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be tendered to Prof. Cochran for his address delivered at the closing exercises on the 31st ult. and that a copy be requested for publication, Committee adjourned.

March 26, 1856.

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman Present, The Superintendent of Pub. Instruction
Mr. Dasmund
Mr. Austin
Mr. Woodworth.

The following letter from Capt. Boynton was read.

Fort Moultrie Charleston, S. C.

Feb. 16, 1856.

Prof. S. M. Woodworth,
Sic^t. of the State Normal School,
Albany N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 8th, inst. announcing that I had been unanimously elected Professor of Nat. Sciences in the State Normal School at Albany.

It is with profound regret, that I am constrained by the following circumstances, to decline this much coveted position. Previous to my departure from Florida in Dec. last, I received an invitation from the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi, to accept of the Chair Mineralogy, Zoology, & Chemistry, then vacant in that Institution. It was accepted with a pledge on my part to enter upon the duties thereof if the conditions I dictated were strictly complied with, and as these involved the action of the State Legislature, no hopes were entertained by me of this acceptance.

During my absence in Florida, letters were