

we can comprehend what an irreparable loss has befallen his immediate family - his widow and children to whom we extend our warm and heartfelt sympathy.

In token of respect for his memory, it is directed that the exercises of the State Normal School shall be suspended on the day of his funeral.

Our secretary is directed to enter this minute in full on our records, and to transmit a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

The Committee then adjourned.

May 23, 1882.

The Executive Committee met at 11 A.M. in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Present: The Superintendent of Pub. Inst.  
Dr. Mosher

Mr. Murray

Mr. Waterbury.

The minutes of the preceding

meetings were read and approved.

The following Communication was received from President Alden:

Normal School, April 24, 1882.

To the Executive Committee  
Gentlemen.

This day completes a term of fifteen years' service in the Institution under your care. In accordance with my purpose made known some time since, I respectfully tender my resignation, to take place effect at the close of the present term. With cordial thanks for the kindness and consideration with which I have uniformly been treated I am very truly yours.

(Signed) Joseph Alden.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury the following memorandum was unanimously adopted; the Secretary was directed to enter it in the minutes, and to furnish an authenticated copy to Dr. Alden

and the press.

### Memorandum.

The Executive Committee of the State Normal School at Albany, with sentiments of profound regret, accept the resignation of its President Joseph Alden D.D. LL.D. He came to us with a high reputation as a scholar, an author and a teacher, and he goes from us with that reputation elevated and extended. After a term of service of fifteen years, notwithstanding the unanimous wish of the Committee, he remains firm in his determination to resign his charge. He leaves the school in an excellent condition of efficiency and usefulness, a condition in a high degree due to his admirable administration of its affairs. He has been very successful in awakening, training and disciplining mind. Under his prudence his pupils have been taught to think, and have learned to develop thought in others. The Committee has witness and well-deserved testimony to the great value

of his long term of service, — to the living and lasting effect of his influence upon the faculty, the students, the graduates and upon the cause of education in this state. Such results as he has achieved here and elsewhere mark him as one of the few really great educators.

We congratulate Dr. Alden upon this success and upon all the successes of a long life spent in the service and cause of education. We assure him that he retires from his present position revered, loved and honored by all. We rejoice that he is still in the full possession of his vigorous mental and physical powers; and we cordially wish him many more yet active and happy years.

The Committee on repairs of the Laboratory made a report, setting forth the changes that had been made, and the necessary inauguration of the new system of instruction

in laboratory practice. The total cost of the changes and repairs was \$158<sup>25</sup>. When upon the report was accepted and the expenditures approved.

The subject of electing a president in place of Dr. Alden was then considered and (Mr. Waterbury having retired) it was unanimously resolved that Edward F. Waterbury A. M. a graduate of the School in 1849, be chosen President, his service to begin at the close of the present term. The compensation of the President was fixed at \$2500 per annum with the same privilege as to a residence as enjoyed by the present incumbent.

Without further action the committee then adjourned.

June 20/82

The Executive Committee of the State Normal School met at 11<sup>30</sup> A.M. in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, present:

The Superintendent of Pub. Inst.