

MINUTES

OF

1861

January 8, 1861

The Regents met at the call of the Chairman

Present The Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

A draft of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the Regents of the University and the Superintendent of Public Instruction was read, and after some amendments was adopted.

The Report is Assembly Document No. 1861

The secretary submitted the statements of Mr. Gates and Miss Freeman, in the matter of Miss Walwork directed to be taken at the last meeting of the committee. After hearing the statements, and on further discussion the following entry was ordered to be made on the minutes.

The Executive Committee, after having carefully examined the Charges made by Mr. Scroggs against the Principal of the School, having heard the explanation of his action by the Principal, and having received the statements of several persons referred to in the charges, find, both by her own admission, and by the testimony before them, that an important regulation of the School, which had been often explained by the Principal and urged on the pupils, has been flagrantly and repeatedly violated by Miss Walwork. They find the statement of many of the facts on which the charges are based quite at variance with the facts themselves. They regard the faculty fully justified in this action, and the Principal entirely exonerated from the

charge of favoritism and partiality. They cannot therefore with a proper regard to discipline, which must be maintained, either ask the Faculty to reverse their action or confer on Miss Walwork the Diploma of the Institution.

The Secretary was directed to transmit to Mr. Scroggs a copy of the entry.

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

February 2, 1860

The closing exercises of the 31st term were held this day.

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

Ether E. Atkins	Esopus, Ulster Co.
Margaret C. Baker	Elmira, Chemung
Anna Bennett	Normanskill, Albany
Electa A. Bishop	Oswego, Oswego
Clarissa Blakely	Cohoes, Albany
Catharine E. Blauvelt	Blauveltville, Rockland
Harriet A. Brown	Miller's Place, Suffolk
Ether L. Byrne	Lewiston, Niagara
Susan H. Conde	Schenectady, Schenectady
Adaline L. Crawford	Parish, Oswego
S. Olivia Dart	Niagara Falls, Niagara Co.
Ellen W. Dobbs	Albany, Albany
Katherine M. Eldred	Auburn, Cayuga
Emely Evans	Albany, Albany
Elizabeth E. Gardiner	Charlton, Saratoga
Susan Gilbert	Fredonia, Chautauque
Pamela A. Hobbs	Riverville, Columbia
Mary B. Mead	Hudson, Columbia
Maria L. Patterson	New York, New York
Mary E. Smith	Ballston, Saratoga
A. Louisa Ticknor	Albany, Albany
Rebecca V. N. VanSchoonhoven	Albany, Albany
Adelaide J. Bowen	Newport, Herkimer
Catharine A. Bonney	Troy, Rensselaer
Henry Ayer	Ellisburgh, Jefferson
Jerome M. Bayne	Medina, Orleans

George H. Benjamin	Groton, Tompkins
Oren H. Hall	Belleville, Jefferson
Eli B. Hubbard	Richford, Tioga
Uriah M. Kelly	Baldwinsville, Onondaga
Isaac D. Sewell	Jay, Essex
John H. Ostrom	Moscow, Livingston
William Reynolds	Albany, Albany
S. Warren Rogers	South Avon, Livingston
Jared H. Terry	Upper Aquebogue, Suffolk
Franklin A. Wilder	Watertown, Jefferson
Adelbert C. Wood	North Parma, Monroe
Lucius T. Yale	Bergen, Genesee

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Address by Rev. S. T. Dulye, Albany

July 13 1860.

The closing exercises of the 3rd term were held this day.

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

Mehetabell W. Bemis	Auburn, Cayuga
Sarah E. Boynton	McLean, Tompkins
Rosa Carr	Albany, Albany
Lucretia M. Chilcott	East Hamburg, Erie
R. Anna Danks	Watertown, Jefferson
Mary A. Donegan	Verplancks, Westchester
Adelia M. Fielde	South Outland, Jefferson
Cordelia A. Hines	Evans' Mills, Jefferson
Isabella D. Holmes	Albany, Albany
Emma L. Irish	Van Buren Centre, Onondaga
Jemima Jackson	Albany, Albany
Mary B. McMickin	Albany, Albany
Elizabeth M. Neeses	Albany, Albany
Sarah S. Smith	Mount Kisco, Westchester
Emily A. Sprang	Albany, Albany
Mary A. Wheeler	Cincinnati, Cortland
Mary C. Wood	Conquest, Cayuga
Charles R. Adams	Spencerport, Monroe
Joseph P. Barnum	Locke, Cayuga
John L. Barrick	East Varick, Seneca
John J. Beardsley	Theresa, Jefferson
George H. Burton	Redman, Jefferson
Samuel D. Cochran	Otto, Cattaraugus
Charles H. Farnsworth	Beekmantown, Clinton

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Frederic E. Garrett	South Trenton, Oneida
Andrew Herrick	Bolton, Warren
James A. Higgins	Fort Covington, Franklin
Alexander G. Hunter	Coneeville, Schoharie
Ira Hanson Lang	Westport, Essex
Horace Locant	Binghamton, Broome
Caleb B. Mawney	Penn Yan, Yates
Chauncey A. McCormick	Medina, Orleans
Jehiel S. Rayner	East Moriches, Suffolk
Heman C. Sprague	East Bloomfield, Ontario
Charles K. Walrath	Perch River, Jefferson

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Jan. 31, 1861

The closing exercises of the 330 Term were held this day. The Rev. Dr. Fisher, President of Hamilton College, who was by direction of the Committee invited to deliver the annual address having declined, Mr. Van Dyck, Superintendent of Public Instruction, performed that service.

The usual Diplomas were, on the recommendation of the Faculty conferred on the following members of the Senior Class.

Emily R. Adams	Sherburne, Chenango
Sarah F. Brown	Albany, Albany
Ether E. Burdick	Brewster's Station, Putnam
Anna M. Courtney	Albany, Albany
Julia C. Ferris	Auburn, Cayuga
Mary V. Freeman	East Hamburg, Erie
Sarah E. Gibson	Albany, Albany
Harriet E. Gillette	Northeast, Dutchess
Phoebe M. Hargraves	Keseeville, Essex
Susan A. Hendrickson	Cedar Swamp, Queens
Charlotte A. Hunt	Chappaqua, Westchester
Elizabeth Jones	Albany, Albany
Gertrude Jones	Miller's Place, Suffolk
Helen L. Reid	Albany, Albany
Eleanor A. Snyder	Po'keepsie, Dutchess
Sarah B. Sutton	Washington, Dutchess
Layina Taylor	Carlisle, Schoharie
Mary N. Thorp	East Randolph, Cattaraugus
Henrietta B. Tuttle	Coeymans, Albany
Catherine I. Udell	Bethlehem Centre, Albany
Helen Underwood	Mayville, Chautauque
Jane A. Utter	Albany, Albany

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Thompson Barrick	East Varick, Seneca
Leroy Fowler	Brownville, Jefferson
John Gueren	Malone, Franklin
C. Willard Hamlin	Holland Patent, Oneida
Howard Hicks	North Hempstead, Queens
Asa L. Howard	Maine, Broome
William H. Jackson	Arcade, Wyoming
Martin P. Johnson	East Chatham, Columbia
John J. McWilliams	Elmira, Chemung
Ira C. Mumford	Frattsburg, Steuben
John B. Reynolds	Carthage, Jefferson
J. Milton Souder	Roxbury, Delaware
George A. Sholes	Plymouth, Chenango
Francis A. Strong	Cornwallville, Greene

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January 31, 1861 was inserted here)

Feb. 2, 1861.

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present

The Superintendent Mr. Van Dyck

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

The minutes of the last
meeting were read &
approved.

Mr. Pruyn and the Principal, Prof. Cochran were appointed a committee to inquire into the propriety of frescoing the Study Room of the Normal School, with authority to have it done at an expense not exceeding Two Hundred and fifty dollars.

Prof. Cochran stated that during the winter of 1860 Miss Cora Butts a pupil from Westchester County had for some two months been very sick of Small Pox at the house of Mr. H. H. Newton that his family had been obliged to leave their house, that he had been subjected to great inconvenience and large expense--that the father

of Miss Butts is poor, and utterly unable to pay a proper compensation to Mr. Newton. The physician of Miss Butts was Dr. Charles DevoI. He devoted himself with great faithfulness to the case, and in addition to the time spent suffered much in his practices. After full consideration of the case it was resolved that One Hundred dollars be appropriated as a partial compensation to Mr. Newton and Dr. DevoI, to be divided between them in such sums as the Principal and Treasurer shall deem just.

The Principal and Treasurer were authorized to expend Two Hundred dollars in the purchase of such articles of Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus as they may deem desirable for more fully illustrating those subjects.

The committee then adjourned.

May 15, 1881

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman
Present, The acting Superintendent of Pub. Instruction.

Emerson W. Keyes Esq.

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer stated that the Bank of Albany, in which the funds of the Normal School had for many years

been deposited, suspended payment on the 11th inst. and that at that time a balance of \$1218.12 was in the bank to the credit of the School. He also stated that a balance of the appropriation for the support of the School for the current year, of \$5000.-- remained undrawn in the State Treasury. He asked the direction of the Committee in regard to selecting a Bank in which future deposits should be made.

After some time spent in considering the subject, the Treasurer was directed to open an account with the Commercial Bank of Albany, provided an allowance of four per cent on daily balances be made.

The Committee then adjourned.

July 6, 1881

The committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present, E. W. Keyes, Acting Sup. of Public Instruction

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Principal, Prof. Cochran, presented, in a written communication, his views of the importance of object teaching, on the plan of Pestalozzi, as practiced in the London Home & Colonial Training School, and of the important aid which a knowledge of the system would impart to the pupils of the Normal School.

The introduction of instruction on this

system would involve the necessity of a department of children between the ages of six and ten years and alterations in the building to provide a suitable room for about forty pupils. After some time spent in considering the subject, it was resolved that the Committee approve of the objects proposed, and that Mr. Austin, Mr. Townsend and Mr. Woolworth be a committee to examine the building ascertain what alterations will be necessary for carrying out the plan proposed, and the cost of the same, and to report at a future meeting of this Committee.

The matter of the provisional appointment of Mr. Amos P. Kelsey made August 8, 1859, as professor of the Natural Sciences was called up, and after some time spent there on, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr Kelsey, that while the committee entertain a high estimate of his diligence and fidelity they are of opinion that the interests of the School will not be promoted by making the appointment absolute, and that his services will therefore not be required after the present term.

The Committee then adjourned.

July 11, 1861

The closing exercises of the Thirty fourth term of the Normal School were held this day.

The usual Diplomas were, on the recommendation of the Faculty, conferred on the following members of the Senior Class.

(Program of graduation exercises for July 11, 1861 was inserted here)

July 12, 1881.

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present E. W. Keyes, Acting Superintendent &c

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had examined the building in reference to the object proposed and find that the large recitation room adjoining the room occupied for the experimental school will be most convenient for the juvenile department, necessary for the proposed course of object teaching, but that if this room, now occupied for classes of the Normal School is used for this purpose, other rooms must be provided for those classes. This object can be secured by dividing the upper lecture room so as to make two rooms on the south end, and the classes will thus be much better provided with recitation rooms than they now are. The expense of the proposed alterations, together with the heating and furniture, and necessary apparatus for the proposed juvenile department, the committee estimate at six hundred dollars.

Whereupon after full discussion of the subject the committee was authorized to proceed with all the necessary arrangements at an expense not exceeding six Hundred Dollars.

The committee then adjourned.

August 5, 1861.

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present, B. W. Keyes, Acting Superintendent &c

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

Prof. Cochran submitted several papers recommending Mr. Le Roy C. Cooley, a graduate of the 21st term, and also a graduate of Union College, as a suitable candidate for the vacant Professorship of the Natural Sciences. After a full and free discussion of the qualifications of Mr. Cooley it was unanimously resolved that he be appointed Professor of the Natural Sciences in the State Normal School, the appointment to continue during the pleasure of the Committee.

Mr. Woolworth in behalf of the Committee appointed to make alterations in the building as authorized at the last meeting of the Committee stated, that on a re-examination it was found that the proposed alterations could not be made for less than One thousand dollars. Whereupon and after full discussion, it was resolved that the Committee be authorized to expend that sum in the alterations which may be found necessary for the accommodation of the department proposed to be established in object teaching.

The Committee then adjourned.

September 5, 1861

The Committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present all the members.

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Present, E. W. Keyes, Acting Superintendent &c

Mr. Woolworth.

Mr. Fruyn

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The Committee then adjourned.

September 5, 1861

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The subject of the time opening the proposed department of object teaching was discussed. It was resolved that the Secretary be directed to make inquiry for a suitable lady to conduct the department, and that the time of opening be at the Commencement of the thirty sixth term in, February next.

The Committee then adjourned.

October 2, 1861

The Committee met at the call of the Secretary.

Present, Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting he had visited the Schools of Oswego in connection with which had been established for the preparation of teachers, the system of the London Home & Colonial training schools, under the instruction of Miss Jones, who was for many years one of the principal teachers of that school.

He found the system in successful operation in the schools of Oswego, and giving full promise of the highest success, In the training school under the instruction of Miss Jones is Miss Lydia E. Keyes a graduate of the twentieth term of the Normal School, Miss Keyes since her graduation has been much employed in primary instruction, and with excellent success. She proposes to continue under Miss Jones instruction for several months and until she becomes thoroughly ac-

quainted with the system of object teaching, with a view of devoting herself to that method of education.

After consultation with Prof. Cochran and some time spent on the subject it was unanimously resolved that Miss Lydia K. Keyes be appointed to take charge of the proposed department of object teaching in the Normal School, at a salary of four hundred and fifty dollars, to commence at the opening of the next term in February next.

The secretary submitted an account of John (?) dated April 20, 1861 amounting to \$87.50 for a flag for the Normal School.

Prof. Cochran stated that on consultation with the members of the Committee he had bargained with Mr. (?) for bunting which he had agreed to furnish at \$20. a piece with the privilege of returning whatever part of each piece should not be used.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the above bill in conformity with the contract made by Prof. Cochran, as above stated.

The Committee then adjourned.

Nov. 15, 1861

The Committee met at the call of the chairman

Present E. W. Keyes Act. Superintendent &c

Mr. Austin

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The Principal presented the resignation of Mr. F. F. Muller teacher of music which was accepted. He also submitted the name of Mr. James M. North as a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Muller, with testimonials of his qualifications as a teacher of music. Whereupon after full consideration it was unanimously resolved that Mr. North be appointed teacher of Music in the State Normal School at a salary of four hundred dollars, it being understood that Mr. Muller will continue to discharge the duties, until Mr. North can enter on them.

The Principal was directed to give notice in the city papers of the opening of the proposed department of object teaching at the commencement of the next term of the school. The charge for tuition was fixed at sixteen dollars a year, payable in advance at the commencement of each term.

The Committee then adjourned.