

MINUTES

OF

1950

Albany January 5, 1880

The Committee met at 10 A.M. at the Office of the Secretary of State.

Present, Messrs. Morgan, Hawley, Austin & Campbell

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Resolved:

That hereafter the pay-pupils of the Experimental School shall pay their tuition fees to the Treasurer, & that all applications for free seats in said school shall be made to the State Superintendent of Common Schools.

A Memorial, addressed to the Regents of the University of the State of New York, in regard to the education of Indian youth in the State Normal School, having been laid before the Committee, & they being being further informed that an application will be made to the present Legislature, asking for the appropriation of the funds necessary for this purpose, therefore

Resolved:

That the Exec. Committee of the State Normal School look upon this enterprise with great favor, & would be pleased, if it should be approved of by the Legislature.

Resolved:

That Messrs. Campbell & Perkins be a committee for introducing the hydrant water into the Nor. School Building.

## Resolved:

That Messrs. Campbell & Hawley be a committee to revise the present course of studies pursued in the Normal School, & to report such modifications, as they may think necessary.

## Resolved:

That Messrs. Perkins & Campbell procure estimates of the expense of blinds for the Normal School, & also the expense of seating the large room.

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy.

Albany January  
28, 1850

The committee met at 12 M. at the office of the Secretary of State

Present, Messrs Morgan, Hawley & Campbell.

Mr. Morgan in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported the same to be correct. (See filed papers)

The Annual report was read, adopted, signed & ordered to be transmitted to the Regents.

## Resolved:

That the elements of Agricultural Science be immediately introduced as a subject of study in the

Normal School, & that Johnson's Catechism of Agricultural Chemistry & Geology be introduced as the text book--

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy

Albany March 11, 1850

The executive Committee met at the office of the Secretary of State at 4 P.M.

Present Messrs. Morgan, Hawley & Campbell.

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The committee to revise the course of studies presented their report, which was adopted & is as follows:

"The committee appointed at the meeting of the Executive Committee held Jan'y 5, 1850, 'to revise the present course of studies pursued in the Normal School, & to report such modifications, as they may think necessary', would respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the books now studied in the school, & have made themselves acquainted with the length of time, occupied in the study of each subject; & as the result of their deliberations, would present the following recommendations.

1. That the study of Willson's History of the United States be discontinued, & that Worcester's compend of Ancient & Modern History be substituted for it.

2. That in Higher Algebra, the application of the Binomial Theorem & the use of Logarithms be studied, but that the study of the theory of these two subjects be discontinued.
3. That the problems in Geometry of no practical use be passed over.
4. That the following sections of Lilliman's Chemistry be studied: 1-3, 181-202, 205-214, 245, 246, 248-263, 272, 276, 281-289, 292, 298-317, 322-340, 347, 354, 358-361, 366, 369, 370, 374-381, 383-392, 396, 399-408, 413-416, 418, 419, 424, 425, 428-432, 436-443, 446-449, 450-458, 462-472, 473-487, 502-508, 515-522, 528-542, 545, 547, 549, 550, 552-561, 563, 564, 565, 568, 569, 571-574, 576-578, 582-591, 593-607, 609-613, 615, 616, 620, 621, 624, 625, 645-647, 649-652, 659-662, 667-668.
5. That the course of study be continued through four terms, & that Parker's Aids to Composition, Harper's Edition, be introduced as a text book, & that Book Keeping be hereafter a prominent subject.
6. If Book Keeping is introduced, they recommend that Mr. Eaton be permitted to select either Winchester or Preston's system.
7. That the study of Physiology be confined to the text book, without lectures thereon.
8. They herewith submit the course of study (see filed papers) sent to them by Prof. Perkins, & recommend its adoption.

9. That Webster's Quarto Dictionary be adopted as the Standard in the Normal School.

10. They are not yet prepared to name a text book on Astronomy, & would recommend that the subjects of study & text books, not mentioned by them, remain as before.

Wm. H. Campbell )  
 G. Hawley )  
 Com.

Resolved:

That a 13 inch globe be purchased for the Experimental School.

Resolved:

That the sum of \$6 be appropriated for the purchase of thermometers for the use of the Normal School, & that one of them be a centigrade.

Resolved:

That Prof. Perkins be authorized to have trees planted in front of the Normal School.

Resolved:

That Dr. W. H. Campbell be invited to address the school at the closing exercises.

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy

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Albany April 3, 1850

The Executive Committee met at the Normal School

Thursday April 3, 1880, at 4 P.M.

Present Messrs. Morgan, Hawley, Austin & Campbell.

Mr. Morgan in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Faculty presented to the Committee the names of thirty two persons, pupils of the Normal School, who have completed the prescribed course of study, and whom they recommend as suitable persons to be graduated. Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved:

That the usual diploma be given to the following persons.

Names	Post Offices	Counties
Harriet Booth		Orange
Georgianna L. Butler		Columbia
Lucy I. Bullock		Jefferson
Adeline E. Coley		Albany
Elizabeth Colwell		Allegany
Mary A. Elmore		Senesclaeer
Caroline A. Farr		Albany
Philann A. Foster		Monroe
Isabella G. Hoyt		Greene
Elizabeth Miller		Washington
Catherine McCue		Albany
Mary H. Onderdonk		Schenectady
Celina D. Raymond		Madison
Susan D. Lee		Westchester
Mary E. Swain		Cortland
Alma Tuttle		Otsego
Caroline F. Titus		Eric
Sarah M. Willson		Franklin
Emeline F. Williams		Albany
Mary Young		Orange
	Ladies	20
John C. Bishop		Wayne
J. Ansel Booth		Monroe
John D. Campbell		Delaware
Joseph Green		Jefferson
Chester Harris		Senesclaeer

Names	Post Offices	Counties
Charles H. Peck		Kings
Andrew Parsons		Schoharie
Harmon Skinner		Schoharie
Dowen H. Stone		Wyoming
Cornelius Snyder		Hesselaer
Deranzel R. A. Thorp		Cattaraugus
James Wade		Oneida
	Gentlemen	18
	Ladies	10
	Total	28

Dr. Hawley presented a circular, addressed to the graduates, urging upon them the importance of introducing the study of Agricultural Science into their schools. Thereupon it was resolved:

That the circular be signed by the Executive Committee, & that it be entered on the minutes

**TO THE GRADUATES OF THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL:**

In pursuance of the request of the Executive Committee of the Normal School, I have prepared the following Circular. Its object is to bring before each of you, the claims which the Agricultural interests of New York have upon you, for your co-operation in aiding, so far as you can consistently with your duties as common school teachers, in making known the true principles of farming. The science of Agriculture is not only of great utility, but is the foundation of the wealth of all nations, and consequently should receive, to a certain extent, the fostering care of government.

It is believed that you, who have, in part, been educated by the liberality of this state, will respond cheerfully to any reasonable demands which may be made for the advancement of her interests in this respect. It is also believed, that your attention being once called to this subject, you will readily see that you have it in your power to do much good in this direction; and that you will not only feel a willingness, but a desire, thus to extend the knowledge of this important branch of education.

Those who shall hereafter receive the Diploma of this Institution, will be required to understand, to a certain extent, the elementary principles of Agriculture, and for this reason they, as teachers, will be better prepared than yourselves to diffuse this knowledge through the community, by means of the common schools. To supply in part the deficiencies under which you will



labor in the advancement of this knowledge, our Executive Committee have directed us to transmit to each of you a copy of Prof. Johnston's Catechism of Agricultural Chemistry and Geology, which work has been recently adopted as an elementary text book for this school. They are enabled to do this by the liberality of James S. Wadsworth, Esq., of Genesee, acting as the representative of his late father.

The earnestness which our Committee feel in this matter will be seen from the following extract, taken from their last annual report made, through the Regents of the University, to the Legislature, Feb. 11, 1850.

"The committee appreciating the great and growing importance of agricultural science, and considering it, in its elementary principles, an appropriate subject for common school instruction; and considering also, that with the aid of suitable text books now, or soon to be attainable, the subject, always appropriate, has at length become feasible for such instruction; have recently assigned it to a more prominent place than it had before held in the Normal School, by making it a separate or independent branch and requiring it to be taught as an essential or constituent part of the course of study pursued in the school. The committee, impressed, as they themselves are, with the great importance of this new subject of study, hope to be able, through their normal graduates, acting under a like impression, to cause it to be introduced into all the schools taught by such graduates, and through their influence and that of such schools, to cause it to be finally adopted as part of the regular course of study in all the common schools, at least in the rural or agricultural parts of the state.

The committee have learned, with much satisfaction, from the proceedings of the State Agricultural Society at its last annual meeting, that a treatise on the subject above referred to, has been recently prepared by Professor Norton and submitted to the society, who, after due examination, have recommended it as a very valuable production, specially appropriate for the use of common schools, and have directed it to be published with a view, as is understood, to such a use. Such a treatise at this time, together with the text books already published and in practical use, will, in the opinion of the committee, furnish all needful facilities for common school instruction on the subject above referred to."

Normal School, Albany, March, 1850.

Geo. S. Perkins,  
Principal of N. S.

The Executive Committee are happy to express their commendation of the above circular, prepared by Prof. Perkins; and would respectfully and earnestly urge upon the graduates of the Normal School the importance of

introducing the study of Agricultural Chemistry into the schools under their charge.

CHRISTOPHER MORGAN,  
Chairman of the Executive  
Committee.

GIDDEON HAWLEY,  
WM. H. CAMPBELL,  
CH. L. AUSTIN, } Committee.

Albany, March, 1850.

Resolved:

That the Secretary collect from time to time all documents relating to the Normal School & have them bound in volumes

Resolved:

That the State Superintendent & Secretary of the Executive Committee be authorized to contract for the making of iron shutters for the rear & wooden shutters for the front of the Normal School; also for the furnishing the Lecture Room with a hundred settees, & to carry into the objects contemplated by the act of the Legislature passed April 1, 1850.

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy.

The Executive Committee met at the office of the Secretary of State at 4 P.M. May 31, 1850.

Present, Messrs. Morgan, Hawley, Austin & Campbell

Mr. Morgan in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Committee of accounts reported that they had

examined the Treasurer's accounts, & find the same to be correct. (See Filed Papers.)

Resolved:

That the Secretary be requested to procure from Mr. Penchard the plans of the Normal School Building.

A communication was received from Mr. Denniston in regard to the State of the privies, & other repairs which are necessary at the Normal School. (See Filed Papers.)

Resolved:

That Mr. Denniston be authorized to make said alterations, according to the terms stated in his communication.

Resolved:

That the Secretary prepare a series of regulations defining the duties of the Janitor.

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy.

The Executive Committee met at the Office of the Secretary of State, Monday September 9th at 4 P.M.

Present, Messrs. Morgan, Hawley & Campbell

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Hun was appointed to deliver the address at the

closing exercises of this term, & Mr. Morgan was authorized to select some other gentlemen in the event of Dr. Hunt's declining.

**Resolved:**

That Dr. Hawley be authorized to select certain suitable persons to examine & report in writing to the Committee on the state of the Normal School building.

Wm. E. Campbell

Secy.

The Executive Committee met at the office of the Secretary of State, Tuesday September 17, 1850, at 4 P.M.

Present Messrs. Morgan, Hawley, Austin & Campbell

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

A communication was received from Saml. S. Randall Esq. offering to present a library of 250 volumes to the Experimental School provided a suitable book case be procured for their reception, whereupon it was

**Resolved:**

That the Secretary be requested to present the thanks of the Executive Committee to S. S. Randall Esq. for his valuable present of books to the Experimental School, & that a suitable case be procured for their reception.

A communication was received from Prof. Clark in regards to fixtures which were needed in the chemical department of the Normal School.

Resolved:

That the consideration of Mr. Clark's communication be laid over 'till some future meeting.

Mr. Austin presented a series of resolutions in regard to changing the time of vacations in the Normal School; the consideration of this paper was also deferred.

Dr. Hawley presented a written report from Messrs. Rector & Boardman upon the condition of the School Building & recommending certain repairs as necessary for the security of the Building.

Resolved:

That the suggestions of Messrs. Rector & Boardman be complied with, & that the repairs be made immediately.

Dr. Hun having declined to deliver the address at the close of the term, Dr. Arnsby was selected.

Adjourned.

Wm. H. Campbell

Secy.

The Executive Committee met at the office of the Secretary of State, Tuesday October 8th, 1850, at 4 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Morgan, Austin & Campbell.

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read & approved.

On motion, Resolved:

That the thanks of the committee be presented to Rev. Dr. Ezra A. Huntington for his address delivered at the closing exercises, October 6th.

Resolved:

That Elias A. Clark of Conesus, Livingston County be expelled for attempting to pass counterfeit coin.

Resolved:

That Elizabeth McConnell of Albany be expelled for stealing a purse & a number of other articles from pupils of the Normal School.

Messrs. Hawley & Campbell were appointed a committee to direct the repairs which are necessary to be made during the present vacation.

The Faculty presented the names of thirty four persons, who had completed the prescribed course of study, & whom they recommend as suitable persons to be graduated: Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved: That the usual diploma be granted to the following person.

GRADUATES

18th Term, Ending October 3, 1880.

LADIES.

Names	Post-Offices	Counties
Theresa A. Baross	Evans Mills	Jefferson
Mary P. Coffin	Chatham	Columbia
Chloe H. Eaton	Pierrepont Manor	Jefferson
Rebecca Frisby	Williamsburgh	Kings
Jane Ann Humphrey	Kortright	Delaware
Sylvia A. Lewis	Necklenburgh	Tompkins
Alice S. McDonald	South Livonia	Livingston
Emily J. Noyes	Edinburgh Centre	Saratoga
Chloe L. Palmer	Kornellsville	Steuben
Orline G. Sutton	Seneca Falls	Seneca
Caroline Van Voorhis	South Schodack	Rensselaer
Elizabeth S. Waterman	Hudson	Columbia
Abby J. Wright	Brooklyn	Kings

GENTLEMEN

Silas Batts	VanBuren Centre	Onondaga
Isaac Briggs	Sherwood	Cayuga
Watts Beckwith	West Bloomfield	Ontario
Gideon H. Carswell	Fort Miller	Washington
Dubois B. Frisbee	Roxbury	Delaware
Daniel S. Gregory	Croton Falls	Westchester
Henry Hinds	Salem	Washington
Homer E. Ingalsbe	South Hartford	Washington
Virgil A. Lanson	Lorraine	Jefferson
Oliver P. Mason	Brockfield	Madison
Oscar F. Morris	Howard	Steuben
William D. Palmer	Potter's Hollow	Albany
Joseph Perkins, jr.	Salem	Washington
Henry D. Pierce	Cooperstown	Otsego
Silas J. Pratt	Nicholville	St. Lawrence
Samuel H. Rogers	Sidney Plains	Delaware
Leonard S. Root	East Bloomfield	Ontario
Samuel I. C. Sweeney	Canden	Oneida
Derrick W. Sparling	Hesbrouck	Sullivan
Joseph N. Tubbs	Esperance	Schoharie
Daniel P. Walts	Corfu	Genesee

Ladies	13
Gentlemen	21
Total	34

RECAPITULATION.

Whole No. of graduates during the First Term	00	} First Year.
Whole No. " " Second Term	34	

Whole No. of graduates during the	Third Term	47	} Second Year. Third Year Fourth Year Fifth Year Sixth Year	
Whole No. " "	Fourth Term	68		
Whole No. " "	Fifth Term	46		
Whole No. " "	Sixth Term	68		
Whole No. " "	Seventh Term	80		
Whole No. " "	Eighth Term	46		
Whole No. " "	Ninth Term	45		
Whole No. " "	Tenth Term	37		
Whole No. " "	Eleventh Term	33		
Whole No. " "	Twelfth Term	34		
Total No. of graduates . . . . .		494		

The whole number of persons who have been members of the Institution since its first organization, is 1,313.

The Executive Committee met at the Office of the Secretary of State, Tuesday Nov. 12, 1850, at 4 P.M.

Present, Messrs. Morgan, Hawley Austin & Campbell.

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

The minutes of the informal meeting held Nov. 5, upon the event of the death of the Hon. Samuel Young LL.D. were adopted & ordered to be entered upon the minutes, as follows.

An informal meeting of the Committee was held at Congress Hall Nov. 5, 1850, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That the Executive Committee have heard with deep regret, the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Hon. Samuel Young LL.D., & appreciating as they do, in the highest degree, his eminent services as a most devoted friend of Popular Education, sympathize most deeply with his bereaved family & the community at large, in this afflictive dispensation.

Resolved:

That in testimony of their respect for the



character & services of the deceased, they will attend his funeral, & that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family, entered upon the records of the Committee, & published in the city papers.

The report of the Committee of Accounts was presented, adopted & is as follows: "We the Subscribers, Committee of Accounts of the State Normal School, do hereby certify that we have examined the written account of money received & paid by William H. Campbell as Treasurer of said School, with the vouchers in support thereof, & find the same to be correct.

Gideon Hawley

Albany Nov. 9, 1850

Christopher Morgan "

Resolved:

That the teachers of the Normal & Experimental Schools shall under no circumstances make purchases in the name of the Executive Committee, without the permission of the Principal, & that the Principal shall consult the Committee in regard to all outlays of money for repairs, books, apparatus, chemicals, or any other matters whatever.

Resolved:

That the Principal be required to have made full inventories of all books belonging to the Normal & Experimental Schools, also of all apparatus of every kind, & of all the chemical materials & of all the moveable property belonging to the Normal & Experimental Schools.

Resolved:

That at the close of every term, it shall be

the duty of the Principal to report upon the condition of all the property contained in the above named inventories, or which may from time to time be added to such inventories by donation or purchase, & that the form of such semi annual report shall be that contained in the "Instructions" of the Regents of the University of New York to the Academies, edition of 1849, page 47, section 9.

Mr. Clark's report presented Sept. 17, & laid over for future consideration was taken up when it was

Resolved: That Mr. Clark be allowed a furnace & stove for the chemical department, but that the further study of qualitative chemistry be for the present suspended.

Resolved: That if necessary additional seats be procured for the accomodation of the Normal School Pupils.

Adjourned to meet at the office of Secretary of State Saturday Nov. 23, 1850 at 4 P.M.

The Executive Committee met at the Office of the Secretary of State, Nov. 23, 1850, at 4 P.M.  
 Present, Messrs. Morgan, Hawley, Austin & Campbell.  
 Mr. Morgan in the chair.  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.  
 Messrs. Campbell & Austin were appointed a committee to prepare the annual report.

Mr. Austin's resolutions proposed September 17, were then considered, amended & adopted as follows.

Resolved:

That the term of the Normal School, which began on the second Monday of November, continue nineteen weeks, & that the next term thereafter begin immediately at the close of the first term, & continue nineteen weeks.

Resolved:

That hereafter the terms be fixed as follows. The Fall Term to begin on the third Monday in September, & continue twenty one weeks, including an intermission of one week from Christmas to New Year's day.

The Spring term to begin on the last Monday in February & continue twenty weeks.