

MINUTES

OF

1857

Jan 7, 1857.

The committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present, The Chairman

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The draft of an Annual Report to the Legislature was presented and read and after having been amended was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Regents of the University for their approval. (Said report will be found among Assembly Documents of 1857, No. 26)

The chairman was requested to invite the Rev. Dr. Rogers of this city to deliver the address at the closing exercises of the present term of the school.

The Principal & Faculty recommended the following numbers of the Senior Class as worthy to receive the Diplomas of the School at the close of the present term on the 29th inst. and they were accordingly granted.

Deborah L. Adams
Orphana E. Andrews
Mary E. Arns
Laura F. Beecher
Sarah M. Birch
Nancy B. Briggs
Anna Courtney
Antoinette Gregory
Rachel A. Hait
Cornelia A. Mead
Alexa J. Moseley
Henrietta A. Smith
Jemima Stoller
Jane Southerland
Lydia A. Thomas
Oscar F. Avery

Albany, Albany Co.
La Fayette, Onondaga

Amsterdam, Montgomery
Honeoye, Ontario
Albany, Albany
Sand Lake, Rensselaer
Virgil, Cortland
Smyrna, Chenango
Georgetown, Madison
Fabius, Onondaga
Tribia Hills, Montgomery
Yonk, Yates
Albany, Albany
Salisbury Center, Herkimer

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| David P. Austin | Sand Bank, Oswego |
| Benjamin Edison | Otsego, Otsego |
| William D. Gregory | Skamatche, Onondaga |
| Sylvanus B. Husted | Albany, Albany |
| John H. Kane | Albany, Albany |
| Manly W. Kennedy | Chuktowaga, Erie |
| Jonas C. Hanson | West Chazy, Clinton |
| Henry J. Tanner | Medina, Orleans |
| Nelson P. Tuttle | St. Lawrence, Jefferson |
| William Vandemark | Phelps, Ontario |
| Edwin A. Wheeler | North Clarkson, Monroe |
| Andrew B. Williams | Knox, Albany |

The closing exercises of the 25th Term of School were held on the 28th day of January. An appropriate Address was delivered by Rev. E. P. Rogers D. D. of Albany.

At the close of the exercises, at an informal meeting of the Committee, the Chairman was requested to present to Dr. Rogers the thanks of the Committee for his eloquent & instructive address, and to request a copy for publication.

May 8, 1857

The Committee met at the call of the chairman, Hon. H. H. Van Dyck, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Present the Chairman

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The Principal reported that within a few weeks several articles of clothing belonging to the Pupils, had been taken from the dressing rooms. He stated that the ladies dressing room had been kept locked, but that on the day on which the articles were taken from it, it was accidentally left open for a short time at that there is little doubt that

during this time it was entered from the street and the articles taken. The gentlemen's room had not been kept locked--the necessity of its being frequently visited, and its apparent slight exposure not seeming to require it. The circumstances connected with the purloining of the articles (two overcoats) quite clearly indicate the act of thieves from the street. The pupils who have sustained these losses are poor, and subjected to great inconvenience and are not able to replace them.

In view of these facts it was resolved that Thirty four dollars be appropriated to reimburse the losses in such proportion as the Principal shall deem just.

The Principal stated that he had found it necessary to place a grate in one of the Chambers of his residence, at an expense of Seventeen dollars. It was ordered that the treasurer be authorized to pay for the same.

Mr. Austin, Mr. Townsend & the Principal were appointed a committee to examine into the condition of the building in regard to the necessity of repairs, and particularly into the condition of the back yard in reference to the conductors & drains.

The committee then adjourned.

July 9, 1857

The closing exercises of the 25th term were held this day.

Prof. John Foster of Union College, who had been invited to that duty by the Chairman delivered the

usual address.

The thanks of the committee were unanimously ordered, and a copy was requested for publication.

The usual Diplomas were on recommendation of the Faculty granted to the following members of the Senior Class.

(Program of graduation exercises for July 9, 1857 was inserted here)

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| 1. Lucy A. Ackley | Columbia Co. |
| 2. Harriet Barnes | Wayne |
| 3. Fanny Baxter | Erie |
| 4. Ellen J. Benham | Genessee |
| 5. Sarah Bray | Columbia |
| 6. Lilly Brown | Albany |
| 7. Rachel A. Calverly | Albany |
| 8. Hannah Catlin | Bioga |
| 9. Catharine Conde | Schenectady |
| 10. Mary J. Daniel | Albany |
| 11. Orree W. Dempster | Jefferson |
| 12. Jane A. Dickson | Albany |
| 13. Frances J. Farrington | Onondaga |
| 14. Mary E. Fitzgerald | Orange |
| 15. Henrietta L. Forman | New York |
| 16. Lydia H. Gale | Albany |
| 17. Julia A.C. Harmon | Schenectady |
| 18. Rebecca J. Kindman | Albany |
| 19. Mary E. Howell | Orange |
| 20. M. Celia Jones | Saratoga |
| 21. Arietta A. Lansingh | Albany |
| 22. Della A. Lathrop | Onondaga |
| 23. Leah A. Marsh | Oneida |
| 24. Anna H. Oliver | Saratoga |
| 25. Lydia E. Payne | Cayuga |
| 26. Caroline Phillips | Rensselaer |
| 27. Isabella G. Rawson | Albany |
| 28. Mary J. Simpson | Albany |
| 29. Sarah Turner | Onondaga |
| 30. Mary E. Weaver | Albany |
| 31. Hubbard H. Barrett | St. Lawrence |
| 32. Linus W. Clark | Lewis |
| 33. Charles Colton | St. Lawrence |
| 34. Joseph G. Fox | Jefferson |
| 35. Gilbert B. Hendrickson | Westchester |
| 36. Joel P. Loomis | Chautauque |
| 37. John McLaughlin | Saratoga |
| 38. Henry A. Nichols | Monroe |
| 39. Aaron K. Tuttle | Jefferson |
| 40. Henry A. Wilcox | Cayuga |

August 24, 1857

The committee met at the call of the chairman

Present

The Chairman

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the three preceding minutes were approved.

The following letter was read.

Albany Aug. 24, 1857.

Prof. Cochran,

Circumstances render it necessary that I should resign my position as teacher in the State Normal School.

Feeling the deepest interest in the school and its success, it is with extreme reluctance that I tender to you my resignation.

With the highest regard,

Henrietta B. Herves.

On Motion it was resolved that the resignation of Mrs. Herves be accepted, and that the secretary be directed to express the regret of the Committee at her separation from the school, and the favorable estimate of her services while she has been connected with it as a teacher.

On the recommendation of the Principal, Miss Mary E. Buttee, of Hudson, Columbia County a graduate of the fourth term was appointed to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Herves.

It was resolved that One Hundred dollars be added to the Salary of Mr. Albert N. Husted, a tutor in the school.

The Committee on repairs appointed at the meeting May 8, was directed to examine into the necessity of replacing the furnace in the north end of the building, and the range in the Kitchen, and empowered to act in the matter as they shall deem necessary.

The Committee then adjourned.

Dec. 8

Committee met at Call of the Chairman

Present Sup. Pub. Instruction

Mr Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

Hon Robert N. Pruyn having been appointed a member of the Committee in place of S. R. Hammond Esq. appeared and took his seat.

The Committe after free conversation in regard to the condition of the school adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Mr Townsend and Mr. Pruyn were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Dec. 31, 1857

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present the Sup. of Pub. Instruction

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read & approved.

The Secretary presented the following communication.

Albany Dec. 4, 1857

Executive Committee of State Normal School

Please to accept this as my resignation to take effect at the close of the present term.

J. C. Estee

On Motion of Mr. Townsend, resolved that the resignation of Mr. Estee be accepted.

Prof. George W. Plympton was unanimously elected Professor of Mathematics in place of Prof Davies at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars.

The Principal was authorized to procure a carpet for the reception room of the school building.

Mr. Townsend from the committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported that the committee had examined the accounts, with the vouchers in support thereof, and found a balance of four hundred and ninety three dollars and seventy four cents in the hands of the Treasurer, on the 17th day of Sept. 1857.