NOVEMBER 19, 1872

The Executive Committee were called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.
Present—Messrs. Brown, Cunningham, Scott and Pearson; also, John
W. Bunn, Treasurer, and J. M. Van Osdel, Architect.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The architect, Mr. J. M. Van Osdel, made his report on the state and
progress of the new University building. The bond of contract and
the contract itself were read, and Judge Cunningham offered the fol­
lowing resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the construction of the new University building various changes in the work have
been ordered by the committee and executed by Mr. Gehlman; and whereas, the contract with Mr.
Gehlman, of date June 7th, 1871, provides that the price of said work shall be determined and fixed
by three referees, one to be chosen by the Trustees of the University, one by said Gehlman, and one
by the two thus chosen; therefore,

(1.) Resolved, That George Chambers, Esq., of Chicago, be and is hereby chosen to act as referee
on the part of the Board of Trustees.

(2.) Resolved, That the Secretary at once cause to be served upon Mr. E. F. Gehlman a notice of
such selection and appointment, with a request that said Gehlman select on his part some person,
who, with a third referee, chosen by the two above named, shall determine and report the value of
said extra work.

The motion was laid on the table until afternoon, and the Committee
took a recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee reassembled at the hour appointed.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Judge Cunningham, tabled
in the forenoon, were taken up and adopted.

Prof. S. W. Shattuck’s bill for surveying and mapping of the Experi­
mental Farm was allowed.

It was ordered that a sheet-iron drum be added to the heating appa­
ratus of the green-house.

The Regent was authorized to ask the War Department for the detail
of Capt. A. Howe, U. S. A., as instructor of military tactics.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the Regent.

DECEMBER 10, 1872.

The Committee assembled at the Regent’s office at 10 A. M.
Present—Messrs. Brown, Cobb, Cunningham, Pearson, Pickrell,
Scott, and the Regent.

The report of Mr. Van Osdel, the architect, and that of the referees
on the amount and price of extras to be allowed to the contractor, E.
F. Gehlman, were read.
On motion the same were accepted and ordered to be placed on file.
The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.
The report of the Book-keeper and statement of receipts and expendi­tures were then received.
The bills presented for payment were audited and allowed.
Mr. J. E. Scott reported as a committee on valuation of a division fence on University lands (Griggs' Farm), that the said fence was not yet completed, and, therefore, no action necessary. Report accepted.
The Committee took a recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee met at the hour appointed.
The chairman of the Horticultural Committee moved that the rent for gardener's house be fixed at $15 per month from first of November, 1872. Voted.
On recommendation of the Professor of Chemistry, A. P. S. Stuart, to purchase working apparatus for fifty more desks in the chemical laboratory, the Professor was authorized to order the same, to be charged to the State appropriation of 1872.
Professor Robinson, from Mechanical Department, reported the need of various articles for use of shops, asking an appropriation of $132. Granted.
The balance of Mr. Thomas Waddell's salary as Superintendent of new University building was ordered to be paid.
Mr. E. Cobb was instructed to settle with the Kankakee Planing Mills for extra work and glass for new University building, and a warrant ordered to be drawn for amount found due.
The reports from the carpenter shop about work done, earnings, etc., were read and accepted.
On motion, the accounts of the arbitrators in the matter of extras at $50, were audited, and one-half the amount ordered to be charged to Mr. Gehlman.
Judge Cunningham offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Regent be requested to prepare, have printed, and transmit to Congress, a memorial favoring the passage of the bill now pending before that body for the further endowment of Agricultural Colleges out of the revenues to arise from the sale of the public lands, and that he be authorized to affix the names of the members present of this Committee to said memorial.

The account of Mr. Gehlman for repairs on roof of mechanic and drill hall was referred to a committee consisting of the Regent, Messrs. Scott and Cunningham, with request to investigate and report.
Dr. Gregory reported that he had the promise of the Corresponding Secretary, W. C. Flagg, Esq., to deliver gratuitously a regular course of agricultural lectures to the students of the University during the winter term. The report was accepted.
The Regent was authorized to subscribe for such periodicals for 1873, as he and the faculty may decide upon.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the Regent.

JANUARY 7, 1873.

The Committee met at the call of the Regent, at 4:30 P. M.

Present—Messrs. Cobb, Cunningham, Pickrell, Scott, and the Regent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Gregory then read the reports from the machine and carpenter shops, also a communication from Mr. D. A. Stedman. All of which were received and ordered to be placed on file.

The following communication was then read:

To the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University:

Owing to the unprecedented advance in the price of material and labor since I undertook to erect your main University building, I find myself wholly unable to complete the work for the original price, including "extras" allowed. Since the sum of $75,000 appropriated by the State at the first session of the 27th General Assembly was exhausted in the payment for material, and freights for the transportation of such material, I have received from the Trustees the sum of $34,848 05, and have paid out during the same time for other material and labor used in construction of said building the sum of $61,053 92. There are now outstanding claims against the building for material and labor amounting to about the sum of $16,000, mostly due to men who are in actual need of their money.

From estimates made, there will yet be required to complete the building the sum of $15,000.

I am prepared to make a full showing of all my accounts and vouchers whenever called upon to do so by your Board, or by any person authorized to examine the same.

Respectfully,

E. F. GEHLMAN.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., January 2, 1873.

The communication was received, and the Committee took a recess until 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee reassembled as per adjournment.

Statement of Book-keeper of receipts and expenditures read and received.

The bills presented for payment audited and allowed.

The matter of collection for hay presses manufactured for Woodmansee Bros., of Urbana, was referred to Judge Cunningham.

The settlement for a hay press made for W. Harris, of Champaign, was referred to Mr. J. R. Scott.

Bills of Mr. Gourley for services as watchman on University building, and Mr. Gehlman for office building, were laid on the table.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Written notice has been served upon the Regent, from Mr. E. F. Gehlman, of the fact that he has abandoned his contract with the University, of June 7, 1871, for the erection and completion of the main University building; and whereas, the building is left upon the hands of the Trustees in an unfinished condition; therefore