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The annual " Budget " (estimates for departments)
was referred to the Committee on appropriations.

The Reports of the Business Agent and Treasurer were
referred to the Committee on Finance without reading.

General Buell read the report of the Committee on
Internal Expansion, which was to be taken up on special
order at 10 A. M. June 2.

Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. June 2.

The Board of Trustees met in the President's room
in the College building at 9 A. M. June 2, 1897.

Present:

J. T. Gathright, Chairman
Boswell,
Buell,
Green,
Hines,
Hobson,
Kennedy,
Matthews,
Patterson,
Peak,

On motion of Mr. Green ordered that the Chairman
appoint a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions
in memory of Dr. R. J. Spurr. Chairman appointed Mr. Green,
President Patterson and General Buell.

On motion ordered that authority be given to the
President to confer upon the following students the
degrees indicated respectively in connection with their
names.

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William Raymond Allen,	A. B.	
Robert Lee Gordon,	A. B.	
Arthur Lee Hicks,	A. B.	
Robert Lee Pope,	A. B.	
John Scott,	A. B.	
James Orlando Harrison Simrall,		A. B.

Elizabeth Cassiday,	B. S.	
Mary Eva Clarke,	B. S.	
Joseph Christie Frazer	B. S.	
John Thomas Geary,	B. S.	
Clara Brooke Gunn,	B. S.	
James Harry Hendren,	B. S.	
Barbara Susan McHargue,	B. S.	
George Matt Morgan,	B. S.	
Logan Hocker Warner,	B. S.	
Martha Ripperdan White,	B. S.	

Henry Clay Anderson,	B. M. E.	
George Frederick Blessing,	B. M. E.	
Samuel Archibald Bullock,	B. M. E.	
William Henry Collier,	B. M. E.	
Samuel Carruthers DeBow,	B. M. E.	
Berkley Wilson Duck,	B. M. E.	
William Adolphus Duncan,	B. M. E.	
Thomas Conway Kelly,	B. M. E.	

George Crutcher Downing,	B. Ped.	
Lulu Searcy,	B. Ped.	

William Appleton Beatty,	M. S.	
Mary LeGrande Didlake,	M. S.	
Graham Hawes Kemper,	M. S.	
Hattie Hocker Warner,	M. S.	

Elizabeth Whittington King,	A. M.	
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John Theodore Faig,	M. E.	
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Ordered " that the following faculties, viz: The classical, scientific, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Normal school faculties be and they are hereby directed and required to hold monthly meetings under the chairmanship of their respective Deans. Said faculties shall elect a Secretary who shall record and keep the records thereof, which records or minutes shall in connection with the proceedings of the General Faculty be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting thereof.

The President of the College stated that Professor Miller had asked for a leave of absence to attend a meeting of Geologists to be held in St. Petersburg, at some time in September.

At 9:35 A. M. All members of the Board were present.

Ordered that Professor Millers application for leave of absence be referred to the Committee on Internal Expansion with instructions to report on what conditions said leave may be granted and that the Committee also report a rule governing all absences.

Mr. Flournoy read the following:

" The Committee on the President's Report beg to report to the Board of Trustees as follows:

They congratulate the President on the condition of the College during the past year as to attendance of students and work of the faculty, and they join him in hoping for an end of the business depression and in believing that with better times increased prosperity and usefulness will come to this Institution.

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Owing however to the dubious outlook for better times we recommend that the request for the erection of the building for Natural Sciences be refused. We deem it only the part of business prudence to avoid indebtedness or increased expenditures at the present time. We do not doubt but that this building is needed, but we think our means do not justify its erection at present. We would rather recommend that out of the interest fund to be paid by the State, enough be appropriated to put our existing buildings in good repair, and that the balance be unexpended until warranted by brighter financial conditions.

We recommend that the Board adopt the suggestion in the President's Report as to giving assistants to Professors, and therefore to refuse all such requests unless most urgently needed.

We recommend that all requests for increase of salary by Professors or employes be refused.

The subject of health of students being very fully treated in the report of the Committee on Internal Expansion, we refer the matter to the Board for action on that report. But we wish to extend the thanks of the Board to Mrs. Capt. Swigert, and to the contributors to the fund she raised for hospital equipment for the students.

(Signed)

J. C. Flournoy
D. C. Buell,

Mr. ~~Flourney~~ stated that one member of the Committee, Mr. Spurr, did not concur in that part of the report relating to the new building.

Mr. Matthews moved to amend the report by striking out that part relating to the new building.

Carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Ayes, Boswell, Gooding, Green, Hines, Hobson, Matthews, Patterson, Peak, Spurr, and Todd.

Noes, Buell, Flournoy, James, Kennedy, and Riddell.

The remaining part of the report on President's report was adopted.

The question of the special order came up at 10 A. M. after some discussion.

On motion ordered the special order be postponed till the building question be settled.

On motion of Mr. Flournoy the report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was read for information only.

On motion of Mr. Spurr ordered that in-as-much as a building for the use of the several departments of Natural Science is indispensable for instruction, museums and laboratories that \$20000.00 ~~be~~ so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated therefor."

The report of the Committee on Internal Expansion was called as a special order.

The report is as follows:

" To the Board of Trustees

The Committee on Internal Expansion submit the following report.

The Committee devoted a week from the 20 " to the 25" of April inclusive to as thorough an examination of the college as so brief a period would allow; in which time we attended a recitation in some study with every Professor and Instructor with perhaps two exceptions. Still only a few of the subjects taught came under our observation and it would be idle to pretend that in the time allowed we could have given an exhaustive consideration to the services of the teachers and the proficiency of the pupils. But we feel confident that we have arrived at useful conclusions with reference to both.

We have found everywhere evidence of zeal and competency on the part of the Instructors, and generally of good attention and appreciation on the part of the students. If from our brief observation we might refer to a lack of proficiency in any cases, it would be in two history and Geography Sections, and one Latin section in which the recitations were quite imperfect. But while the recitations were generally satisfactory, we found room for improvement - we might rather say for - reform in some other particulars. We noticed several cases of irregularity and tardiness in the arrival of the students in the section room and it did not appear that this irregularity received any admonition or attention from the teacher. In some cases it was no doubt arose from the detention of the students in the preceding recitations. The removal of this cause will be effected by enjoining prompt action on the part of the Instructors.

The lesson for the next recitation should be announced before the pending recitation commences, and the sections should be dismissed at the expiration of the hour, without an other word, whatever may be the condition of the recitation. This rule should have no exception.

The section marcher should at the moment of entering the room report to the teacher whether the members of the section are all present or not, and every absentee or tardy arrival should be promptly reported to the President. The tardy arrivals should also be admonished, and an absentee should invariably be examined at the next recitation to determine his proficiency. This rule is already in force in some departments.

We found a somewhat frequent disregard of the regulations concerning the wearing of the uniform, and this irregularity also seemed to call for no attention on the part of the Instructor. Indeed we were informed in some cases that the Instructor did not suppose it to be a part of his duty. In one case four out of five members of the section were in civilian dress.

We found in most if not all of the section rooms a mingling of the sexes, and an expression of companionship which in our opinion is not appropriate in the College. In one case a male and a female student were studying in the same book when they should have been giving attention to the recitations and the instructions of the teacher. The seats or desks of the two sexes should be distinctly apart, and on opposite sides of the room, and all conversation between all students should be strictly interdicted during the recitation.

In our opinion the College cannot too severely and anxiously tax itself with the social atmosphere of its Halls.

We venture to suggest also that a degree of formality is desirable on the part of teachers in their intercourse with the students. To address a student by his sur name, as Smith or Jones, is either too familiar or lacking in a certain consideration that is not without a beneficial effect upon the young. Even the youngest boy should, to the teacher in the College be Mr. Smith, or Mr. Jones. Similarly the addressing the female students by the christian name as Miss Bessie, Miss Polly, etc.; is amendable to objection on stronger grounds. Even the youngest Miss should, in the College, be addressed by her surname, Miss Smith, Miss Jones etc.

The slightest taint of familiarity should be rejected, in respect both to the training of the pupil and the dignity of the teacher.

It was shown to us that the prescribed recitation reports are kept up, but there appears to be some tardiness on the part of some teachers in handing them in. It is inferred that the call of the President is not successful in correcting this fault. The interposition of the Board seems to be necessary.

We think it evident that a vast improvement has taken place in the Military Department under the administration of Col. Swigert, which in turn has reflected upon the tone of the whole student body.

The Battalion organized into four companies and including all of the able bodied male students makes quite a creditable showing on drill, and out of ranks there is generally a more seemly deportment and not infrequently a respectful deference toward the officers of the College. And yet there is great room for improvement in some respects which may properly be pointed out in this report.

As previously indicated there is a quite frequent disregard of the regulations concerning the wearing of the uniform. It is observable not only in the section rooms, and on the grounds, but also in the ranks on drill. We noticed in one case a person drilling a squad or company with his sword buckled over a civilian dress. The regulations is evidently not enforced. It should be the duty of the officer of the day at section parade to report in writing every student who appears out of uniform, and the teacher to whom the student recites should do the same immediately after the recitation hours. The student should also be admonished on the ground by the Commandant.

There is still much loud talking and disorder in forming ranks and in the Academic Halls in marching to and from the recitation rooms. The confusion is ever carried into the body of the Chapel, and for some seconds after the call for order. Here if any where first, the reformation ought to begin. Strict silence should be rigidly required from every student, male and female, from the moment of entering the door of the Chapel until it is cleared again. Every section or other formation should be marched out of the building before being dismissed. Practically there should be silence at all times in forming ranks and marching through the Halls. The preliminary duties would then be performed more promptly and much time saved for recitation or other duty.

We have been informed that there are frequent cases of withdrawal from the ranks to avoid Chapel services, after the march has commenced. Here too, the remedy is to be found in a closer supervision, and a stricter enforcement of penalties.

An other cause of confusion is found in the practice in some cases of dismissing the students individually as soon as they have finished their recitations. They loiter about the halls and amuse themselves while waiting for the next signal. And there is another serious objection to this practice, no student's duty in the section Room should be considered as completed until he has not only made his own recitation, but until he has also heard all that the other students and the teacher have had to say on the lesson in hand. The simple statement of the evil points out the remedy for it. It should be strictly prohibited and discontinued without exception.

In addition to the means already pointed out for a more orderly distribution of the students to their appropriate duties the object would be greatly, promoted by the introduction of a good cupola sounding clock and the sounding of the bugle signals only outside of the Academic Building for the formation of ranks. The bugle should never be sounded in the Building. There are many good reasons for the introduction of the clock and we strongly recommend it.

Our examination of the dormitory rooms exhibited various conditions from a commendable orderliness, to a considerable lack of it. The walls almost without exception were covered with various sorts of pictures, some of them expressive of refinement, some of them of a vulgarity suggestive of obscenity, - as is not a little the custom in some forms of business advertising, and some simply grotesque and stupid absurdities employed by a vulgar taste for the same object.

Upon the whole the effect is offensive to good taste, and the fastening of the pictures mutilates and disfigures the walls. There is no feasible discrimination to be made between the various degrees of objectionableness to this practice, and the nailing and exhibition of any sort of picture or other fixture upon the walls should be prohibited.

Some of the beds were faultlessly clean and proper, and some, often with only one sheet were of exceedingly dirty. Every student should be required to sleep between sheets and have them laundered on a certain day every week.

In some cases dirty old clothes and shoes were thrown under the beds, or into corners and carelessly covered. In several rooms the dirty slops were standing in buckets, which evidently in some cases were used for other than legitimate purposes. Of course all of the rooms are supplied with single beds as the regulations require, but in one instance we found the purpose of the regulation frustrated by two beds lashed together and covered with one suit of bedding, probably to economize in bedding or washing. The regulation requiring the name of each student on the orderly board, was found to be not always observed.

The tables of the rooms held generally a greater or less number of books, usually school books and in some cases books in Standard literature. In one room we noticed a copy of Ingersol's lectures on Christianity.

Of course an interference with the religious beliefs of the students is not to be thought of, if any one desired it. But it is perfectly competent for the Board, to exclude from the rooms any reading matter which would interfere with the legitimate pursuits of the College. We regard all religious controversy of a sensational description, - indeed, sensational controversy of any kind - as being of that character, and we recommend its exclusion by whatever name it may be called.

The walls of the old dormitory, especially, are in bad order. They ought to be scraped, repaired and white washed, and the wood work repainted. The old sinks in the halls of the old dormitory are no longer in use and ought to be entirely removed.

In several rooms the inmates were sick with measles and were shut in from light and ventilation. This objectionable condition suggests forcibly the necessity of hospital accommodations for students who are sick enough to be confined to their rooms. We learn that though the influence of Mrs. Swigert, the wife of the Commandant, provision has been made for the reception of such cases (non contagious) in the city hospital, but there is probably a disinclination on the part of the students to avail themselves of it, and it is worthy of consideration whether an addition at the east end of the old dormitory where it would be convenient to food and attendance from the mess room and affording accommodations for limited number of patients would not be in many respects a more satisfactory arrangement. **Such an addition could probably be made for \$2000.00.**

The floors of the mess room and kitchen have not received the repairs ordered at the last meeting of the Board, and are very much in need of them.

The refrigerator vault attached to the kitchen requires to be thoroughly repaired - in fact reconstructed and drained. In heavy rains it is flooded, and the walls which were partly made by cementing on the earth are caving in. It is in an unhealthy condition. The same repairs should include the draining of the adjacent basement corridor. The expense might be \$30.00.

The student mess is now operated under a system recently adopted which seems to work satisfactorily. It is conducted by a Board composed of the President of the College, the Commandant of the corps, and other member of the Faculty who acts as Treasurer, and two students chosen by the students, - one of them as caterer and manager and the other as Secretary. The Secretary collects and deposits the funds with the Treasurer, at a fixed rate monthly in advance and is allowed a small compensation out of the mess fund. The caterer makes the purchases and manages the mess generally and is paid \$25 a month out of the college funds. The mess is thus virtually controlled by the students under the immediate supervision of the Commandant, and the auditing Board as above composed.

The tables are neatly furnished and set. The fare is ample and excellent and the students seem satisfied with the arrangement. As far as we could judge from a not unexpected visit at dinner, the deportment of the students is well mannered and orderly.

The water closets of the male students are in a bad condition. Some of the water pipes leak, some of the closets are out of order and **thrown** out of use, and the walls are more or less covered with the inscriptions common to such places when used by an indiscriminate public. The fault lies first in the arrangement and location, and second in the want of proper attention. A cellar is not a fit place for such appliances which require a flood of light and ventilation. The place ought without delay to be rebuilt above the ground on a larger scale and better plan. In the meantime the present structure should be kept in thorough repair, and the janitor should be more capable or attentive. He should be in constant attendance. He should enter a closet the moment it is vacated, put it in order, and efface every mark from the walls, in order that the vice of an offender may not contaminate the next comer.

The apartment provided for the females is more respectable, but it is totally insufficient, having only one closet. Here too, more even than in the male apartment, the walls were covered with pencil inscriptions, - the names of the students, their preferences and dislikes among the male **students**; and the wit that belongs to such ill kept places, though nothing of a gross character was observed. Here again the fault is in the want of accommodation, and the want of proper care. It should be the duty of the Monitress to be scrupulously observant of the apartment and cause the instantaneous correction of any fault; and the janitress derelict in these regards after admonition should be promptly discharged.

It will not probably escape the observation of the Board that much of the unsatisfactory working which we have pointed out is due to the lack of efficient means of control. With every allowance for the results that may be accomplished by untiring industry, it must be admitted that the duties pertaining to the Military Department are decidedly beyond the capacity of one man, and with the present arrangement of that Department all of these duties are practically thrown upon the Commandant. Yet he has officers and non-commissioned officers who in theory are supposed to aid him. But if properly performed, the duties of these positions are onerous, and bring the incumbents into relations which are never desirable for their own sake. In order to be discharged efficiently there must be some incentive, and in a mere routine state, the only inducement available to the college is a pecuniary compensation to those who are called upon to render service. We do not hesitate to recommend in the strongest terms the adoption of such a system, and to propose the following allowances per year to the cadet officers, payable monthly.

To Captains	\$150
1st Lieutenants	120
2nd Lieutenants	100
Adjutant	120
Sergeant Major	75
Quartermaster Sergeant	75
1st. Sergeants of a Company	75

Other sergeants and Corporals nothing except the prospect of promotion if they deserve it. With an organization of four companies the roll would amount to \$2000, a year.

It should be diligently and exactly impressed upon these officers that under this arrangement there will be required of them a strict and faithful performance of their duties - in quarters each being responsible according to an appropriate assignment: A captain having a general charge of his Company with orders to inspect its quarters

on certain days three times a week; a Lieutenant to make a similar inspection daily, the Lieutenants reporting to the Captains and the Captains to the Commandant who should himself make a careful inspection weekly, attended by the Captains and Lieutenants within their respective limits to receive instruction.

To these should be added an officer for the grade of Major as provided in the regulations, who might be chosen from the fellowships to be suggested further along.

There is a general appeal among the Departments for more assistants. It does not follow that these requests are unreasonable because the number of students has not largely increased but rather that there is a desire to do better work. It is certain that forty or fifty pupils in a section as is frequently the case cannot be properly instructed by one teacher in an hour, and in some cases with fewer pupils the laboratory duties are laborious. It has been suggested by several of the Professors that the bestowal of Fellowships upon graduating students who would be glad to pursue a Post Graduate course would afford the means of securing additional assistance at small expense, and at the same time enhance the influence and attractiveness of the College. We concur in that view, and recommend for the present the bestowal of two Fellowships for the Department of Mechanical Engineering and one each for the Normal Department, and the Departments of Military Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geology, and Botany with a salary of \$200 each (\$250 in the Military Department) and an engagement on the part of the incumbent to give to the College in the respective Departments such portion of their time as can be spared from the studies which will lead to a stated degree in the a stated time. The Fellow in the Military Department chosen to take the place of Major in the battalion and assist the Commandant will have more onerous and incessant duties and should have \$250 a year.

It is designed that this arrangement shall dispense with the services of Prof. Newman and Mr. Johnson. The cast to the college will be the same as at present.

We are the less loth to this action in regard to the teachers mentioned, Prof. Newman and Mr. Johnson, because the circumstances do not at this time promise them in the college the advancement which they might reasonably desire.

Our attention has been drawn to the long observed paucity of matriculates in the important Department of Civil Engineering. The number at this time is seven. We failed to attend a recitation in that Department, but we conversed with Professor Nelson, and were shown some of the work of his pupils, which indicated a satisfactory degree of proficiency on their part, as well as a judicious and painstaking system of instruction in the Professor.

Of the ample professional qualifications and fidelity of Prof. Nelson there has never been any question; but the fact remains that his Department has not attained that popular support which is desirable. We would by no means say that this deficiency is altogether due to a defect in management but we are of the opinion that there has been, and is still, on the part of the Professor a lack of that exclusive interest in his duties, which, if it had not led to a more satisfactory showing in the condition of his Department, would at least have inspired more hope in its future progress. With, therefore, the kindest disposition toward Professor Nelson we feel constrained to recommend that his resignation be requested, and that the most careful steps be taken to procure a suitable successor in this Department.

Prof. Nelson, suggests as a means of advertising the College and arousing in the students an interest in his Department, the occasional introduction of lectures from College Professors and Railroad officials. We think well of the second proposition if a good selection can be made, but not of the first.

Professor Roark proposes to convert some of the Lexington schools into schools of practice for his teacher students, during the vacation, to instruct them in the art of teaching. If he is willing to assume the additional labor, and can make the necessary arrangement with the city schools, the scheme would seem to be unobjectionable, and perhaps advisable.

Prof. Anderson wishes to extend his Department to include a course in electrical engineering. We approve strongly of the development that has been given to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. It is doing more to bring the college into prominence and attract patronage, than could be accomplished in a very long period of mere formulary training in Science and Literature, where the completion is formidable in numbers and character. Electrical Engineering is an other and a kindred branch of practical education, which is taking a strong hold upon public favor, and assuming great importance in the arts.

We recommend that Professor Anderson's proposition be adopted to as full an extent as the means of the College, and the importance of other objects will permit.

We have been strongly impressed with the gravity of the calamity to which the college with its limited means of replacement is constantly liable from fire owing to the utter absence of any appliances for averting it. We earnestly recommend the immediate introduction of a suitable water pipe, and a judicious arrangement of plugs. The danger here adverted to is increased by the character of the roofing on some of the buildings. Some of them require re-roofing at this time. We recommend the use of metal for the purpose as fast as repairs become necessary.

The quarters of the Commandant require repainting. We recommend that the work be done immediately and that a bath room be added to the building, and two windows opened in the principal room in the east end of the house. These improvements besides the painting might cost \$50.00.

A shed roof twenty feet wide and extending the whole front of the old dormitory would add greatly to the comfort of the students, facilitate some of the military and class formations and relieve the Academic building from the disorderly throng which is so serious an evil. We recommend the construction of the shed this summer. With iron pillars it might cost \$400.

Owing to the brief time to which we individually felt it necessary to limit our inspection, we were able to make at the last moment only a cursory examination of the Farm and Experiment Station. The working of both appears to be entirely satisfactory and commendable and there can be no doubt that they are steadily growing in favor with the Agricultural interests of the State. The farm shows an efficient outfit, and a well managed condition. There is an old stable that ought for convenience and appearance to be removed sometime, but for the present it serves a useful purpose. The dwelling house, especially the woodwork requires a thorough repainting, and respectable closet accommodations. Its present outfit in this last regard, - a small rough board structure in the back yard - is simply discreditable. We recommend an appropriation of \$100.00 for these objects.

The east wall of the south dormitory building has bulged perceptibly out of line and perpendicular. It is said not to have moved recently, but such a mark of insecurity ought not to be neglected. It could be rendered safe by suitable iron rods running through the cross joists for a certain distance, twenty feet or more, and fastened to them or to a strong interior wall, with iron plates for tie heads on the outside of the yielding wall.

There is a quite prevalent call from the various Departments for more room as well as more assistants. This desire may have been strengthened just now by the anticipation of a considerable increase of means from the receipt of the interest arrearage due the college, but with all there is good reason for the appeal. When it is considered that for two years the Departments have been living to some extent on the savings of previous years and that some indebtedness has been unavoidably incurred on account of the suspended income, it is very much to be feared that the surplus remaining from the incoming fund,

after paying debts and providing for current requirements, will be insufficient for the erection of such a building as is desired to furnish the additional space needed.

We hesitate therefore to recommend some items which seem to us worthy of a favorable consideration as the means of the college will permit.

In order to facilitate the action of the Board on this report, we add a summary of the propositions which we deem of sufficient importance, and to deserve immediate action.

1. A copy for each professor and teacher immediately of so much of this report as relates to the conduct and treatment of sections and individual students in the section room with the desire that its suggestions shall be carried out.

2. A copy to the commandant of the corps, of so much of the report as relates to the Military Department with a similar desire.

3. A copy to Prof. Nelson, Prof. Newman and Mr. Johnson of so much of the report as relates to their cases respectively, and asking their resignations.

4. A copy to the Monitress of so much as relates to the care of the female apartments with the adoption of its recommendations.

5. An appropriation of \$400 if necessary for the construction of a shed in front of the old dormitory building, twenty feet wide, the height of the second floor, and the full length of the building.

6. An appropriation of \$100 or so much thereof as may be necessary for painting the house of the **commandant**, adding a suitable bath room and water closets, and putting two windows and shutters in the east end of the building.

7. An appropriation for so much as may be necessary for recovering the President's house with metal.

8. An appropriation for as much as may be required for the introduction of three (3) additional seats in the female water closets.

9. The necessary appropriation for rebuilding the male water closets above ground, with a bath room, and that not less than fifteen seats and eight (8) urinals.

10. \$50 and more if necessary for repainting the wood work of the Farm residence, and adding suitable closet and bath room conveniences, to come out of the farm fund.

11. The President of the College will give notice that all Professors and Teachers are expected to render their recitation and other periodical reports promptly.

12. It is the duty of the Deans of Courses to watch the progress of their students through the subordinate Departments, and to call attention to any deficiency that may be observed. For this purpose it is the duty of the heads of these Departments to furnish the respective Deans with any information that may be desired on the subject.

13. It is not admissible to delegate to cadet officers the authority to grant permission to students to leave College limits.

14. It is the wish of the Board of Trustees that every person connected with the College shall acquaint himself fully with the regulations. The officers are at the same time advised that it is their duty at all times to endeavor to sustain the regulations and to report every pronounced violation or neglect of them that may come under their observation.

15. The adoption of the recommendation of the Committee for the bestowal of Fellowships upon certain graduating students with certain allowances; and of the recommendation of certain specified salaries to certain cadet officers.

16. The necessary appropriation for the erection of a sounding clock in the Cupola of the Academic Building.

W. F. Peak, Chairman,
D. C. Buell,
D. H. James,

State College,
June 1, 1897.

On motion ordered that proposition No. 1 in the summary of the foregoing report be approved.

On motion ordered that proposition No. 2, be approved.

Ordered that, that part of proposition No. 3, relating to Prof. Newman be stricken out.

On motion ordered that the part of proposition No, 3, relating to Mr. Johnson be stricken out.

After remarks by several members of the Board:

Mr. Gooding moved the adoption of that part calling for the resignation of Professor Nelson.

The ayes and noes were called for. Before the taking of the vote began President Patterson requested to be excused from voting. On motion of Mr. Todd he was excused.

Mr. Flournoy stated that he believed a change should be made in the Department of Civil Engineering, but that he did not approve of making it in that way, and that he would, therefore, vote against the motion.

The vote resulted:

Aye - Buell, Gooding, Green, James, Kennedy, Peak, Todd, - 7.

No - Boswell, Flournoy, Hines, Hobson, Matthews, Riddell, Spurr, - 7.

Mr. Gathright, Chairman, voted aye and the motion carried.

Ordered that proposition No. 4, relating to the Monitress be adopted.

On motion proposition No. 5, relating to Shed was carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

No - None.

On motion proposition No. 6, relating to the Commandant's house was approved by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

No - None.

On motion Mr. Boswell proposition No. 7, relative to the President's house was approved, by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

Noes - None.

On motion proposition No. 8, relative to closets in female apartment was adopted, by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

No - None.

On motion proposition No. 9, relative to closets for male apartments was adopted by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

No - None.

On motion proposition No. 10, with \$100 inserted instead of \$50, for improving the Farm residence was adopted by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Boswell, Buell, Flourney, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Matthews, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd.

No - None.

On motion proposition No. 11, relative to reports by Professors and Instructors was approved.

No action was taken on proposition No. 12.

On motion proposition No. 13, relative to leaving college limits by students was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 14, relative to thorough acquaintance with the regulations was adopted.

In the consideration of proposition No. 15, there was considerable discussion.

After several suggestions and motions concerning the fellowships; it was

Ordered on motion of Mr. Green, that one Fellowship for the Department of Botany be established for one year with a remuneration of \$150.00 and that one Fellowship for the Department of Biology be established for one year with a remuneration of \$150.00.

Mr. Green moved that the second provision of proposition No. 15, relative to specified salaries for cadet officers be approved, seconded.

President Patterson moved to substitute for cadet.

Captains	\$75	instead of	\$150
1st. Lieutenants	60	instead of	120
2nd. Lieutenants	40	instead of	100
Adjutant	50	instead of	120
Quartermaster,	50	instead of	75

Judge Riddell moved that the whole question of cadet salaries be laid on the table.

Carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Flournoy, Gooding, Green, Hines, Kennedy, Matthews, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd, - 9.

No - Boswell, Buell, Hobson, James, Patterson, and Peak, - 6.

No action was taken on No. 16.

On motion the President was authorized and instructed to make an arrangement with St. Joseph's Hospital similar to the one now existing with the Protestant Infirmary for taking care of sick students.

On motion of Mr. Green ordered that the question of the legality of the payment of 14-1/2% of the accrued interest, already due the college, to the negroes be referred to a Committee composed of three lawyers of the Board to be appointed by the Chairman.

Chair appointed: Judge Thos. H. Hines, Chairman,
J. C. Flournoy,
J. G. Matthews,

On motion of President Patterson " ordered that a competent person be employed at a compensation not exceeding \$1000, per annum to give instruction in Electrical Engineering which for the present and until further orders shall be taught in connection with, and as an integral part of the course in Mechanical Engineering and under the direction of the Dean thereof."

A motion at 12:15 P. M. the Board took recess until 1:30 P. M.

The Board was called to order at 1:40 P. M. by
Mr. Gathright, Chairman.

Present: J. T. Gathright, Chairman
Gen'l. Buell,
Flournoy,
Gooding,
Hines,
James,
Kennedy,
Riddell,
Spurr,
Todd,

Mr. Gooding offered the following:

Resolved, 1st. that the President be requested to publish the Post Office addresses of the members of the Board of Trustees in all catalogues or advertisements emanating from this college that contain the name of said Board.

2nd. That he be also requested to report in his semi-annual reports to the Board of Trustees the exact number of pupils in attendance at college, also the number of males, the number of females, and the number from each county of the State that is represented in the school, the number of appointees and the number of pay pupils, and the number from other states.

Adopted.

The committee on Finance reported that accounts had been examined and found correct.

Report received and approved.

The committee on Finance also reported that R. S. Bullock had executed, with approved security, the following bond as Treasurer:

Lexington, Ky.,
June 2, 1897

We R. S. Bullock, principal and S. Bassett and J. W. Appleton his sureties all of Fayette County Kentucky do hereby covenant to and with the Commonwealth of Kentucky that the said R. S. Bullock Treasurer of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall faithfully perform all the duties of said office and he will pay over all moneys that shall come into his hands to his successor in office or to such person or persons as may be lawfully entitled to receive the same. Witness our hands, date above written.

(Signed)

R. S. Bullock
S. Bassett
J. W. Appleton,

On motion ordered that the Treasurer's Bond be accepted and approved, and recorded and then filed with the Governor of the Commonwealth as required by law.

On motion of Gen'l. Buell ordered that the Business Agent of the College be required hereafter to give an open bond similar to the one now given by the Treasurer of the college.

The Committee on appropriations was not ready to report.

Judge Riddell submitted the following:

To the Board of Trustees of the A. & M.
College.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds would report:

That they have heard read the report of the Committee on Internal Expansion and so far as it refers to the buildings and grounds would adopt the same in this report, but they feel that they should make the following additional suggestions and report.

They have examined the dormitories known as the old and new dormitories and find that the walls are in bad condition. The plastering is falling off in many places, in other places it is loose and will fall, and may be expected to fall at any time.

We suggest that the walls ought to be repaired, scraped, and calcimined or painted. These suggestions apply to both the old and new dormitories.

The floors in the dining room are in very bad repair, and when washed the water runs through into the kitchen or cook room below. The floor in the kitchen seems to have been laid down on joists two by four inches which have rotted or given way and the floor rests as far as we can see on the ground.

The same may be said of walls and floors of the "store rooms."

The pipes are in bad condition, some of them are broken and leak, and are not safe. There are large holes in the kitchen and store rooms where the pipes pass through the walls and it seems that they greatly endanger the building.

In the new dormitory the plaster is falling in many places, and from appearances some of this is caused by leaks in the roof. The walls are cracked, the wash-boards and mantles are drawing from the walls, and from appearances we are of opinion that much of this is caused by the settling of the building. We suggest that after repairing the floors, roofs, walls, plastering etc., that the walls should be painted or if not painted entirely, then that they should be painted for say six feet high for the reason that if they are then defaced by marks, writing etc. they can be more easily cleaned than if calcimined or white-washed.

The walls of the Experiment Station building are to some extent giving way and are not plumb - the floor needs repair.

The Mechanical building is in very good repair except the floor which is to some extent in the condition of the kitchen in old dormitory, and the engine house which has a crack over the door but not of a serious nature.

The Engine house near the old dormitory should be repaired and improved as the present building detracts greatly from the other buildings.

The Green house should be repaired and greatly enlarged. We recommend that an appropriation of \$600 be made for repairing, enlarging, and extending the greenhouse.

The water closets are not kept in good condition but are filthy and offensive. The heater in the bath room is not sufficient or safe and should be replaced by a new heater.

We suggest that there ought to be six or eight more water closets in the female apartments, there is now but one.

We have not been able to give any estimate of the costs of the various repairs and improvements.

We have considered the building of a new dormitory but in view of the condition of the finances of the College we deem it inexpedient for the present.

We recommend that the repairs suggested be made at once.

(Signed)

Robert Riddell
Rich. A. Spurr,
David H. James,

On motion ordered that the report be accepted and approved, and that the Executive Committee be directed, in its discretion, to carry out the suggestions and make the repairs and improvements mentioned.

Mr. Peak submitted the following:

To the Hon. Board of Trustees,
of the A. and M. College.

The undersigned Committee on the Experiment Station would report, that after as full an inspection and investigation of said Station as the limited time we had would permit, we find its system good, but some improvements or repairs necessary. The dwelling house occupied by Prof. Scovell, is in bad condition and should be repaired as soon as possible and as recommended by the Committee on Internal Expansion, and paid for out of the farm account. We think said repairs will cost perhaps \$200.00.

We endorse and approve the recommendations of Prof. M. A. Scovell in his report to President Patterson of date May 12, 1897, so far as the condition of the funds of that Department will allow.

(The recommendations are as follows:

1st. I would respectfully ask the appropriation as heretofore of the \$15000 of Federal funds, from the Hatch Act; the income from the fertilizer control, and from the farm, and any interest accruing on these accounts, for the use of the station.

2nd. I would recommend that the \$300, be appropriated from the fertilizer fund, for fertilizer inspection and \$200 for traveling expenses of Prof. Garman in field work in parts of the State where farm pests may be at work.

3rd. That \$2500 be set aside for a dairy barn to be used in case the money was not needed for the purchase of land.

4th. That some land be purchased for the Station's use if possible.

5th. That the arrangement made with Mr. Harper to superintend the field Experiments as well as the dairy experiments be continued subject to the action of the Board of Control and the Executive Committee should it be deemed best during the year to change such plans and that his salary be increased to \$720 per year provided he proves himself to be competent to do the work assigned him.

6th. That Prof. Garman be authorized to continue the work in destroying Woolly Mullein if such work is found necessary.

7th. If it is found advisable for Prof. Matthews to continue to devote most of his time to the college, I would recommend that he be retained by the station to do the special correspondence in horticulture, and to give only a general oversight to the horticulture work, and if funds allow, to have an assistant to carry out details. In such case his salary between the College and the Station should be readjusted as it may seem right.)

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed W. F. Peak,
 Thos. Todd,
 G. V. Green,

On motion the report was received and approved.

The Committee on salaries was not ready to report.

Mr. Matthews read the following amended report:

To the Board of Trustees A. & M. College,

Your Committee on Internal Expansion in conformity to your request for a report upon the request of Prof. A. M. Miller for leave of absence until about November 20, 1897,; and for a rule to govern all future cases of absence from duty of any Professor or officer of this college, beg leave to report the following:

1st. We recommend that Professor Miller be granted a leave of absence from the duties as Professor in this College until December 1, 1897, and that he may furnish a substitute in his stead if he desires, provided however that the substitute so offered is acceptable to the President and provided further that Prof. Miller shall not be paid any salary for the time he is so absent and the substitute be paid direct by the college.

2nd. We further recommend that, if any Professor shall be absent from his duties for more than three days without leave of absence from the President, except that he be sick or unavoidably prevented from being present, there shall be deducted from his salary an amount equal to one month's salary: That in the absence of a Professor or other teacher on account of sickness the salary of such substitute as may be employed, in conformity with regulation No. 107, shall be deducted from the salary of such Professor

or other teacher, and should any Professor be absent from his duties in this college for more than three days without permission the President may substitute an other in his place for thirty days or longer if he so desires.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. G. Matthews,
E. H. Hobson,
W. F. Peak

Report received and approved on a rising vote.

General Buell read the following:

To the Board of Trustees.

The report just rendered by the Committee on Internal Expansion leaves little perhaps for the present committee on Military discipline and quarters to say. We cannot err however in emphasizing some points adverted to in that report.

The story of the want of order in the dormitory rooms; the necessity for repairs in the mess room, mess kitchen and adjacent parts; the insufficient accommodations and bad condition of the water closets; the necessity for reform in the handling of the students in forming the sections for recitation and dismissing them after that duty is performed, and the boisterous - almost riotous - deportment of the students in the halls of the Academic Building, need not be repeated. We may recur, however, to the increasing evidence of the violation of the regulations in regard to the use of the uniform and endeavor to impress the Board with the importance of the subject.

The purpose of the uniform is to establish a homogeneity of appearance as there is of object in the college; to serve as a means of identifying the student body, and thus deter its

members from unworthy deportment into which under the disguise of an ordinary garb they might sometimes fall, and to obliterate within the college social distinctions which the dress of the civilian makes glaring between the well-to-do, and the perhaps no less worthy poor, whom it is the boast of the college to attract and protect, as it will also be its undoing to repel and bring them into contempt.

The uniform adopted for the College is an economical, and genteel, and becoming dress for any person, and entirely suitable for all students; - far preferable in these respects to the tawdry and easily tarnished costumes in common use by those students who, it appears, affect to despise it.

The poor boy or young man would be glad to substitute it for the homely and thread bare garments which announce his limited means, if his somewhat more daintily bred associate in the college did not try, and to a considerable extent succeed, it would seem, to bring it into contempt. We hope it is not necessary to protest to the Board against the practice which has thus been allowed to prevail, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

The attention of the officers of the college within their appropriate spheres, and of the students themselves is called to the flagrant disregard which seem to have grown up, of the regulations concerning the use of the uniform. They are advised that the uniform of the State College is a badge of honor, if worthily worn, and it is the intention of the Board that the regulations concerning the use of it shall be strictly enforced upon all male students, whether on or off duty, and whether on or off the college grounds.

It is understood that new students shall have a reasonable length of time, and no more, in which to provide themselves with the prescribed uniform.

The Committee on discipline and quarters have nothing further to present to the Board on that subject.

(Signed)

D. C. Buell, Chairman
Thomas H. Hines
H. Boswell,

On motion ordered that the report of the Committee on Military Instruction and College Discipline be accepted and approved; that the resolution therein be made a regulation of the college and that it be observed according.

The committee on the minutes of the Executive Committee was not ready to report.

On motion of Mr. Boswell ordered that the President of the college be made a committee of one to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Miss A. T. Atkins.

The President submitted a number of drawings giving general plan of the new building for Natural History departments and offered the following:

" Resolved that the details connected with plans and specifications for the new building whose erection has been sanctioned by the action of the Board be referred to the Executive Committee, that the committee be authorized to contract with a competent architect for such plans, specifications and supervision as may be required and that other things being equal the services of Prof. F. P. Anderson be employed in this capacity at a compensation not exceeding 2-1/2% on the amount set apart by the Board for this purpose: viz, \$20000.00."

Resolution was adopted.

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The following officers were elected by ballot, for the ensuing year:

Secretary - - - V. E. Muncy,
Treasurer - - - R. S. Bullock,
Business Agent - - J. G. White,

Executive Committee, till Dec. 14.

Thomas H. Hines, Chairman
D. H. Hames,
Gathright
Judge Robert Riddell
R. A. Spurr

Board of Control, till Dec. 14.

Hart Boswell
A. P. Gooding
J. B. Kennedy
J. K. Patterson
M. A. Scovell,

On motion of President Patterson Mr. Gathright was unanimously elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for the entire year.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 8 A. M.
June 3, 1897.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 8 A. M.
June 3rd.