State Agricultural College, Michigan
Feb. 26, 1862

The regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called to order at 11 o'clock A.M. There were present Messrs. Wells, Parsons, Sage, Carpenter, and Rich. The President being absent, Mr. Wells was appointed President pro tem., and Mr. Charles Rich empowered to act for the Secretary whenever it might be necessary for him to be absent.

A communication was received from G. A. Verker, resigning his position as a Member of this Board— he having enlisted in the military service of the Country. The Resignation of Mr. Verker was accepted by the Board.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow.

C. C. Whitt, Sec.

State Agricultural College, Michigan
Feb. 27, 1862

Board met as per adjournment at 9 A.M. Present Messrs. Wells, Parsons, Sage, Carpenter, Rich, and the Secretary, George Blair.

Received that James Baylie, Esq., is hereby authorized to contract for sale of the South East Quarter of the North West Quarter of section 27, in the Township of Bath, Clinton County, part of the swamp lands belonging to the Agricultural College, at the price of Eighty Dollars, said tract of land being in part covered with water.

The following bills, presented by the Committee on Accounts, were then allowed:— to wit:

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The Committee on Employees made a report recommending Mr. C. A. Kenaston of Oberlin Ohio, as a suitable person to take charge of the Preparatory Department of the College; whereupon it was —
Resolved that C.A. Keniston be employed to take charge of the Preparatory Department of the College, during the pleasure of the Board, at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year, and that the said Keniston be, and he is hereby authorized to finish off the unfinished dwelling connected with the College at his own expense, and when finished to occupy the same, the cost of fitting the same building to apply on rent of said house.

The Board then adjourned until tomorrow at 8 A.M.

S. C. H. H.

Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan

Board met at 8 A.M. Tuesday July 25, 1862. Am at ten o'clock

Respectfully received the same remarks as yesterday.

Resolved that Mr. Thos. Parson be authorized to procure a bell suitable for the use of the Agricultural College, and to make such disposition of the old bell as he shall judge advisable, for the interests of the College.

Professors Fill and Miles submitted a Report in accordance with a Resolution of the Board passed Nov. 15, 1861; the Report was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Parson, it was

Resolved that James B. Crippen, President of the State Agricultural Society, be, and hereby is, elected a member of this Board, in the place of T. H. Yerke, resigned.

A Communication was received from James Bayley, Superintendent of the Farm of the State Agricultural College, tendering his Resignation of the Office of Superintendent.

The Resignation of Mr. Bayley was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Sage,

Resolved that in accepting the Resignation of Mr. James Bayley, as Superintendent of the Farm of the State Agricultural College, and of the Boarding Hall the Board be, and they are, hereby authorized to frame a new and proper sense of the zeal, economy, and integrity manifested by Mr. Bayley in the discharge of his duties as said Superintendent; and that we tender to him the expression of our sympathy, on account of his present ill health.
Reserve land from Wm. S. Morton, and M. W. B. 1855.

The board was authorized to engage a

fence superintendent to take charge of the Farm and

Building Hall, upon the flume of the Board at a compensation not to exceed the sum of Eight

Hundred Dollars ($800.00) per annum.

The following report on the building of a Barn

was submitted by the Committee to whom that subject was referred by Resolution of July 1851. It viz:

The Committee appointed by the Board for the

purpose of looking into consideration the building of a Barn

have had the matter under consideration and recommend

that the Board adopt the Plan submitted by W. C. Parke for

the construction: six by sixty (60) feet by forty six

(46) feet and that Wm. S. Morton and Carpenter, with

the Superintendant draw Specifications in detail for

the same, and prepare materials and plans in its execution

as speedy as the means of the College will permit.

The Report was adopted, and accepted.

Resolved that W. C. Parke be, and he is hereby authorized

to take into consideration the proposition of George B. Van Allis to

purchase the south half of the South East Quarter of Township

Eleven, and the South East Quarter of Township

Eleven, west of the Township of Meridian, and that

he be authorized to contract the same to draw Van Allis at a price not less than $600.00, and if the

same cannot be obtained, that the interest of the College will be refunded by such sites.

On motion of Mr. Gage

Resolved that Professors Fiske and Miles be

authorized to carry out the experiment referred to in their Report submitted to the Board in their present Session.

Resolved that Professor Fiske be, and he is here

by authorized, and requested to take charge of, and direct

the students, as to their labor, until a Superintendent

of the Farm shall be appointed, and he be on hand to perform

the duties of his office.

On account of the severe illness of Mr. Bayley,

Messrs. Parsons and Carpenter were appointed a Committee

at once to see Mr. Harrison, and engage him, and Mr.

Harrison's services on the Farm, and in the Building

Hall, until some other person shall be engaged to take

charge of the Farm; to go to obtain the and other Bayley entirely
of all cases in regard to it.

An account was allowed in favor of

Wm. Miles of $17.77 in 1851.

The chair being temporarily vacant, Mr. Wells was
appointed to fill it; and it was

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Board is hereby
directed to obtain from the Treasurer of the Board, Two
Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) of the Appropriation to the Agricultural
College made by the present Legislature; and note the same
subject to the appropriation of the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

T. O. Aaboe, Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan,
May 20, 1862, 9 A.M. Session

The Regular Meeting of the State Board of Agriculture
was called to order at 9 o'clock A.M. There were present
Messrs. Wells, Rich, Parsons, and Cage. In the absence of
the President of the Board, Mr. Wells was made President Pro-
tempore.

The reading of the Records of the last Session was deferred
until tomorrow morning.

At the request of the President, Professor Dick made
a statement respecting the state of the health of the students.

Resolved that in view of the condition of the health of the
students during the present month, and the desire expressed by
a majority of those in attendance, it is expedient that the usual
meets of two weeks during the month of July be anticipated, and
that the same be ordered from this, the 28th inst., to June 1st.

Adjourned to tomorrow 9 A.M. at 9 o'clock.

T. O. Aaboe, Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan
May 29, 1862

Board met as per adjournment; members present
the same as yesterday.

The Records of the Session in February last were
read and approved.

A letter received by the Secretary from James
B. Griffin was read, in which he declines to serve
as a member of this Board, owing to other engagements.

In the absence of Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cage was ap-
pointed to act as Member of the Finance Committee with
Mr. Parsons.
Accounts

Accounts against the College were then allowed as follows:

James Bayley, final settlement of dollar Sept. $299.55

Dr. W. Field, expenses for College 15.04

J. C. Abbott 11 44.36

W. P. Parsons, expenses 6 614.99

Dr. 11 106.51

M. Abbott, expenses for College 15.30

It was ordered that the services rendered by Mr. Hamilton for 34 days as Superintendent of the Farm be accounted an offset to the bill of the College against his son, up to the 7th of May. (§ 55.55)

The bill of J. A. Kerr, and Weener and Kerr for printing 6 (§ 56.52) was referred again to Committee on Finance, to be reported on at the August meeting, 1862, with recommendation that affidavit be made, showing why bill was not presented to "Board of Education."

Received that W. C. Abbott (Sec.) be authorized to draw warrant on the College Treasury in favor of F. E. Berry, in the sum of $1,956.25 for various items advanced by said Berry to James Bayley, at various times at the request of Board.

Received that this Board, in behalf of the Agricultural interests of the State of Michigan extend to the Honorable Benjamin A. Wade thanks for his earnest and well timed effort to secure Congressional aid in sustaining the great farming interests of the Country, by the establishment of colleges in which agriculture as a Science shall receive that attention which its importance demands.

Received that the Excellency Governor Blair, the President of this Board, be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolution to Senator Wade, and to give him assurance that the people of Michigan hold in high estimation his present course as a legislator, and that they believe that, in efforts to uphold and sustain the American Government, he is moved by considerations of unbending integrity and patriotic impulse.

Mr. Parsons submitted the following Report:

The subscriber, to whom was estimated the sale of Swamp land, lot numbered or described as follows: 3½ of S. E½ Sec. 11, 5½ of Sec. 14 in Township, Meridian, begs leave to report to the Board of Agriculture, that he has contracted with Mr. Varon for the above described lots of Swamp lands, at $600; Two Hundred to
be paid the coming Fall, and the balance of $300, payable Two Hundred Dollars annually with 7 per cent interest till paid.

Barn

After a recess for dinner, the Board, Farm Superintendent examined proposed locations for a barn which it is proposed to build; after which the Board by vote fixed upon the site, and left slaves to mark the four corners of it. The Account of J. S. Dickey was audited and allowed, and the balance in favor of the College of $15. 58 was ordered to be carried to a new account.

It was ordered that a warrant for $350. 00 be drawn in favor of J. S. Dickey, Farm Superintendent, to cover expenditures made by him, with money informally furnished by A. Berry, for the Branding Iron & Stall.

Received that J. S. Dickey is empowered to sell on the best terms the swine lot warranted by W. H. Kelty on the town of Dearyan; also the fractional lot warranted by Mr. Clark, J. S. Dickey ascertain the present value before making the sale, and being governed thereby.

Received that Mr. J. S. Dickey have the use of Room No. 11, from and after the 5th day of June next.

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy in their body occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Dyer.

Mr. Abigail B. Budge of St. Joseph County was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board.

It was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Mr. Kenaston for the amount due him at this time.

It was ordered that a deduction of Fifty Dollars be made from the rent of house occupied by Prof. Ely, for the present year; that being the cost of the Barn erected by him.

It was ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of Mr. E. B. Berry, to cover the Interest paid by him to A. Berry, for the use of money.

Resolved that the Farm Superintendent be authorized to purchase such number of sheep, after shearing, as shall be, in his opinion, for the interest of the Institution.

Resolved that the rent on the house now being finished by Mr. Kenaston, be for the first year from the time he begins to occupy it, at the rate of One Hundred Dollars per annum.
Resolved that the maximum rate of wages per
be paid to students for labor during the present recess,
to be paid those only who labor more than six hours each day, be $2 per hour for him and board, not including their teaching.

J. Cage, Bill for expenses allowed $25.60
Charles Rich do 16.00
H. G. Wells do 14.75

The Board then Adjourned.

T. C. Albert, Secretary

State Agricultural College, Michigan
August 29, 1862

Regular meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.
Present Mr. Cage. Adjourned.

Aug. 28, 1862

Adjourned Meeting of the Board. Present Messrs.
Cage and Carpenter Parcels. Reece
Present Messrs. Wells, Parsons, Rich and Cage.
Adjourned to meet at the Agricultural College on
Monday the 10th of November next.

T. C. Albert, Secretary.

State Agricultural College, Michigan
Nov. 10, 1862

The State Board of Agriculture met pursuant to
Adjournment, and adjourned until tomorrow.

Nov. 11, 1862

Board met to adjourn until tomorrow at 9 A.M.
Member spent their time in attendance on the examinations
of college classes.

Nov. 12, 1862

Board met at 9 A.M. Here were present Messrs.
Wells, Parsons, Rich, Carpenter, Cage, and Kneppman. In the
absence of the President of the College, Judge Wells was
made President pro temore.

A communication was received from the
Faculty of the College, recommending for the honor of promotion
the students named in the following Resolution, then after
passed by the Board.

Resolved that the Degree of Bachelor of
Science be conferred upon
Oscar Crane,
Albert T. Cook,
Frank Bradford,
Charles H. Jewell, and
Edward A. Preston.

Resolved that a fee of Five Dollars ($5.00) be required
for each diploma.

Resolved that no agreement be issued by the President
for the conference committee until the college bills
shall be paid in full.

Authority was given the faculty to issue certificates of
attendance among students on the present terms, on their individual application.

The Board then took a recess in order to attend the
Commencement exercises of the graduating class.

Adjourned to 5 A.M. tomorrow
17th Jany. 1862

Board met at 5 A.M. present the same as yesterday.

Resolved that the balance of the appropriation made
by the Legislature of the State, be drawn from the State Treasury
into the hands of the Treasurer of this Board, to be held
subject to the control of the Board.

Resolved that Professor C. H. Abbott, acting Secretary
of the Board of Agriculture be requested to acknowledge the
receipt of all donations to the Agricultural College of
Michigan.

and for the purpose of facilitating action under this
resolution, that he be authorized to have printed the neces-
sary blanks.

Resolved that the entire amount of the matriculation
fees, together with the fee for diplomas collected from students
during the last two years be appropriated to the increase
of the college library; and that such fees hereafter collected
from year to year be a permanent appropriation for the
same purpose.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on accounts
(M. Parson) purchase for the Library of the College a set of the
Encyclopedia Britannica, and other valuable works which he may
direct to an amount that can be purchased by the same receipts
for matriculation and diploma, during the last two years.
Mr. Portman was added to the Committee on Accounts and Supplies.

Mr. Geo. D. Varner, to whom lot of frying pans were sold last May (see Resolution of the Board, May 21st, 1861; H. Reel, and Report of S. Parish, May 29, 1861) personally made representations and report of the Board; therefore it was

Resolved that Mr. Varner be allowed one year for the payment of Twenty-Five Dollars of the One Hundred dollars which were to constitute his first payment, due this Autumn; and that in a year from this time a deed be executed of the land to him, and a mortgage received from him of the land, to secure payment of the balance.

This Resolution to take effect only on condition of his paying Twenty-Nine Dollars in three, and Thirty-Five by the first of December next, and the balance of the first payment before the execution of the deed:

Resolved that the Secretary of the Board be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting all the Rules, Regulations, and By-laws now in force in the Agricultural College, in a form proper for publication.

Resolved that Professor Miles be requested to keep correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution, and other scientific and literary institutions of the country, to ascertain to what amount Specimens in Natural History can be obtained by donation and exchanges for the benefit of the Agricultural College, and that he report, as soon as may be, to the Committee on Accounts:

And that said Committee be authorized to act upon such expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Dollars for procuring Specimens to offer in exchange or by donation, as in view of the representations made, the Committee shall deem advisable.

The Report of the Faculty to the Board was read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in connection with the Report of the Secretary of the Board.

The Report of Professor Hinton, Superintendent of Horticulture was read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in connection with the Report of the Secretary.

Mr. Page, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a Catalogue of the College for the year 1862, reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned, and furnished the printed Catalogue to the request of other persons.
The report was accepted, adopted, and the Committee directed
Resolutions: 1. That Mr. Parsons be authorized to make sales
   of the hay now on hand on the farm not to exceed twenty-five
   per cent?, in their opinion, that be for the best interest of the College.
2. Resolved that Mr. Tabbitt be requested to remain in charge
   of the Farm and Building Hall until the regular meeting of the
   Board the last Wednesday of February 1882.
3. Mr. Tabbitt was by vote authorized to hire hands not to
   exceed two persons, to work during the winter.
4. Mr. Tabbitt was by vote, requested to make a full
   and complete statement of the cost of the new barn, detach
   from his full account of expenditures rendered.
5. Resolved that Professor Pick be requested to talk on
   Almond Historian, and request him to examine the north end
   of the bridge over the Cedar River, and see whether in his
   judgment, at a man of honor and fair dealing, he might
   not to make said bridge secure and safe, as it is not now
   secure and unsafe.
6. Resolved that Mr. Tabbitt during the fall and winter
   proceed to clear off the heather pieces on the left of the bridge,
   the bank of the river as far as the line of the cleared land
   leaving for wood as much as possible, and burning in putting
   into a condition to burn, the balance. Also that during the
   winter the banks of the streams, while ice is on the water, be
   as thoroughly cleaned as possible, and all trees be cut down and
   burned.

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The State Board of Agriculture met at the call of Mr. M. S. Wells, at the Marion House at 2 P.M. Present—Mssrs. Carpenter, Cager, Porteus, Wells, Rich, and Prentigman. Mr. Wells acted as President of the Board. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. A. C. Prentigman was made a member of the Committee on Officers and Employees in place of Mr. Yokes, resigned.

Received (unanimously) that T. C. Abbot, Professor of History and English Literature be, and he hereby is, appointed President of the State Agricultural College, with a salary at the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500.00) per annum.

Professor Abbot being present signified his acceptance of the office tendered him,

Resolved that the Committee on Officers and...
Employed to request the find some suitable person to take charge of the Boarding Hall for the ensuing year at a rent not to exceed the sum of $450 per annum; and that the farm manager be thereafter relieved from the control and management of the Boarding Hall.

The Secretary then read to the Board the first draft of his Annual Report to the Legislature of the State.

Resolved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the Agricultural College the last Tuesday of January next.

Adjourned.

Acting Chair of the Board.

State Agricultural College, Lansing, Jan. 27, 1863.

State Board met at the adjournment of the last meeting, under a promise not being present adjournment until tomorrow

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1863.

Board meet and there were present H. S. Mills, Secretary, A. C. Putnam, C. N. Mills, and President of the College. J. A. Abbott, as being a member of the Board, present to business. Mr. Mills acting as President of the Board.

Our motion for Vice President was appointed Secretary pro tem. The president of the last meeting was re-elected President.

A communication was submitted to the Board from Prof. Fisk tendering his resignation as Professor of Agricultural Chemistry to take effect on the 15th day of February next, and requesting the privilege of remaining on the same until the 1st of April next.

The communication from Prof. Fisk was considered by the Board, and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: By the Board that the resignation of Prof. L.R. Dick be accepted to take effect immediately, and that his connection with the State Agricultural College as Prof. of Agricultural Chemistry cease from this date.

Resolved: That the Board cannot consistently allow Prof. Dick the privilege of occupying the house he now occupies any considerable length of time, and that he is requested to vacate the same within fifteen days or sooner if he can conveniently do so.