MAY 7, 1873.

The Executive Committee met at the Regent's office, at 4:15 P. M. No quorum being present, the Secretary was instructed to notify the members absent of the adjournment of the meeting to Tuesday, May 13th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

MAY 13, 1873.

The Committee met at the Regent's office, as by adjournment. Present—Messrs. Cobb, Goltra, Brown, Lawrence, Pickrell, Scott, and Prof. Shattuck, Regent pro tem.

The minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

The Regent then read the following report:

To the Executive Committee of the Illinois Industrial University:

I have the honor to make the following report:

Since you last met, the University has lost its senior professor, by the death of Wm. M. Baker. He was much beloved and respected by his colleagues and students. Proper respect was paid to his memory by the Faculty and students. You are asked to authorize the settlement of Prof. Baker's salary account at an early day and upon a liberal basis.

Measures should be taken at once to provide a head for the Department of English Language and Literature, either by appointment of a new member of the Faculty or the assignment of one of the present ones to the position.

Under date of March 21st, the War Department refused to detail Capt. Howe, of the 4th Artillery, as Military Instructor at the University. He has since been killed in battle. Under the circumstances, I recommend that Capt. Snyder be retained in charge of the Military Department, and that he be relieved from teaching Book-keeping the coming year.

For the well-working of the University, the several assistants in departments for the coming year should be appointed by the last of the present term; the same may be said of any new professors. Under the supposition that we will occupy the new building this fall, the grounds around it should be put in as forward a condition of ornamentation as the lateness of the season will allow. I ask that this be authorized, but that the expense shall not exceed — dollars.

Mr. Stedman was not relieved of the charge of the carpenter shop until the 23d inst., on account of absence and illness of Mr. Card. In the meantime he was employed in putting up the stable for Veterinary purposes, in guarding against injury from water the new building by laying the floor of the piazza in the court, putting up troughs, etc.

You are asked to authorize the payment of Mr. Stedman for the time employed by the University in April. The settlement of his maximum salary account also calls for your attention. The Business Agent's report will give the points in the matter. In this connection, I also call your attention to Mr. Vickroy's maximum salary account. Mr. Lambert, a student, has had charge of the shops since the 23d ult., only the necessary work for the University being done.

The Business Agent's report will show you, as near as the matter can be made out, the financial results of the last year's work in the Mechanical and Carpenter Shop. He also shows the result for the last two months in connection with the usual statement of expenses to date, unaudited bills, etc. Prof. Snyder reports collections for treasurer during March and April at $2,611 13.

Several expenses, authorized during the past year, but not yet met, not having been presented before, call for your attention. Of these I may mention some $580 for Engineering Instruments, and about $50 on the account of Industrial lectures last winter.

I approve the recommendation of Mr. Flagg, that the University accept the charge of specimens of soils of the State, collected by the State Geologist, and ask for the authority to incur the necessary expenses of their removal from Springfield to the University.