

MINUTES

OF

1887

January 8, 1887

The committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present all the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The draft of the annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Regents of the University was read and approved and ordered to be submitted to the Regents.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the power given to the Chairman & himself at the last meeting of the committee, they had engaged Miss Jennie Macbeth of Syracuse, as assistant in the Experimental school, in the place of Miss Eastman the duties of assistant having been temporarily discharged by Miss Stoneman since the commencement of the present term.

Whereupon it was resolved that the appointment of Miss Macbeth is approved & confirmed by the Committee.

The Secretary stated that he had been authorized by Prof. Kimball to ask leave to withdraw the charges and specifications which on the 30th of Jan & the 13th of Feb. last he had made against the Principal, and that he had also received from the other teachers like authority to withdraw all communications made by them in regard to difficulties with the Principal, and that in the exercise of such authority he now asked leave to withdraw such papers and send them to their respective authors, which leave was given by the unanimous vote of the Committee. Mr. Pruyn

stated that he was authorized by Prof. Arey to ask leave to withdraw all answers which he had made to the charges and communications above referred to and all charges which he had made against any teachers and leave to do this was given by the unanimous vote of the committee. It was ordered that an entry be made on the minutes, that in both cases the withdrawal of these papers is made without prejudice to any of the parties.

Mr. Pruyn also stated that he was authorized by Prof. Arey to present his resignation as Principal to take effect at the close of the present term. The resignation was accepted, and the secretary was directed to communicate its acceptance to Prof. Arey, with an expression of their appreciation of the fidelity with which he had discharged his duties, and the assurance of their best wishes for his future happiness, prosperity & success in life. Mr. Townsend & the Secretary were appointed a committee to take proper measures for filling the vacancy made by the resignation of Prof. Arey.

The committee then adjourned.

February 1, 1867

The committee met at the call of the Chairman

Present all the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to take measures for procuring a Principal reported that they had corresponded with Mr. E. A. Sheldon, Principal of the Oswego

Normal and Training School, but that he had declined the offer of the position. After considerable conversation on the subject, the Secretary was directed to invite Prof. E. G. Northrup late State Agent of the Board of Education of Massachusetts to the place, and in case he should decline, to extend the same invitation to the Hon. E. E. White late State Commissioner of Ohio.

The Committee then adjourned.

(Program of graduation exercises for  
January 31, 1887 was inserted here)

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February 19, 1887.

The Committee met at the call of the chairman

Present the Chairman

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

Mr. Dean

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The secretary read letters received from Mr. Northrup of Mass. & Mr. White of Ohio declining the offer of principalship of the School. After extended conversation on the subject in which the names of Rev. Dr. King Principal of the Fort Edward Institute and Mr. A. P. Stone of Portland, Maine, were prominently before the Committee, the whole subject of obtaining a Principal was recommitted to Mr. Townsend & the Secretary with power. As the School is to open on the 25th inst. with small prospect of a

Principal being obtained before that time, the Secretary was requested to officiate as Principal ad interim.

The committee then adjourned.

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March 5, 1887

The committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present, the Chairman

Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Dean

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A written communication from Mr. French, Superintendent of the Experimental and Primary Departments, & Professor of the Theory & Practice of Teaching resigning his position in the school was read.

After extended conversation on the subject, on motion of Mr. Dean the resignation was accepted, and Mr. Dean and Mr. Woolworth were appointed a committee with power to fill the vacancy.

The Secretary was authorized to procure such assistance as he might deem necessary for the more efficient instruction of the Primary Department.

The Committee then adjourned.

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April 1, 1887

The committee met at the call of the chairman

Present Mr. Woolworth

Mr. Pruyn

Mr. Dean

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary stated that the Chairman had said to him that he would not be able to attend the meeting by reason of absence from the city, but that he had expressed to him fully his views in regard to the matters requiring action and desired the committee not to delay the consideration of them.

The Secretary also stated that under the authority given to him & Mr. Dean at the last meeting of the Committee in the matter of filling the vacancy of Superintendent of the Experimental Department, they had tendered the place to Mr. Chauncey W. Allen, a graduate of the 4th term of the school, and for several years Principal of one of the Public Schools of this city, and that Mr. Allen had accepted the offer and entered on the duties of the position.

The Secretary further stated that in discharging the duties of Principal which he had done since the opening of the present term he found a necessity for additional assistance in the Experimental department caused by the fact that members of the Senior Class had been detailed for duty in that school when they were sub "seniors. Whereupon he was authorized to procure such additional assistance as he should deem necessary.

The Secretary further stated that the efforts of the committee to whom was committed the matter of finding a Principal had not been successful. Since the meeting of Feb. 19 they had corresponded with the Rev. Dr. King,

Principal of the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, and with Mr. A. F. Stone of Portland, Maine, but that the present engagements of both were such as to prevent their accepting the appointment.

The name of the Rev. Joseph Alden D.D., L.L.D. had been mentioned in the most favorable terms, and after some conversation in regard to him, the Secretary was directed to invite Dr. Alden to an interview with the Committee for mutual conversation in regard to an appointment as Principal.

The committee then adjourned.

July 6, 1854.

The committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present the Chairman

Mr. Townsend

Mr. Woolworth

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary stated that in conformity with the power given to him as acting Principal at the meetings of March 5th & April 1st. and that he had employed Miss Osterhout a graduate of the last term as assistant in the Primary Department, and Miss Rebecca Hand a graduate of the 27th term as assistant in the Experimental Department.

The agreement with Miss Hand was that she

should be paid at the rate of Four hundred & fifty dollars a year. The compensation of Miss Osterhout was to be such as should, in the judgement of the Principal, be proper for the services rendered.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April Miss Marlette principal assistant in the Experimental Department, presented her resignation to accept an appointment as Principal of one of the Public Schools in the city of Syracuse. Miss Hand was placed in the position vacated by the resignation of Miss Marlette, and Miss Ella L. Keyes was employed in place of Miss Hand. Miss Keyes was a graduate of the last term.

It was on motion of Mr. Townsend resolved that the above appointments meet the approval of the Committee and are hereby confirmed.

The following entry was ordered to be made on the minutes of the present meeting.

In conformity with the direction to the Secretary at the last meeting the Rev. Dr. Alden was invited to an interview with the committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April last. The several members of the committee, with the exception of Mr. Townsend who was absent from the city saw & conversed with Dr. Alden. He visited the school, was introduced to the members of the faculty and every opportunity was given him for learning the organization and arrangements of the school. It was found quite inconvenient to have a formal meeting of the committee, but all the members who were in the city, expressed their hearty concurrence in the appointment of Dr Alden as Principal and by direction of the



The President stated that in consequence of the largely increased number of Pupils he found additional teachers necessary and recommended the appointment of

Emily A. Taylor, and

Josephine B. Shaw,

graduates of the last term. which recommendation was adopted, and the appointments duly made. The salary of each was fixed at five hundred dollars.

The attention of the committee was called to the matter of compensation of the Secretary for his services as acting Principal from the commencement of the term to the 22c of April when Dr. Alden assumed charge of the School, as directed by the committee at their meeting on the 12th of Feb. last. The subject was referred to Mr. Townsend & Mr. Dean with power.

The committee then adjourned.

chairman the appointment was tendered to him by the secretary, and was accepted. and Dr. Alden entered on his duties as Principal on the 23c, of April. Whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved that the informal appointment of the Rev Joseph Alden D.D. LL.D. above referred to is hereby confirmed, and that his salary shall be twenty one hundred dollars with the dwelling house provided in the School building for the Principal and necessary fuel and gas.

Dr Alden submitted a revised course of study and organization of the several departments of the school, which having been read and discussed was adopted and ordered to be printed under the direction of the chairman in such form as he shall deem proper.

Dr Alden also submitted a paper in regard to the desirableness of better provision for the housing of the female pupils, which was laid on the table for future consideration.

It was ordered that the title of Principal of the Normal School be changed to that of President.

The committee then adjourned.

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Oct. 14, 1867

The committee met at the call of the Chairman.

Present all the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.