

together with the plans and estimates for the building, for his consideration and approval.

The Committee then adjourned.

August 15, 1883.

The Executive Committee met Wednesday August 15th at the house of the Secretary. Present:

Mr. Murray.

Mr. McKelway.

Mr. Draper.

On motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. McKelway was chosen chairman.

The chairman announced the object of the meeting to be to take action in reference to the death of Dr. Jacob S. Mosher, the senior member of the Committee, who had died on the morning of the 13th of disease of the heart.

The foregoing minutes was presented by Mr. Murray and ordered to be entered on the Records, and to be sent to the family:

In memory of Dr. Jacob S. Mosher. ✓

For the second time within the short space of eighteen months death has come to the Executive Committee of the Normal School and taken away by a sudden and appalling stroke its senior member. Robert H. Pruyn whose service in the Committee extended back to 1856 died suddenly February 26, 1882; and now by an equally abrupt and unexpected calamity the long and useful connection of Dr. Mosher with this institution is broken. His associates in this Committee desire to put on record this statement of their appreciation of his character and of their sorrow of the loss which the institution has suffered by his death. Dr. Mosher was appointed a member of this Committee in 1869 in place of Amos Dean then recently deceased. He brought to the duties of the office that

conscientious fidelity and that alert intelligence with which he fulfilled every public trust. His previous education and training, his natural tastes and interests, his habitual caution and discretion, made him from the beginning a source of beneficial influences. He understood with instructive accuracy the just relations between the school and the people and government of the State, and no member of the Committee contributed more effectively to the maintenance of these relations in that condition of cordiality which has marked its history. In the recent movement for providing for the school a new and more suitable building his whole heart was enlisted; and so much of his thought, energy and purpose has been wrought into its plans and mingled with its material, that the building when

erected will in large part be a monument of his wise and faithful efforts.

Of Dr. Mosher's life and character the members of this committee can speak with the confidence of intimate friendship. Of his fine intellectual gifts, of his extensive and varied attainments, of his keen appreciation of the beautiful in literature, in art and in nature, of his easy and fascinating power of conversation, of his quick insight into the characters of men and his childlike adroitness in winning his way to their hearts, - of all these his associates have with all his friends learned more and more to take admiring note. But of his goodness and nobleness, of his kindness and generosity to the poor, of his patience, delicacy and charity in all his professional and private life, of his tender-

and gentleness as the head of a motherless family, alas! we are only now beginning to learn of them from the sorrowful and eloquent testimony of those on whom his kindness was lavished.

In their own deep sense of loss the members of this committee extend to all those touched by this common sorrow a common sympathy, — to the friends to whom his friendship was a pride and pleasure, to the profession of which he was a leader and an ornament, to his coworkers in every field of usefulness to whom his strong arm was a welcome aid, and to his beloved family whom wise and affectionate counsel and support he had been and to whom even in their bereavement his good name and his cherished memory must ever remain as a blessed inheritance.

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Without further business the Committee then adjourned.

October, 17, 1883.

The Executive Committee met at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Present:

- Superintendent Ruggles, Chairman.
- Mr. Murray
- Mr. McKenney
- Mr. Draper.

President Waterbury and Mr. J. P. Wright were also present by invitation.

The minutes of the meetings up to the present date were read & approved.

The Secretary reported that under authority of a resolution of the Committee passed August 5, 1883, he had issued new diplomas to the following persons whose original diplomas had been lost:

- Rev. George C. Thomas, Ferrisburgh, N.Y.
- Nathaniel P. Fisher, Harrodsburg
- Susan H. Jackson (Mrs. Chas. Hamann) N.Y. City
- Isaac P. Frink, Newark, N.Y.

The Treasurer submitted a report of the