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Albany April 3. 1850.

The Executive Committee met at the Normal School
Thursday April 3. 1850, at 4½ 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,
& whom they recommend as suitable persons to be
graduated. Whereupon it was unanimously
Resolved:

That the usual diploma be given to the fol-
lowing persons.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Post Offices</u>	<u>Counties</u>
Harriet Booth		Orange
Georgianna L. Butler		Columbia.
Lucy J. Bullock		Jefferson.
Adeline E. Coley		Albany
Elizabeth Colwell		Allegany.
Mary A. Elmore		Rensselaer.
Caroline A. Farr.		Albany.
Philanca A. Foster.		Monroe.
Isabella G. Hoyt.		Greene.
Elizabeth Miller		Washington
Catharine M ^c Cue		Albany.
Mary J. Onderdonk		Schenectady.
Belina D. Raymond		Madison
Susan D. See		Westchester.
Mary E. Swain		Cortland.
Alma Tuttle		Otsego.
Caroline P. Titus		Eric
Sarah M. Willson		Franklin
Emeline F. Williams		Albany.
Mary Young		Orange.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Post Offices</u>	<u>Counties</u>
John C. Bishop		Wayne.
J. Ansel Booth		Monroe.
John D. Campbell		Delaware
Joseph Green.		Jefferson.
Chester Harris		Rensselaer
Charles W. Peck.		Kings.
Andrew Parsons		Schoharie.
Hermon Skinner		Schoharie
Bowen W. Stone		Wyoming
Cornelius Snyder		Rensselaer.
Erangel R. G. Thorp		Cattaraugus
James Wade		Oneida
	Gentlemen	12
	Ladies	20
	Total	32.

Dr. Hawley presented a circular, addressed to the graduates, urging upon them the importance of introducing the study of Agricultural ^{Science} into their schools. Whereupon 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 me 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. R. 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.

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

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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} ~~out~~ 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