildings

Estimates

Legislation

Holmes' Bond

Course of Study

French & German
Out,
Entom., Meteor-
ology etc.
2 parts to 1st
term etc.

Finance

The Secretary reported checks drawn in favor of Prof. F.C. Abbot, Treasurer of the College, since the last meeting, pursuant to instructions of this Board, as follows; July 1st. \$500.00; September 1st, \$500.00; October 14th. \$500.00, and Oct. 26th. \$500.00.

The Board adjourned.

Era Mayhew,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 1858

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Wednesday Nov. 30th, at 8 o'clock A.M.

Present, W.J. Brewster, Geo. Willard and the Secretary.

A communication was received from J. R. Kellogg, indicating his inability to be present at this meeting of the Board.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rev George Willard was chosen President ~~pro tem~~.

Reports

The Board received the Report of the Agricultural College, prepared pursuant to a resolution of this Board at its last meeting, which report was ordered printed, and will appear with the accompanying documents of the Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Board took up the preparation of a Report to the Governor, embracing both the Normal School and the Agricultural College, which report will likewise be published as an accompanying document to the Superintendent's Report.

The Board, after continuing in session through the day and evening, adjourned to meet at the Office of the Secretary at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

December 1st, 1858,

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Present, the same members as before.

The Secretary called the attention of the Board to an unsettled account with Geo. W. Maher, late Superintendent of Buildings, when it was

Resolved, That Geo. W. Maher's account for Two Hundred and Ninety and $\frac{43}{100}$ dollars

Maher's acct.

for balance of salary as Superintendent of repairs on Agricultural College, and of building Cottage Residences for Professors, be allowed, and the usual certificate be drawn in payment thereof.

Mayhew's Acct.

Resolved, That the account of Ira Mayhew for expenses incurred as Secretary of this Board, since Oct. 1857, including an account for livery for himself and the Board with F. LaRue, etc., be allowed at \$132.50.

Board of Professors

Resolved, That Professors C. Tracy, and J. C. Abbot, be charged the same sum per week for board that has been established for students during the same terms respectively.

Old Acct.

Resolved, That \$100.00 be allowed to S. W. Holmes, State Treasurer, to cover an amount advanced by him to C. M. Bartlett while acting as Agent of this Board in 1856, the same not having been hitherto embraced in the Certificates of this Board.

The Board, after continuing in session through the day and evening, and agreeing upon a Report to the Governor, adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M. to meet at this Office on the Call of the Secretary, in the early part of January 1859.

Ira Mayhew,
Secretary