

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, February 26th, 1906, at 3 30 P.M.

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The meeting came to order promptly in the office of the Commissioner of Education, all members present, also President Milne by invitation, and Commissioner Draper in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Commissioner Draper stated that since our last meeting a bill had been introduced into both Houses appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,00), and the insurance on the burned building amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars (75,000), for the purpose of providing a new building. A hearing was had before the Senate Finance Committee, and, as far as they were concerned, the outlook seemed favorable.

Since then the Trustees of the Albany Orphan Asylum had offered for sale their property bounded by Western Avenue, Robin Street, and Washington Avenue, the reason being that they desired to move their institution onto a farm out in the country, where they thought the surroundings would be more favorable for their boys. The site seems to us to be a desirable one; but it is impossible for us to have two sites on our hands, and, therefore, if this project is carried through, there would have to be co-operation between the Orphan Asylum Board and our Committee and some exchange of property effected. The Orphan Asylum Board consider their property worth \$200,000. We have paid in cash \$35,350 for the property which we now own on Willett Street and Madison Avenue, ^{exclusive of the College buildings} and in the opinion of the architect, in order to provide a proper site for our building, it would be necessary to purchase additional property at a cost of not less than \$50,000.

After full discussion of the subject, it was decided that we should meet a committee of the Orphan Asylum Board to ascertain their views.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Saul B. Ward,
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