

January 29th 1878

State Board met in the Secretary's Office at eight O'clock P.M. The following members were present at all the sessions of this meeting. H. G. Wells, J. H. Childs, Franklin Wells, A. S. Dyckman, W. J. Gard and Pres. Abbott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

President Abbott read a paper calling attention to several matters requiring the attention of the Board.

Resolved that the papers recommending candidates for Steward be placed in the hands of the committee on Officers, and Employees.

Resolved to adjourn till 8½ O'clock tomorrow morning.

January 30th 8½ O'clock A.M.

The Board met. Most of the forenoon was spent in making an examination of the work in Wells Hall. After which they had a recess for dinner till 1½ O'clock.

Board met at 1½ O'clock P.M.

Museum

Resolved that Prof. Cook be authorized to purchase the Peter Collection of Fossils for the Museum at a cost of \$75.00 and exp.

Syringe

Resolved that Prof. Cook be authorized to purchase a syringe at a cost not to exceed \$1.00 and expressage.

Muskrats

Resolved that Prof. Cook be authorized to purchase a pair of white Muskrats at a cost not to exceed \$10.00

Bees

Resolved that Prof. Cook be authorized to sell eighteen colonies of bees @ ten dollars a colony.

A recess was taken for tea till 7½ O'clock P.M.

The Board met at 7½ O'clock P.M.

Hort. Foreman

Prof. Beal made a statement before the Board in relation to the Horticultural Department and advised the engaging of a Foreman in that Department.

Williams Hall

Resolved that the Secretary be authorized to settle for the work done in Williams Hall at \$200.00 for the contract and the charge made by the Walworth Mfg. Co. for extra work in

Society Room

boiler room and Society room.

Resolved that the Building Committee be authorized to settle with Peabody Miller and the Walworth Mfg. Co. on the completion of their respective contracts.

Insurance

Resolved that W. H. Wells and the Secretary to obtain an insurance on Wells Hall not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a term not to exceed three years.

Steam Coil

Resolved that the Building Committee be authorized to have a Steam Coil put in the West chimney for ventilation.

The committee on employers reported that they did not wish to make a recommendation for appointment for Steward but that their preference was for Mr Fox of all the candidates now before them.

Resolved that Mr Fox be employed as Steward of the College with a salary at the rate of 600.00 dollars per annum.

Resolved that Mr Fox be notified of his appointment and that he be requested to come on as soon as convenient not later than February 15th.

Resolved that Mr Frank Sullivan be employed as Foreman of the Horticultural Department from March 1st 1878 with a salary at the rate of \$400. per annum. and board.

Resolved that the vegetable gardens of the College be in charge of the Foreman of the Horticultural Department he shall keep the books of the Department, manage the labor and in winter shall assist the Gardener in the work of the Greenhouse. He shall assist the Professor of Horticulture in his experiments in work upon the park, orchards, and in all other work falling within the Department of Botany and Horticulture.

Resolved that the President and Secretary be authorized to have a door put in the west side of the Boarding Hall.

Resolved that the floors of the Engine Room of Williams Hall be grouted under charge of Prof. Carpenter.

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to have 500 circulars printed to use in place of Catalogues giving scheme of studies, expenses and ~~with~~ such information as is generally desired by applicants for admission.

Resolved that the Chapel, the President's office, and the Secretary's office be repaired under the direction of the Secretary.

Resolved that a water supply for the Wells Hall be made by means of a pipe from the Steam pump of Williams Hall in charge of Prof. Carpenter.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to admit ladies as students into the College with the privilege of occupying rooms in Williams Hall in as much as there are no rooms upon this same floor with the Steward's rooms that can be spared for them to occupy.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Farm Management and Prof. Angerell be authorized to expend \$500. for motive power for the Farm Department or so much of it as may be needed for the purpose for which it is appropriated.

Resolved that the Farm Committee and Prof. Angerell be authorized to put up a Corn House at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Adjourned till 8 1/2 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Board met at 8 1/2 A.M.

Resolved that smoking be prohibited in Wells Hall and that Mr. Miller be authorized to see that this resolution be carried into effect.

Adjourned to meet at the call of President. Abbot and the Secretary.

R. G. Baird
Secy

April 16th 1878

State Board of Agriculture met in the office of the Secretary. The following members were present during all the sessions of the meeting. Pres. H. G. Wells. J. Webster Childs, Franklin Wells, William F. Gard. Pres. Abbot.

The following members of the faculty were present during the first evening session, Dr. R. L. Redgie, Prof. A. J. Cook, H. J. Beal, R. L. Carpenter and E. L. Jernsoll.

After the members of the Faculty presented matters of interest in connection with their several Departments it was resolved that the committees visit the Farm and Gardens tomorrow immediately after dinner.

Resolved to adjourn till tomorrow at eight O'clock A.M.

Wednesday eight O'clock A.M.

Resolved that Dr. Redgie be authorized to put additional seats in the Chemical Lecture room and that the expenditures for the same be charged to the Chemical Department Fund.

Resolved that the Horticultural Department be directed to put up a fence between ^{the} Secy's garden and the Artorium three feet from the hedge and to put in a gate to the garden.

Resolved that Mr. Carpenter be authorized to purchase for the Boarding Hall a new chis stock and six chis, the cost not to exceed \$12.00.

Resolved that Mr. Carpenter be authorized to have the valve seat and valve of the steam pump accurately planed during the coming vacation.

Resolved that Prof. Beal be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$150.00 for Microscopes.

Resolved that Prof. Beal be authorized to purchase 75 feet of hose for the Green House.

Resolved that Mr Carpenter be authorized to expend the balance of the River Appropriation in building necessary ice breakers above the College bridge, and in building a dam across the Red Cedar River, at or near the site of the former dam

A petition was presented from "Literary Eclectic Society" for a room to be fitted up in the Mansard of Williams Hall. Also a petition from the students for a Gymnasium. The above petitions were both laid on the table.

President Abbott was requested to inform the petitioners of this action.

Adjourned till three o'clock

The Committee did not get through with their inspection of the Farm and Gardens in time for an afternoon session.

Evening Session

Resolved that Mr Carpenter be authorized to have constructed a plank protection to the west stone wall in Wells Hall boiler room.

Resolved that the matter of building an oven at the Boarding Hall be left in charge of the Committee on buildings and college property.

Resolved that Prof. Ingersoll be authorized to purchase a combined reaper and mower

Resolved that \$20.00 be expended on plants for the Green House.

Resolved that the Horticultural Department remove offensive and decaying matter from the basement of the College Hall and arrange the windows so as to secure good ventilation of the basement.

Resolved that the report of Prof. Beal in regard to a mechanical Department be received and placed on file

Resolved that the ceiling of the Boiler room of Williams Hall be repaired as a protection against fire, under direction of President Abbott.

Resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet on Monday evening next preceding the Junior Exhibition unless previously called to gather in extra sessions.

Resolved that this Secretary, Prof. Ingersoll and Beal be a committee to employ a Carpenter at a salary not to exceed \$1.50 a day and board at \$2.00 and board himself.

Resolved that we now adjourn.

R. B. Bird

L. C. Bird

August 26th 1878

Board met in Secretary's Office at 8 O'clock P.M.
The following members present H. G. Wells J. W. Childs
Franklin Wells G. W. Phillips M. J. Gard & Pres. F. C. Abbott

The following members of the Faculty met with the Board
at this evening session & reported respecting their ^{several} ~~various~~
Departments Dr. Hedges Fairchild Beal Carpenter & Ingersoll

Resolved to adjourn till 8 O'clock A.M. tomorrow

Tuesday 8 O'clock A.M. Board met

Franklin Wells as chairman of the finance committee
presented a report of the condition of the finances of the College
which report was accepted

Resolved that the Faculty be authorized to have
a Catalogue for 1878 printed of 3500 copies

Catalogue

Resolved that Dr. Hedges ^{be authorized} to have printed

Analysis Slips

2000 slips of analyses of soils

Comm. on Carpenter

Resolved that the work done by the College Carpenter
be in charge of a committee consisting of Secretary Baird Prof's
Beal & Ingersoll

Museum Bal.

Resolved that Prof. Cook be authorized to expend
the balance of the Museum fund in accordance with the
recommendation submitted to this Board by the Faculty.

Resolved that ~~when~~ this Board hold a meeting in
Detroit at the time of the State Fair on Tuesday eve Sept
17th at the Russell House

State Exhibit

Resolved that each dept. exhibiting at the
State Fair shall have an officer or employee at the Fair
to take charge of & exhibit ^{the} college property.

Adjourned till 2 O'clock P.M.

Board met at 2 O'clock P.M.

Stone

Resolved that the stone left over from Wells
Hall be put in charge of Prof. Ingersoll & that an account of
what is done with the stone be kept & that when taken from
his charge the amount be charged to the dept. taking it.

Sc. wages

Resolved that the maximum rate of wages paid to
students after this term (Term ending Aug. 27th) be eight cents an
hour

Field to Garden

Resolved that field No 1 be transferred from the
Farm to the Horticultural dept. of the College

Picnics

Resolved that the rule forbidding picnics on the college
grounds be rescinded & that the matter be left with the Faculty
of the College

Resolved that ^{Carpenter} Mr. ^{be} authorized & requested
to purchase for the Halls such firebricks as may be

Fire Brick required to oversee the work of repairs in brick & iron

Resolved that Mr Carpenter be appointed Professor of Mathematics & Civil Engineering from & after Jan'y 1st 1879

Resolved that Prof. Beal be authorized to purchase two Microscopes at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars each

Resolved that the Faculty be granted permission to erect a building at their own expense to be used by them for a school house. the location for said building to be selected ^{by the Faculty} with the approval of Mr Oliver the Landscape Gardener

Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on College Accounts be authorized to approve the bills contracted by Prof. Ingersoll for Advertising stock.

Resolved that the Horticultural Department take the Boarding Hall horse in try him with one of their team & meanwhile give the Boarding Hall the use of the Brown horse

Meeting Adjourned
R. H. Beirsd
Secy

September 17th 1878

The Board met at the Russell House Detroit. The following members were present J. Webster Childs, Franklin Wells, Geo W. Phillips, Milton J. Gard & Pres. T. C. Abbot.

On Motion the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with till next meeting

Resolved that the Prof. of Agriculture be authorized to expend labor on lot No 16 under direction of the Farm Committee

Resolved that the Hort. Dept be authorized to build a board fence on the West South & East sides of the Nursery & on the West & South sides of the pasture lot back of the Secretary's barn

Resolved that Prof. Beal be authorized to expend ten dollars for bulbs for the Green House

Resolved that the Steward be authorized to sell the Boarding Hall horse at a sum not less than \$15.00

Board adjourned to meet at the call of Pres. Abbot & the Secretary

R. H. Beirsd
Secretary

Monday Nov 18th 1878

The State Board of Agriculture met at the Secretary's ^{office} at 8 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present at all the sessions of this meeting H. G. Wells, Franklin Wells, J. Webster Childs, Geo W. Phillips, Milton J. Gard, A. S. Dyckman & Pres. T. C. Abbot

During the first evening session all the members of the Faculty were present and made suggestions to the Board in connection with their respective departments. After which the Board adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock

Monday Nov 19th at 8 A.M. the Board met. ^{The minutes of the last two meetings were read & approved} The following resolution was passed. Resolved that the degree of Bachelor of Science be conferred upon the following persons who have completed their course of study at the College. George E. Bresk, Henry T. Buskirk, Henry V. Clark, Theodore P. Caulkins, Eugene Davenport, Harry E. Emmons, Charles C. Georgeson, Eugene Gregory, Richard H. Gulley, Frank W. Hastings, Carlton V. Herriman, Will S. Holdsworth, Emmor A. Ladd, James P. Lewis, Robert T. McLaughlin, James E. Miller, Jay R. Monroe, Henry E. Owen, Joel S. Pardee, William K. Prudden, Edward J. Rawson, Albert A. Robinson, Frank E. Robson, Ralph D. Sessions, Charles F. Shilling, Fremont C. Skeels, Clement J. Strong, James Troop, S. Satterlee Trowbridge, Elisha D. A. True.

After signing the diplomas the Board took a recess till 3 o'clock P.M. in order to attend the exercises of the graduating class.

Moved & seconded that Prof. Beal be paid ten dollars, as compensation to Mr. Halsted for teaching during the Professor's absence at the State Fair. Motion did not prevail.

Moved & seconded that that Prof. Ingersoll be authorized to purchase a carpet for the Farm House parlor, & parlor bedroom. Carried

It was Resolved that the General Committee take charge of the suggestions made by members of the Faculty & report regarding them to the Board.

B. S.

Fair, extra

Furnishing

It was resolved that the Secretary be authorized to pay Mr John Prime three $\frac{3}{4}$ dollars per acre for the $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres released to the J. L. & S. R. R. Co previous to the sale of 40 acres to Mr Prime in 1865, and interest from the time of purchase to date at 7 per cent.

Board adjourned till 8 O'clock to morrow morning

Wednesday morning Nov 20th 8 O'clock
Ladies Board met

It was Resolved that H. G. Wells President of the Board & R. G. Baird Secy be a Committee to rectify the mistake in the conveyance of land to Arnold Walker in 1871 with power to do what seems to them necessary in the matter.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the estimates to be presented to the Legislature for the years 1879 & 1880 till noon when they took a recess till One O'clock P. M.

Board met at one O'clock P. M. & resumed the consideration of the estimates till Six O'clock when they took a recess till 7 O'clock.

Board met & Seven O'clock P. M. & continued to consider the estimates.

Moved & seconded that the Salary of Prof Carpenter be at the rate of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum after Jan'y 1st 1879.

Moved & seconded in amendment that it be ^{at the rate of} two thousand dollars per annum the amendment was lost.

The original motion was then voted upon & carried.

Moved & seconded that the Salary of Frank A. Gully be at the rate of six hundred dollars after Jan'y 1st 1879. Motion did not prevail.

Moved & seconded that an item of six thousand dollars be put into the estimates for the construction of a ladies hall. Carried

Moved & seconded that six hundred dollars be put into the estimates for a matron's salary for the year 1880. Carried

Moved & seconded that one thousand dollars be put into the estimates to furnish the ladies hall. Carried

Ladies' Hall

Moved & Seconded that the building Committee be authorized to obtain plans & specifications for a ladies Hall, provided they are furnished without cost. Carried

Wire Fence

It was resolved that Prof Beal be authorized to enclose the pear orchard with a wire fence.

Adam Oliver

It was resolved that Pres. Abbot be instructed to have Mr Oliver decide how many pear trees (not to exceed five) shall be removed from the south west corner of the pear orchard & that he shall have Mr Oliver plant stakes to designate the location of the path to the Laboratory.

The following report was presented and adopted

To the Board of Agriculture

Your Committee of Farmers' Institutes present the following report on the Institutes for 1879

Institutes

In the opinion of your Committee it is very desirable that Institutes should be held in Counties where institutes have not been held, until the different sections of the state have been visited.

It is also desirable that the Secretary of the Board should write to applicants who have failed to get an institute giving the reason for such failure and suggesting that a new application be made at some future time. We also suggest that the Secretary keep on file all the applications for institutes which are or may be received.

Applications have been received from nine places for Farmers' Institutes for next winter, namely Bay City, Flint, Oxford, Howell, Charlotte, Battle Creek, Centerville, Dowagiac, & East Saginaw.

We recommend that an institute be held at each of the following places and at the times stated to be attended by the respective members of the College Faculty; the Institutes to be conducted in the same manner & upon the same conditions as the Institutes of former years, namely, the citizens to bear all the local expenses & to furnish one half of the lectures & papers.

Bay City. Bay Co. attended by Prof. Carpenter
Pres. Abbot & Dr. Kedzie Gehring

Flint. Genesee Co. Jan'y 16 & 17th attended by

Professors Fairchild, Beal & Carpenter
 Charlotte Eaton Co Jan'y 13th & 14th attended
 by Professors Beal, Fairchild & R. F. Kedzie
 Howell Livingston Co Jan'y 20th & 21st attended
 by Professors Ingersoll Cook and Secretary Baird
 Centreville St Joseph Co Jan'y 23rd & 24th attended
 by Prof Cook Pres. Abbot Prof Ingersoll & Mr Cassidy
 Dowagiac Cass Co Jan'y 28th & 29th Dr Kedzie
 Secretary Baird & Frank A Gullett

These counties have never had a Farmer's Institute

The first named member of each delegation
 will be the Committee on behalf of the Faculty to work
 up the details of the meeting make out a programme &c
 except in the case of Dowagiac where Milton J. Gard
 will make the necessary arrangements

If for any reason it becomes necessary
 to change places on any of these assignments, such
 exchange may be made provided it is done before
 the lists are published

We recommend that the Secretary attend all
 the above institutes if he can do so

We recommend that an appropriation of
 \$300,00 dollars a year be asked from the Legislature
 to pay the expenses of the Farmer's Institutes & for ill-
 ustrating the subjects presented &c.

J. Webster Childs
 Milton J. Gard
 A. S. Dyckman } Committee

Adjourned to meet at 8 A. Clock tomorrow
 morning

Thursday morning 8 A.M.

Board met: Moved & seconded that Pres.
 Abbot & the Secretary be authorized to have the necessary
 repairs made on the Hall in connection with the
 cleaning. Carried

Moved & seconded that Prof Carpenter be authorized
 to oversee the construction of an ice house near
 the bank of Cedar River said building to cost not to
 exceed one hundred & fifty dollars. Carried

Moved & seconded that the item put into
 the estimates for a ladies hall and the several items
 connected with this be submitted to the Legislature
 & the Legislature as an independent estimate
 Carried

Repairs

Ice House

Ladies Hall

Ladies Hall

Moved & seconded that the motion designating six thousand dollars as the amount to be put into the estimate for a ladies hall be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved & seconded that ten thousand dollars be asked for to build a ladies hall. Carried.

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Moved & seconded that the motion designating one thousand dollars as the sum to be put into the estimate to furnish the ladies hall be reconsidered. Carried.

It was resolved that two thousand be the sum asked for to furnish the hall.

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It was resolved that an item of one thousand dollars be put into the estimates for a female teacher for the year 1880.

Stock

It was resolved that the College hereafter keep herds of short horns & Ayrshires only & keep of other breeds only such specimens as are needed for purposes of instruction.

Board adjourned to meet at the call of Pres. Abbott & the Secretary.

R. H. Baird

Secretary.