

September 16, 1874.

The committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present the Chairman,

Mr. Townsend,

Mr. Woolverton,

The Hon. Robert W. Puyu having been duly appointed a member of the committee in place of Hon. John B. L. Puyu resigned appeared and took his seat. The President Dr. Alden was also present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary submitted the following communication,

To the Executive Committee of the New York State Normal School;

Gentlemen,

Having received a call to the Chair of Physics & Chemistry in Papsar College, I ask your permission to resign that of Natural Science which I have so long held in the Normal School.

With great respect and kind regards for the committee & for you gentlemen individually, allow me to remain,

Very truly yours,
Le Roy C. Cooley.

At any N.Y.

Sept. 9, 1874.

It was on motion resolved that the resignation of Prof. Cooley be accepted and that the Secretary be directed to express to him the high appreciation of the committee of the ability and fidelity with which he has discharged his duties during the thirteen years of his professorship and to assure him of their best wishes for his success and usefulness in the position to which he is called.

Dr. Alden nominated as teacher of the Natural Sciences Mr. Joseph St. John a graduate of the 48th term. Dr. Alden stated that Mr. St. John had for two years been a successful teacher

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of Natural Science in the Clamack Academy and Hudson River Institute and for the last year had been under instruction in the School of Mines in Columbia College. Prof. Cooley has spoken highly of his qualifications. The Chairman also stated that he knows Mr. St. John an unreservedly confidence in his ability to discharge the duties of teacher in this department.

Whereupon it was on motion resolved that Joseph St. John be appointed teacher of the Natural Science at a salary of three hundred dollars.

The following communication was read
To the Executive Committee of the New York State Normal School;

Gentlemen,

I have taught in the Normal School first as tutor, and for the past five years as Professor of Mathematics, seven years.

I am also the chief executive officer of the school. My duties in this department are, I believe, manifold important & laborious, but I receive no additional compensation because of them. My care and labors in both positions have been steadily increasing. The resignation of Prof. Cooley and the appointment of a tutor in his stead leaves me the only officer of my grade in the school and adds considerably to my work & responsibilities.

I respectfully request that my salary be increased two hundred dollars per Ann.

Yours Obdt. Servt,
A. N. Austin

Albany Sept. 12, 1874.

It was on motion resolved that in consideration of the facts stated in the communication of Prof. Austin's One Hundred dollars a term be paid to him in addition to his salary until the further order of the Committee.

Dr. Adams stated that during the first week of the

present term three hundred scholars have been in attendance, and the number in the Model School has largely increased.

The Secretary stated that Dr. Alden, in view of the constant use of the room occupied by him as a library, ~~being constantly used~~ for the purposes of the school as a business room thought it reasonable that the carpet should be provided by the committee. Whereupon it was ordered that the Secretary be authorized to provide a suitable carpet.

The committee on repairs stated that they had found the condition of the building to be such as to require very considerable repairs.

These embraced mainly the following.

1. Repairing & painting the iron shutters,
2. Paving the yard & repairing drains.
3. Cleaning & repairing stoves & furnaces.
4. Insulating inside the buildings pipes for conducting the water from the roof and painting & repairing roof.
5. Repairing black boards.
6. Renewing & repairing plaster on the ceiling & walls.

These repairs had been made at a probable expense of \$2500 or \$3000. and to meet the same it will be necessary to ask an extra appropriation from the next Legislature, all which was approved.

The Committee then adjourned