

April 5th 1882 (Meeting No. 2)

The State of Texas, Be it remembered that on this the 4th day of County of Travis & April A.D. 1882 the Honorable Board of Regents of the University of Texas convened pursuant to adjournment at the City of Austin, present and presiding the Hon Ashbel Smith President J. M. Horwood, D. D. Wooten, Smith Rapdale and M. L. Crawford Regents. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by the president and the following proceedings were had to wit;

R. R. Hubbard former member of the Board of Regents having resigned, M. L. Crawford was succeeded in his stead and class.

The Board deliberated upon questions pertaining to the University until the usual hour for adjournment when it adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday morning April the 5th A.D. 1882 at 10 o'clock

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, presiding as on yesterday, and present as on yesterday, A. N. Edwards Sec of the Board and member also being present.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The committee of finance made verbal statement and on motion further time was granted them to make and submit a written report.

On motion M. L. Crawford was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of R. R. Hubbard in the Committee on Finance.

Resolution

The following Resolution introduced by D. D. Wooten and seconded by Smith Rapdale was adopted by unanimous vote, to wit;

Resolved, that M. L. Crawford & J. M. Horwood, be appointed a committee to formulate an address to the members of the Legislature to convene on the 6th

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in the interest of the University.

On motion of A. N. Edwards Smith Rapdale was added to the committee,

Resolution

The following resolution introduced by D. D. Wooten and seconded by J. M. Horwood was unanimously adopted by the Board, to wit

Resolved: That his Excellency the Governor, be respectfully invited to visit the Board of Regents in session at any hour to suit his convenience for the purpose of advising with the Board on matters pertaining to the University.

In response to the foregoing resolution, at 4 o'clock P.M., Governor Roberts visited the Board, and conferred with them on matters pertaining to the University.

On motion seconded and carried by unanimous vote, Caesar Kennedy was employed as porter for the Board during its present session at \$15⁰⁰ per day.

On motion seconded and carried by unanimous vote it was determined that no action be taken by the Board at its present session upon correspondence relative to Professorships in the University.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Thursday morning April 6th 1882 at 10 o'clock

The Board pursuant to adjournment, presiding as on previous days, with the following named Regents present to wit: J. M. Horwood, D. D. Wooten, Smith Rapdale, M. L. Crawford and A. N. Edwards,

The Board investigated "Plans and Specifications" for University Building, and deliberated upon other questions pertaining to the University without coming to final results, until the usual hour for adjournment when the Board adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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Friday morning April 7th 1882 at 10 o'clock

The Board of Regents convened pursuant to adjournment Ashbel Smith Pres. in the Chair, T.M. Horwood, Smith Raydale, T.D. Woolen and A.N. Edwards Regents present.

On motion M.E. Crawford was excused from labor on the Board for the day morning

On motion, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, the Secretary was authorized to secure a suitable desk in which to keep the papers, and records of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas.

An a/c of \$168.00 in favor of Smith Raydale, the same being his Expense account during this session of the Board was by the Board allowed,

Resolution.

The following Resolution, moved and seconded was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board to wit: Resolved, that the Finance Committee be authorized to improve the University grounds by having the trees trimmed and others set out, and the grounds set out in walks, drives &c, Also that they have a topographical map made of the University grounds, and that the fence enclosing the same be white washed or painted.

On motion leave of absence was granted Smith Raydale after to day.

On motion recess was taken until 4 o'clock P.M.

Afternoon Session.

at 4 o'clock P.M.

The Board convened with the members all present and was called to order by the President.

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James Mahrenberger Architect in answer to invitation by the Board, appeared before the Board and explained the plan by him submitted for the University Building

F.E. Ruffini Architect in response to invitation by the Board appeared before the Board and explained the plans for University Building by him submitted

On motion the Board adjourned until to morrow morning at 10 o'clock

Saturday morning April the 8th 1882 at 10 o'clock

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Ashbel Smith Pres. pres. in the Chair

O quorum not being present, no business was transacted the board, and it stood adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock

Monday morning April 10th 1882 at 10 o'clock

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Ashbel Smith Pres. in the Chair, T.D. Woolen T.M. Horwood, M.E. Crawford and A.N. Edwards Regents present,

The Board met from day to day in informal way, discussing various plans and measures awaiting some action upon the part of the Legislature upon the University matters until Thursday.

Thursday Morning the Board convened, and the following business was transacted

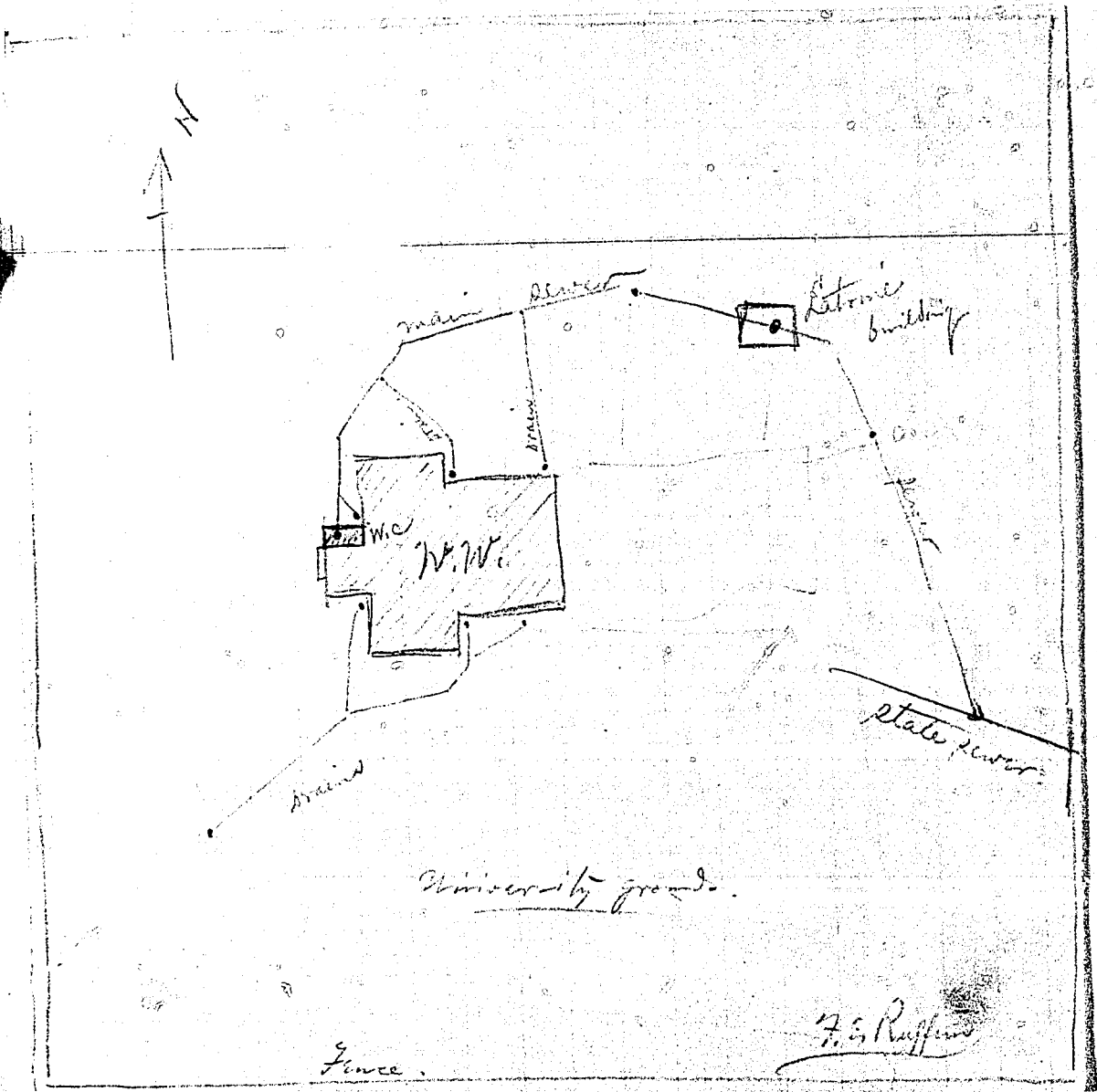
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| The Expense a/c of M.E. Crawford | \$52.50 | approve |
| " " " " T.M. Horwood | 77.90 | " |
| " " " " A.N. Edwards | 100.00 | " |
| " " " " Ashbel Smith | 120.00 | " |
| including visit to Berlin upon bill of the | | |
| " " " " T.D. Woolen | 60.00 | " |
| " a/c of Cassar Kennedy Porter | 15.00 | " |

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The Board adjourned to meet again upon a call by the President of the Board,

Attest
A. N. Edwards
Sec. of R. Univ of Texas

Ashbel Smith
Pres. Board of Regents
Univ. of Texas



NOTE. The above sketch by F. E. Ruffini was supplied by Dr. H. Y. Benedict. The sketch was drawn in 1882. (Placed in the Regents' minutes, Vol. A, page 20, on January 26, 1928.)

Austin Texas, May 10-1882
The Board of Regents of the University of Texas met this day pursuant to a call of the President of said Board.

Present. Ashbel Smith Pres., J. M. Harwood, J. D. Groves, and Smith Ragsdale, members of the Board.

On motion Smith Ragsdale was appointed Secretary Pro-tem.

Col. Camp, a member of said Board of Regents having resigned, and four Regents being present, and such number being a majority of the whole number of the Board of Regents, it was determined that a majority of the Board was present and that it should proceed to business.

After discussing the plans and specifications of the University Building, the Board adjourned its session to the 11th inst at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Austin Texas - May 11-1882
Board met pursuant to adjournment and adjourned without selection to 9 o'clock on the 12th May-1882

Austin Texas, May-12-82
Board of Regents met pursuant to adjournment and after much comparison and discussion selected the plan of University design submitted by Mr. F. E. Ruffini architect of Austin Texas as the first choice of the Board and the design of Mr. J. W. Preston as second choice - and that of Mr. James Traubenberg as third choice.

On motion resolved that the Board of Regents of the University of Texas advise

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for propositions to build the West Wing of the University Building, said propositions to be submitted by the 15th day of June ad 1882.

On motion it was resolved that the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents be authorized to pass upon, and accept or reject any proposition submitted, in response to the advertisement for propositions to build said University Building.

On motion Dr. J. D. Woolen was submitted on the Executive Committee in place of W. L. Crawford Esq.

Resolved, on motion that the Board accept for temporary use the room tendered by Dr. J. D. Woolen.

Resolved that the advertisement for proposals to build the West wing of the University be advertised twice in each week in the daily Houston Post, the Dallas Herald, & the Austin Democratic Statesman.

Upon motion Mr. F. E. Ruffini Architect, was engaged by the Board to superintend the construction of the West Wing of the University Building.

The following is a statement of the expenses charged by the individual members of the Board of Regents for their attendance at the present session of the Board.

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| Ashbel Smith - | \$47.60 |
| J. W. Hancock, | 44.20 |
| J. D. Woolen - | 15.00 |
| Omith Ragsdale - | 53.30 |
| Porter Hoies - | 9.00 |

\$169.10

The bill of F. E. Ruffini architect \$300 first premium on the plan adopted by the Board for the entire University Building was approved.

The bill of J. W. Preston architect \$150 for second premium was approved, and that of Mr. James Mahenberger for \$50 third premium was also approved. on motion Board adjourned to 15th day

\$150 for Austin
\$50 for Mahenberger

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Board of Regents of the University of Texas. met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - Dr. Ashbel Smith Pres. J. D. Woolen, A. J. McKinney, E. J. Dinkins Omith Ragsdale, and W. L. Crawford, and a quorum was declared to be present.

Upon motion Mr. A. D. Woodridge of Austin was selected as Secretary of the Board.

On motion, the minutes of the meeting of the Regents of May 10 - 1882 were read, and being read and found correct, they were ordered approved and to be recorded.

Col. E. J. Dinkins presented his credentials as a member of this Board vice A. W. Edwards

Col. A. D. McKinney likewise presented his Commission as a regent of the University of Texas - vice -

Dr. Ashbel Smith reported verbally for the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, that his Committee had advertised for bids to construct the West Wing of the University Building, and that such bids as were offered at the appointed time for presentation of the same being excessive in price, the time for offering of bids was extended to July 15, 1882.

That on July 15th - five bids were offered and that after very fully canvassing the same in all respects, the contract of construction of the West Wing of the University of Texas was awarded to Col. A. D. Cook of Austin Texas at the price of \$59000 - the Building to be completed by June 1st 1883 - an ample Bond in the Penalty of 59000 - with suitable securities has been procured, and that the same with the contract of construction are now on file in the Secretary's office; that the rate of construction is in progress, and is to be paid

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for in monthly installments, at the rate pro-
gresses less 10% of each month's estimate -
to be reserved until the com-
pletion of the entire building, Payments are to be
made only upon the architect's estimates of
the amount of work done and its value.

Prof. Ragsdale's position being de-
clared vacant - as a Regent - by reason of
his having accepted the superintendency of
the Summer Normal Institute at Throckmorton
Texas - he was on this day reappointed a
Regent of this University, to succeed himself.

On motion - the action of this
Board upon the Report of the executive Com-
mittee respecting the contract for construction
of the West Wing of the Building was post-
poned until the report of said committee
should be made in writing and submitted to
the Board.

Upon motion, a committee of
three members of this Board was appointed
to draft a temporary form of profes-
sorial organization for the University of Texas.

The chair appointed upon this
committee Prof. Smith Ragsdale - D. S. D.
Woolen and C. E. McKimsey, and upon
motion Mr. A. P. Woolbridge was added to the
committee.

Upon motion the Board ad-
journed to 8. A.M. of this day.

at 8. A.M. of this day the Board of Re-
gents met pursuant to adjournment. Pre-
sent the same as at the morning session of
the Board - whereupon came on to be consid-
ered the report of the committee appointed
upon the temporary Professorial Organization
of the University of Texas - which report was sub-
mitted in writing and is as follows.

Austin Texas - August 17, 1882
To Hon. Ashbel Smith
Pres. Board Regents
University of Texas
Sir;

Professors
organization

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Your Committee to whom was referred the
matter of drafting a plan for the
temporary Professorial organization of the
University, and for its present conduct and
operation - in view of the special present cir-
cumstances of said University - beg to recommend
as follows:

We recommend as an ample pres-
ent curriculum for the University of Texas the
organization of six schools of the following col-
leges - and with one professor to be assigned
to each school - with the compensation sub-
joined to the designation of each school.

I. The School of the English Lan-
guage, English Literature and History - with an
annual salary of \$3500 =

II. The School of Chemistry and
Physics. Requiring for the present instruction to be
imparted by the professor of this school in Min-
eralogy and Geology. The annual salary of the
professor of this school shall be \$3500 =

III. Mathematics - Pure, and ap-
plied - with an annual salary of \$3500 =

IV. The School of Metaphysics,
Logic and Ethics - with a temporary assignment
to the professor of this school of instruction in
the science of Political Economy. The annual
salary of the professor of this school shall be \$4000

V. The School of Latin and
Greek, with an annual salary of \$3500

VI. The School of Modern Lan-
guages - German, French and Spanish - with an
annual salary of \$2500 =

We recommend that the first ses-
sion of the University of Texas - begin Sept. 15, 1883
and that it close - June 15, 1884 -

Respectfully Submitted -

Smith Ragsdale - }
A. P. McKimsey - } Committee
D. S. Woolen - }
A. P. Woolbridge - }

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Upon motion the report of the special committee was adopted.

It was moved, seconded, and after some debate carried, that we incorporate a canon with a present faculty of two professors - with a salary of \$3500 - per annum - for the leading professorship, and \$2500 per annum - for the other - all present voting aye.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Legislature of the State of Texas - at its next session - be memorialized to so change the law governing the organization of the University of Texas - as to permit for the medical schools therein - a greater tuition fee than such as is by Statute at present prescribed, it being deemed by this board that the present rate of tuition for these schools - is not customary nor adequate for their sufficient and proper support.

Upon motion offered by D. J. D. Woolen & seconded by Prof. Smith Ragsdale - the following was adopted as a substitute for the preceding resolution, viz:

Resolved that the Legislature of the State of Texas - be memorialized at its next session, to so modify the law governing the organization of the University of Texas - as will permit the Regents of said University - to prescribe such tuition fees for the professional schools of said University, as they may deem more in accordance with the practice governing in other professional schools - of a similar grade, and suited to the financial interests of this University.

Upon motion seconded and carried the following resolution was adopted - all present voting "aye"

Resolved - That the Legislature of the State of Texas - be memorialized to so modify the law governing the U.

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University of Texas, as to permit the election of a President of said University, by the Regents of the same, if it be deemed by them expedient to choose such an officer.

Upon motion of Smith Ragsdale the Secretary of the Board of Regents was requested to collate and have printed in proper form all important facts and events and statistics connected with the history progress and present condition of the University of Texas.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Regents of the University of Texas - do now proceed to the election of a professor for the chair of Mental and Moral Science in the University of Texas.

Upon motion of Prof. Smith Ragsdale the Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of Texas - was tendered to Dr. W. J. Harris of the University of Concord Mass - at a salary of \$4000 - per annum - Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Moved seconded and carried that no other nominations to professorships in the Literary Department of the University be now made.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Board of Regents do now proceed to the selection of a professor of the Law School of the University of Texas.

Upon motion of M. L. Crawford the professorship of Law in the University of Texas - was tendered Judge J. M. Cooley of Michigan at an annual salary of \$3500 - unanimously carried.

Moved seconded and carried that it is the sense of the Board that no further nominations to professorships in the University of Texas.

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be made until Nov-14-1882.

The following resolution was introduced by Prof Smith Ragsdale, seconded by Col. E. J. Dimkins and carried. "Whereas it appears from the Comptroller's Report, of the State of the University Funds, that there is now lying in the Treasury of the State of Texas, the sum of \$31509.66 belonging to the Germanumh University Fund, and that this is the sum of \$34464.34 in interest-bearing State Bonds belonging to the available fund of the University, and whereas there is an immediate use and necessity for the employment of said available fund in the erection of the Unversity-Building, and in the opinion of the Board of Regents it is advisable to sell said Bonds at the highest cash price that can be obtained for the same-

Resolved that the President of the Board of Regents, be authorized to confer with the State Board of Education, with reference to the sale of said Bonds, and that he be authorized to make said sale if it can be done advantageously"

The following Expense Bills were presented, and ordered paid by draft on the State Treasury.

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| Regent Ashbel Smith, | \$35.66 |
| " J. D. Wooten, | 7.50 |
| " W. L. Crawford, | 28.00 |
| " Smith Ragsdale, | 41.60 |
| " E. J. Dimkins, | 33.90 |
| " A. J. McKinney, | 35.00 |
| Caesar Kennedy (Clerk), | 7.50 |
| Stationary | .75 |
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| | 189.91 |

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet on Nov. 14-1882.

Approved
Ashbel Smith
President Univ. of Texas
A. P. Woodbridge
Secy. Bd. - Regents

Austin Texas

Nov 14, 1882

The Board of Regents of the University of Texas met this day pursuant to adjournment - There were present Ashbel Smith, President. Regents - Smith Ragsdale, J. D. Wooten, A. J. McKinney, and J. McHarwood absent Regents W. L. Crawford E. J. Dimkins and J. J. Jones - a quorum being present the Board proceeded to business. The minutes of previous meeting were read & on motion adopted.

Upon motion duly seconded & put the urgency of dedicating the University of Texas & the laying of the corner stones thereof announced by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents to occur on the 16th of Nov. was owing to the inclemency of the weather postponed to Nov. 17, 1882.

Upon motion duly seconded it was resolved that the Regents do now proceed to fill such professorships in the Literary schools of the University of Texas as can now be filled to the advantage of the University of Texas

Upon motion nominations were now opened to the chair of English History, Language & Literature, all persons whose names have been heretofore brought before the consideration of the Board were considered in nominations and the ^{election} viva voce was ordered, with the following results. Prof Leslie Haggener, Eld. Pres. Bethel College, Ky. received the following votes:

- Regent Ashbel Smith
- " Smith Ragsdale
- " A. J. McKinney
- " J. McHarwood
- " J. D. Wooten

Upon motion Prof Haggener was declared the unanimous choice of the Board for the Professorship of History & Literature in the University of Texas at an annual salary of \$3500

over

Upon motion it was resolved to proceed to the selection of the Professor to the School of Physics & Chemistry, all candidates were considered as before the Board & the following viva voce vote was had resulting in the selection of Prof. J. M. Mallett of the University of Va.

- Regents Ashbel Smith for J. M. Mallett
- " J. M. Harwood "
- " A. J. McKinney "
- " Smith Ragsdale "
- " J. D. Hooten "

Whereupon Prof. J. M. Mallett Lld. PhD of R. S. University of Va. was declared to be the unanimous choice of this Board for the Professorship of Chemistry in the University of Texas with temporary assignment to the Chair of instruction in Physics

Upon motion duly made it was resolved that Prof. Mallett receive an annual compensation of \$1000 that he be furnished with an assistant in laboratory work.

Upon motion the Board now resolved to proceed to the selection of a Professor for the School of Ancient Languages in the University. All candidates were considered as before the Board & upon viva voce vote the following selection was made:

Prof. Milton H. Haughup. The vote standing as follows -

- Regents Ashbel Smith for Prof. Haughup
- " J. D. Hooten "
- " J. M. Harwood "
- " A. J. McKinney "
- " Smith Ragsdale "

Upon motion Prof. Milton H. Haughup's Lds - Vanderbilt University was declared by acclamations the choice of the Board for the Prof. of Latin & Greek in the University of Texas.

Upon motion resolved that the Board do now select a Professor to the School of Modern Languages in this University. All candidates were considered as before the

- Boards with the following result.
- Regent Ashbel Smith for Prof. H. Fullichet
 - " J. D. Hooten " " "
 - " J. M. Harwood " " "
 - " Smith Ragsdale " " "
 - " A. J. McKinney " " "

Whereupon by motion Prof. H. Fullichet Lds of Demaree University was declared by acclamation the choice of this Board for the Professorship of Modern Languages.

Upon motion the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock of this day.

A. D. Woolbridge
Secretary

Minutes of evening session Board of Regents Nov. 16-82. Present same as in the morning with the addition of Regent E. J. Jenkins

Upon motion resolved that we do now proceed to the election by ballot of a Professor to the School of Pure & Applied Mathematics in the University of Texas. All candidates were considered as before the Board and an elaborate examination made of the testimonials & standing of each. And the following ballots were had

- 1st Ballot
- Gen LeRoy Brown 1-
 - Prof. Prince Halstead 1-
 - Gen Kirby Smith 2-
 - Prof. Alex Hogg 2-

No choice being made a second Ballot was had.

- Gen LeRoy Brown 4-
- " Kirby Smith 2-

Gen LeRoy Brown, Pres. Alabama Agricultural College receiving the majority of the votes, was declared selected as Professor of Mathematics in the University of Texas.

Upon motion it was resolved to postpone the selection of a professor to the

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chair of Mental & Moral Philosophy in the University to the next session of the Board.
Upon motion it was resolved to elect two Professors to the school of law in the University of Texas at an annual salary of \$3000 each.

Gov. O.M. Roberts was placed in nomination for the first Professorship of law in the University of Texas & was unanimously elected.

Judge R.S. Gould was placed in nomination for the 2nd Professorship & was *viva voce* elected & declared the unanimous choice of the Board.

Approved: *Ashbel Smith*
Pres. Bd. Regents
University of Texas
A.D. Woodbridge
Secretary
Austin, Texas, Nov. 17-1882

At noon of this day the University of Texas was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. An assemblage of about 3000 persons was on the grounds.

The ceremonies were presided over by Hon. Ashbel Smith, Pres. Board Regents, assisted by the Masons & Odd Fellows & Knights of Pythias of this city.

The dedicatory oration was pronounced by Hon. Ashbel Smith who also laid with the assistance of the Masonic Fraternity, and other societies, the corner stone of the University of Texas.

Gov. O.M. Roberts was introduced & also delivered an excellent address in behalf of the University of Texas.

Afternoon session 17th inst. Dr. Ashbel Smith Pres of Bd. Regents was requested to communicate with the Professors elected informing them of their choice as members of the faculty of instruction of the University.

Upon motion the President was

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requested to prepare a statistical account of the present condition of the University of Texas to outline its wants & prepare the same for general distribution throughout the limits of the state of Texas. The Secy of the Board was directed to have printed 2500 copies of said address & distribute the same with the address of Hon. Ashbel Smith, Gov. Roberts & Hon. A. J. McLeary delivered on the occasion of the dedication of the University of Texas, added as a supplement to said addresses.

Resolved that Regent J. McFarwood be appointed to committee of one to draft a suitable memorial for the Board, to the Legislature of the State of Texas setting out briefly the actual present conditions of the University of Texas & ask such legislative aid in the way of moneyed endowment as the State of the University requires for its establishment upon a firm basis.

Upon motion following resolutions passed: That it is the sense of this Board that Dr. J. Ad. Kesson Esq. of Gonzales Texas is qualified to perform the duties of assistant in Laboratory work, and as such is commended to the incumbent of the chair of Chemistry in the University of Texas.

Upon motion the Board adjourned - "sine die."
A.D. Woodbridge
Secretary

Approved: *Ashbel Smith*
Pres. Bd. Regents
Univ. Texas.