

The question of Insurance of the Trinity property being discussed Regent Ball suggested the following amendments to the policies: "It is hereby understood and agreed that the buildings herein named, & the property of the State of Texas, and the fact that this Policy is made payable as above shall in no wise avoid said policy, but that the same shall in case of loss be payable to the State Treasurer or such other officer of the State as may by law be authorized to receive payment of same." After all these precautions Regent Ball added, the policies should be satisfied by the State.

Regent Thompson moved that the matter be referred to J. B. Wooten for him and some insurance agent to consult with the Attorney General and his motion was adopted.

An appropriation of \$10 was granted for the stamps and stationery for the use of the Secretary.

Regent Harwood reported that he had seen the plumber Mr. Burke as to the heating apparatus of the University which matter had been referred to the Executive Committee.

Regent Wooten stated they found that the apparatus did not meet the requirements of the contract, and they refused to pay any more than was paid on account, leaving a balance due on the work.

It was decided to wait for a cold spell for testing it throughly, and the matter was left with the Committee for further action.

The Board adjourned to meet again Jan 10/90.

Approved:
Thos B Wooten President J. J. Gray

Amendment of policies

Referred to Wooten

Stamps & stationery for the Secretary

Heating apparatus

5 Disputes

Austin Tex, Jan 10/90.
Minutes of a Session of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, held at Austin Jan'y 15th 16th and 17th 1890.

Jan 10 - The following members of the Board were present at the hour appointed for the meeting, viz: -

Regents Wooten (President of the Board), Cowart, Harwood and Brother. Absent Regents Ball, Brackenridge, Starr and Thompson. There being less than a quorum present, the meeting was adjourned till 2 p.m., those present deciding to attend the inauguration at noon of Governor Culberson.

At 2 o'clock a quorum was effected by the arrival of Regent Thompson & Judge Beasly. Judge Bryan, recently appointed a member of the Board by Governor Culberson, was also in attendance at the instance of President Wooten, but pending confirmation of his appointment, by action of the Senate, took no part in the proceedings.

Professor Waggner was present by request and read the Report of the Regents prepared in accordance with various suggestions of the Board at a previous meeting, and addressed, as required by law, to the Governor, and intended for submission to the Legislature. A copy of the Report, as amended and adopted and subsequently printed, being the "Sixth Biennial Report of the Regents of the University of Texas" is filed by the Secretary for preservation and reference.

Touching the request to the Legislature to give the Regents control of the University Lands, referred to in the Report, Regent Cowart made an interesting statement in the interests of the University, that if the Legislature would give the Regents control of the lands, Regent Brackenridge had stated that he would employ a competent man at his own expense to locate the lands and furnish all desired information concerning them.

Professor Butts read a statement prepared by him at the instance of the Board as to the status of the University Lands, and disposition of their proceeds under various acts of the Legislature. The statement constituted a part of the Regents Report in which it is embraced as "Exhibit No. 1" of 52, et seq.

Upon motion of Regent Harwood the thanks of the Board were tendered to Prof Waggner and Butts for the care and labor exercised by them in the preparation of the papers read by them; and on motion of Regent Brother the Statement of Prof Butts was adopted.

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Batts' statement in the biennial report.

Bills to be passed on the land matter.

as a basis for future action by the Board for securing desired legislation with reference to the lands.

Prof Batts statement embraced, with other matters, the forms of several bills to be suggested for legislation in the University's behalf, which upon motion were referred to a committee of the Board, and were shortly adopted with a few changes which were deemed advisable after conference of the committee with Prof Batts and Miller. The bills are a part of "Exhibit III" in the Regents Report.

Resolution by Regent Prather was adopted that Professor Batts be requested to continue his efforts to ascertain the condition of University Lands, and Land accounts and to make the Land resources productive and that we request the Officers of the State to give him such assistance as may be possible.

The attention of the Board having been occupied by the reading of the papers above referred to, the Board adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Approved,

Wm. D. Wooten President J. J. Sage Secy

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The Board met at 10 o'clock. Present, Regents Wooten, Cowart, Prather and Thompson. Constituting a quorum. Regent Bryan was also present.

After the reading of the Minutes of the December meetings, which the Secretary had somewhat elaborately prepared from stenographic notes but had not transcribed in order to reserve them for a new Record Book. Regent Prather referring to the general advantages of such reports said he did not think them necessary for the minutes & Results should be fully expressed but it was not important to note the discussions in detail. He thought it would be well for the Board to so indicate to the Secretary, and earnest that the Minutes, to be thus amended be adopted.

The motion prevailed, and they are transcribed accordingly. Professor Waggner, being present, called the attention of the Board, to Sec 14 of the Rules prescribing the Duties of the Chairman of the Faculty, which authorizes the Chairman to employ an Instructor of Gymnastics, upon the terms and salary recommended by the Faculty.

Minutes to state only results fully expressed

Instructor in gymnastics

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Prof Waggner stating that there were no funds for such purpose, Regent Prather explained to him that the Regents intended it should apply to the future when there might be money that could be used in that way.

Professor Waggner also called attention to the fact that the Resolution of the Board promoting Professor Humboldt provided that he should be in charge of the "School of Expression" when there was in fact no such school. He presumed it was not intended by the Board to create such a school, but to have Prof Humboldt remain where he is, in charge of the course of Expression in the School of English.

On motion the Resolution promoting Prof Humboldt was ordered to be so changed and notified to the Faculty.

Regent Wooten suggested the question as to making some mention of the School for Hospital Nurses in the Regents Report.

Regent Thompson said the ladies of Galveston contributed to the support of the school and proposed to him to get the Board to ask the Legislature for \$1000 to pay the superintendent, and they would pay the balance to keep up the school. He submitted a petition signed by several prominent ladies of Galveston, and addressed to the Regents of the University stating among other things that "the school was organized for the double purpose of assisting in getting the Medical Department again thriving under way by affording the best of nursing to facilitate bedside Clinics, and secondly, to give a profession to a number of worthy young women."

Regent Wooten stated that he had answered the petition by calling attention to the condition of the University on account of want of funds, and assuring them that the Board would endeavor to secure this \$1000, and if we were unsuccessful with the Legislature, as the ladies had been with the Board it could be reserved.

After some discussion, mainly by Regents Thompson and Wooten, a resolution was adopted as offered by Regent Thompson as follows:

Resolved, That the Communications of the "John Dealy Hospital Training School for Nurses", addressed to the Board of Regents of the University, having been favorably considered by the Board, and the request fully & unqualifiedly endorsed, the Board recognizes and appreciates the great advantages of the School to the Medical College in clinical teaching, and its inestimable value to the State; and it is urgently and respectfully requested of the Legislature that the much needed relief be granted to the said Training School.

Instructor

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes

of

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Simonds' term to expire soon & his position

Request to permit him to give lecture

Form of Insurance papers

Communication from the Faculty

Tablet to Walter Lefevre

Masters Degrees

A communication was read from Prof F. H. Simonds calling attention to the fact that the term for which he was elected Associate Professor of Geology would shortly expire, and requesting the Board to promote him to the rank of "Professor of Geology". Action on the request was taken by adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that Prof F. H. Simonds be requested to continue in charge of the School of Geology until the end of the present session, and that action on his petition be delayed till the meeting of the Board in June; and that the Board tender to Dr Simonds expressions of satisfaction with his conduct and management of the School.

Regent Hooker explained to the Board a proposition made to him to get up the papers for Insurance of the University property, which he proposed to submit to Prof Miller as an expert in such matters, but the papers had not reached him, and he would not approve them till he got Prof Miller's opinion.

A recess was taken till 2 pm

(Afternoon Session)

The Board met at 2 o'clock with the same members present who attended the morning session.

The following communication from the Proctor as to certain action by the Faculty was read:-

(1) "Austin Jan 10/95 - Dr J. D. Hooker - Pres Board of Regents Sir I am instructed to communicate to the Board of Regents, through you, the following action of the Faculty:

"Jan 8/95 - Dr Simonds presented the following Resolution which was adopted: Resolved, that the following memorandum be forwarded to the Board of Regents, and that as a matter of record, it be entered on the minutes of this body -

"On Dec 22/94 a marble tablet in memory of our late Colleague, Dr Walter Lefevre was inserted in the East wall of the Great Hall of the University. This testimonial of the love and esteem of his students, his fraternity and his friends in the Faculty is now entrusted to the keeping of the University authorities with the hope that they will accept it as the property of this institution."

(2) "Jan 14/95 - The following Resolution was offered by Dr Battle, and was adopted - "That the Board of Regents be requested to grant to the Faculty power to establish such Masters Degrees as the Faculty may deem expedient" - (Signed) "James D. Clark, Secy of the Faculty"

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Tablet accepted

Faculty motion

Fee of Dr Woods

Tablet

Faculty motion

Motion by Regent Prather was adopted, that the tablet to the memory of Dr Walter Lefevre be accepted, and that the communication of the Faculty with reference thereto be recorded on the minutes of the proceedings of the Board to show the purpose of such memorial as a means of preserving the history of worthy members of the Faculty.

After hearing statements from Prof Battle and Miller as to the action of the Faculty regarding the establishment of degrees referred to in their communication, Regent Prather moved that authority to establish the degrees be granted to the Faculty, but subject to approval of the Board, as it was the duty of the Board to determine what degrees should be established in the University. It was however finally concluded to leave the matter to the discretion of the Faculty as not likely to be transcended by them, and on motion of Regent Cowart the request was granted.

An application of Dr A. Woods for the return of his matriculation fee on the ground that his business did not admit of his attending the University was on motion of Regent Cowart not granted as such fees are not properly returnable.

An application for the return of tuition fees of a medical student, Mr Scarles, which matter had been previously discussed and referred to Regents Hooker and Thompson, was, after further statements of the facts, declined, on account of objection to establishing such precedent.

The matter of the proffered gift of cut and polished specimens of rocks by Hon Alexander Deaton of Boraciana, as a donation to the University on condition that the same should be accepted and known as the "Deaton Donation" was discussed.

The character of the gift being explained in answer to inquiry addressed to Prof Simonds, Regent Cowart moved to accept it on the terms proposed, that the Secretary express to the donor the thanks of the Board in the University's behalf, and that the money be appropriated necessary for Prof Simonds to get the collection in person, and pay for its transportation to Austin. Regent Prather suggested that it was important to receive even small donations of books and other articles and have them recognized by publication in the University Catalogues.

Regent Cowart's motion was adopted with amendment appropriating \$25 or as much thereof as needed.

The Resolution as drafted by the Secretary is as follows: "Resolved, that the thanks of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas are hereby heartily tendered

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Beaton's
collection

to Hon Alexander Beaton, of Corsicana, for his valuable donation to the University of a large number of cut and polished stones of his own collection; that the gift is gladly accepted upon the terms suggested by the donor as a mark of his friendly interest in the University; and accordingly the same is hereby ordered to be kept in the University to be known and designated as the "Beaton Collection".

Assembled
Executive
Library

The subject of the expressed intention of the first President of the Regents, Hon Asabel Smith, deceased, to give his library of books to the University, and the question of the disposition of his brother, Dr. Smith, to carry out this intention of the deceased was suggested by Regent Harwood stating that Judge Goldthwaite of Houston, attorney for the estate, had been written to about it, and had promised to assist in the matter, but nothing had been heard from him.

Regent Smith was requested to make further inquiry about it, and said he would do so with pleasure. He was accordingly asked to confer with Judge Goldthwaite, and was authorized to have the library if he had forwarded to Austin by express at the expense of the University, for packing and transportation in case the books can be had, for the University.

\$450 paid
to Prof. Battle
on freight

Upon application of Prof Battle \$450 was appropriated to refund excess of freight paid by him for transportation of some models of Greek statues.

\$10 for new
record book

The sum of \$10, or as much thereof as may be required was appropriated to purchase a new record book for the Secretary of the Board - the old one having been used for over a decade, and a new one being desirable. The Secretary was requested to keep the new records indexed.

Inventory
of library
Simonds
report

Prof Simonds as Chairman of the Library Committee reported that the Committee had completed an inventory of the library, stating that they were able to account for all but 47 books, a loss of less than 5 books annually since the library was established eleven years ago, the percentage of loss amounting only to what in ordinary business would be attributable to "wear and tear".

It was suggested that the report make a good showing, and that there ought to be some means adopted for accounting for missing books and having them restored to the library.

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Referring to the application of Professor Simonds, previously noted, asking for promotion, Regent Hooten stated that Dr. Simonds did not insist on increased pay, for which he was willing to wait but felt that he should be promoted.

Regent Cowart suggested that the Board should defer action till June to see what appropriations are made by the Legislature; and Regent Harwood in answer to this remarked that it cost nothing now to advance his grade.

Regent Cowart added that if that was done for one it would be expected for others. After further discussion the matter was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, that Professor F. W. Simonds be and is hereby elected a full Professor of Zoology in this Institution, to take effect from and after the 11th day of February 1895, but his salary shall be \$2000 until further action by the Board.

Salary

The following Report was read and accepted:

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To the Board of Regents: Your Committee on Grounds and Buildings to whom was referred the matter of making estimates for the proposed additions to the School of Physics beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them and placed the estimates in the hands of the Committee having in charge the Report of the Board of Regents to be attached to same as an exhibit.

(Signed) Thos. D. Hooten, Wm. L. Bratton.

The subject matter of this report will be found referred to - page 23, with accompanying Exhibit "B" of Prof. C. R. R. Statement, Vite of 51-52 - Regent Report.

Water
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Incidental to the work of the Committee, above noted, Regent Hooten added that the City of Austin proposed to be liberal to the University in the matter of granting water and light facilities; and Regent Cowart added in the same connection that Regent Brackenridge had stated to Prof. Miller, that he would give the City a track of land near the Dam if the City would furnish the University with water and lights. Prof. Miller was called in and stated that the proposition of Col. Brackenridge was to donate 20 acres to the City on the opposite side of the river for the consideration stated.

Regent Hooten said his understanding was that Col. Brackenridge was satisfied the City would give the University good terms and he would come over and assist in making the arrangements.

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To use in
presence with
the Legislature
What to say
of the land
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Call on
to talk on
that subject
Governor
to Miller
Regent
Bryan
ridge on
control of
the lands.

Regent Prather suggested that the Board should outline to Professor Miller and the Faculty what was proposed to be done with reference to general matters of legislation and offer a Resolution which was adapted urging them to use their influence with members of the Legislature, and authorizing Chairman Miller to appoint committee and assign duties to them.

Considerable discussion ensued as to what the Legislature should be asked to do for the University and the methods proper to be pursued to secure the desired legislation. Prof. Prather requesting had been granted permission to make a statement said: "Some weeks ago I had a confidential letter from Governor Culberson asking me what the University ought to have & I wrote exactly the present condition of its affairs - how much money could be had and what was required to maintain the present status of the institution & the Governor intimated to me that we might get what was necessary but that we must be economical in our demands & I wrote him, with the figures of Dr. Wagner in hand, what we could reasonably expect - that some \$24,900 estimated in these figures would absolutely be required. I suggested some other things, including the amount asked for the library but did not include an appropriation for the Physical School. I believe the Regents can get control of the University lands."

Prof. Miller said the Governor had remarked to him that the State was not in condition to aid the University with appropriations for new buildings but he would recommend that \$30,000 be allowed to it and no more. He thought the Legislature would treat the University liberally.

Regent Cowart said Col. Braekering had stated that if the Regents got control of the lands he would have them surveyed at his own expense, and he believed that an income of \$80,000 could be realized from them.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Approved,

Wm. B. Norton, Pres. J. H. Lavelle, Secy.

Jan 17, 1905

Austin Tex, Jan 17/1905

The Board met at 10 o'clock - Present, Regents, Wooten, Cowart, Harwood Thompson and Prather, Also Judge Bryan the new member.

At the instance of Regent Cowart Mr. Wm. D. Cochran, a member of the San Angelo bar, addressed the Board, explaining the character of the University lands in the counties of El Paso, DeWitt, Pecos, Crockett and Tom Green and making some interesting suggestions as to the proper management of the land & He cited some remarkable instances showing how the ^{interests} had been sacrificed under state management & His remarks were more fully noticed in the Austin Statesman of Jan 18/1905. On motion of Regent Prather the thanks of the Board were expressed to Mr Cochran for his instructive address.

Regent Prather suggested that the Board take some action upon the application of Prof Taylor submitted at a previous meeting asking for the establishment of a Dept of Engineering at the University. He had been in favor he said of establishing the department and giving it prominence in the University as a public need in Texas. He cited the experience of the authorities of Waco in having to import a special engineer to carry out certain public works for that city, and how the city was imposed on under the contract by the work being slighted by men who had no interest in the city at heart, and all because there was no local competition & they had since engaged Mr. Humicut an engineer graduate of this University who was doing good service & it was humiliating that we should have to send north to get engineers to instruct us as to the flow of water and proper regulations for sewerage and sanitation. Alluding to Prof Taylor's recent lecture in Galveston on "Engineering Needs of the South" he argued that we should depend upon our own people, and moved that the resolution previously presented be adopted.

Regent Bryan stated that the people of Burnham came very near having to send off for information as to their public works, but fortunately found a U.S. office, who was an engineer and did the work satisfactorily.

Regent Cowart referred to a prominent contractor at Dallas getting all the coals and shipping without finishing his work - a regular Confederation job. Regent Prather's motion was adopted.

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Primer
about school
in his charge
and
promotion
referred to
in his
Instruction.

A communication from Prof Primer was read asking consideration of his statement therein of the condition and needs of the two Schools in his charge. An application for promotion was also presented in another communication from Prof Primer.

After some discussion by Regents Watson and Prather of the papers and deserving character of Professor Primer and incidentally the merits of Chief Anderson and Mr. Magnanat, as teachers, also deserving promotion the matter was referred to the Committee on Instruction to report to the Board after it has been ascertained what provision will be made by the Legislature for the University.

Stacy
Insurance

Mr. Wm. H. Stacy, an Insurance Agent of Austin having volunteered his services to assist the Executive Committee of the Regents in rearranging the policies of insurance about to expire on the Trust property, so as to have them uniform and some additional matter inserted in them, Regent Watson stated that the Committee had referred the papers to Prof Miller as an expert attorney in insurance matters for his approval, and that Mr. Stacy was ready to make a statement to the Board.

Thereupon Mr. Stacy appeared, and presented a statement with accompanying blank forms and list of insurances on the Trust property, and bills of amounts to be paid the several agencies, which papers were left with the Secretary.

The report states that a total of \$129,500 insurance was found in force on all property; and that the policies were nearly all in good strong companies, but many were not concurrent in form, and the insurance on the various items was very unequally distributed, as shown by the ratio of insurance to cost of property.

Resolution
by Regent
Thompson.

Resolution by Regent Thompson was adopted - That the Executive Committee be authorized to insure the building or buildings of the University for 80 per cent of the actual value, and that apparatus and material be insured for 80 per cent of actual value; and that the Committee be authorized to secure the services of such person or persons as may be necessary to inspect all policies and attend to all renewals and such other matters pertaining to such insurance as in their judgment may be necessary.

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Regent Thompson referred to the fact that an Amphitheater was needed for the Medical College but no action was taken in the matter.

Regent Prather referred to a petition of students of the Medical College as to Dr. Kennedy remaining Professor in the School of Pharmacy, and gave his information as to the facts, whereupon Reg. Prather offered a resolution which was adopted as follows:

"Resolved That if the information with reference to recent conduct of Dr. Kennedy in regard to his habits of dissipation and neglect of his professional duties, upon investigation by the Medical College Committee, prove to be correct, that in the sense of the Board that the interests of the University demand his immediate removal, and that the President of the Board is hereby instructed upon the report of the Medical College Committee confirming the information to demand Dr. Kennedy's immediate resignation.

Regent Harwood, for committee made a favorable report on a communication from Prof Taylor fixing prices for tests made in the Civil Engineering Laboratory, and making some recommendations in the communication. Prof Taylor also recommended that an advanced student be appointed to have charge of this laboratory who shall be required to keep all machinery in order; and that such student receive half of the fees for his trouble, and that the rest be used in keeping up the Laboratory.

Regent Prather read a letter from Hon. W. H. Darrell U.S. Minister to Turkey, in which Judge Darrell referred to a very valuable relic, obtained from very ancient sources, which he desired should be secured for the University.

Regent Prather moved and the motion was adopted, "That the minutes show that the communication was received with pleasure, and that the Board expressed its inability, and regret for want of means to avail themselves of the opportunity to acquire this most valuable contribution for the University.

On the subject of sending monthly reports by the Faculty to students of the University, on account of order duties of Chairman Miller requiring attention, a motion was adopted that it was the sense of the Board, that the rule should not be carried into effect for the present.

Regent Thompson suggested that the next meeting of the Regents be held at the Medical College in Galveston, but the suggestion was not accepted.

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Judge Harwood, as a retiring member of the Board, succeeded by Judge Bryan, took occasion to express his appreciation of the cordial relations which had existed with his brother members, who each in turn warmly manifested their feelings of regret at his retirement, and on motion of Regent Stanton the following resolution was adopted:-

Resolutions on the retiring of Regt. Harwood

Whereas, Hon. D. M. Harwood, who has been a member of the Board of Regents from the organization of the University, in 1884, with this meeting terminates his official connection with this Board, and his Brother Regents, who have been long and pleasantly associated with him, desire to give expression to, and place on record, their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the University; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the discharge of the duties devolved upon him as a member of the Board, Regent Harwood has shown himself faithful, painstaking and true; that in his intercourse with his Brother Regents he has ever shown himself to be the courteous gentleman, and as a friend has so endeared himself to his associates that we part with him with the sincerest regret, and give to him the assurance of our highest esteem.

(2) That these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and that a copy thereof be furnished Judge Harwood by the Secretary.

Judge Harwood, being present said: "I can only express my sincere thanks and wish you all success I shall ever feel it a privilege to cooperate with you in any manner in my power. You have my sympathy and support in your efforts to build up this University and make it the pride of this State."

Resolution was adopted, That the State Treasurer be requested to notify all parties who are delinquent in payments of interest on University Lands and notes, and of any future delinquency, and that he be requested to take steps immediately to collect all amounts due from all parties in arrears and that the Secretary of the Board inform the Treasurer of this request, and that Prof. Batts be requested to continue his investigations, and that the officers of the State be respectfully requested to render Prof. Batts assistance in his investigations.

Delinquent payments on Univ. Lands

Comm. of Educ. Committee invited to conference

Regent Cowart suggested that Hon. J. M. Presler, and L. J. Dashiell, respective Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Education

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be invited to meet and confer with the Board as to matters of proposed legislation in behalf of the University. Messrs Bryan and Cowart were accordingly requested to see them and arrange for the meeting which subsequently took place in the Regent's rooms, and was followed by all parties dining at Drake-Kearse's Hall, in company with Miss Eleanor Drake-Kearse and Miss Hurd of the Historical Mrs. C. J. Drake-Kearse of Austin, and Mrs. Miss Matthews of San Marcos invited to be present.

The Board adjourned to meet at the next regular session in June unless called to meet sooner.

Approved, Wm. D. Northam Pres. J. B. Lane Secy.

Austin Tex. March 26/95.

Minutes of a called meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, held this day at the University in Present, Regents Nathan Bryan, Brockmire, Henderson and Thompson - Regent Henderson presiding according to report Stan.

President Northam explained that the object of calling the meeting was to consider the matter of managing the University Lands, which the Legislature had turned over to the Regents, and also to urge the necessary appropriations from the Legislature for the University.

The Secretary of the Board stated that State Treasurer Northam promised to issue a circular letter urging delinquent purchasers of University lands to pay up their interest on the lands, and that he would do so as soon as he was furnished with a copy of the recent law. This was subsequently furnished by the Secretary of the Board; and on April 10th the Treasurer issued his circular stating as follows:

delinquent purchasers of Univ. Lands

"In compliance with the resolution of the Board of Regents this Department will, within a short while, proceed under the law to collect all back interest due on University land purchased under acts prior to April 1st 1887.

"It is the desire of this Department to so notify all purchasers under said Acts that they may at once take such steps as are necessary to prevent suits and forfeiture of their claims; therefore I would urge prompt payment of all back interest.

(Signed) W. D. Northam - Treasurer.

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President Wooten took occasion to say that the Board would like to hear from Regent Brackbridge on the subject of the land management as Mr Brackbridge had manifested particular interest in the matter.

Regent Brackbridge replied that as matters stood he could only offer vague suggestions. In a general way he added it is necessary for us to get some definite knowledge of the property and its possibilities. He proposed, as one step towards getting at some idea of the facts to take a trip to the sections of the State where the lands are mainly located, and said he would be glad to have the members of the Board, or as many of them as could go, to join him on the trip. After such personal inspection of the lands, and interviews with ranchmen and others, the Regents would be prepared to judge correctly as to the character of the reports which their agent might make as to the lands and the merits of propositions made for leasing them. He suggested that the lands might be leased on such terms as would encourage stockmen to improve them with wells &c which would render them more desirable for further leasing. The Board might have an agent, but we do not want to be handicapped by being confined to his representations. Therefore he said, I propose to take you in my special car as my guests & I have no money to throw away, but don't know where I could put it to better advantage in the interest we have in view.

The members of the Board while duly appreciating this offer on the University's behalf, expressed the idea that it would not be practicable for them on account of other business to take the trip.

Regent Wooten thought the Legislature should be asked to grant a small appropriation for beginning the work, as the Board could not be expected to do it at their personal expense.

Motion by Regent Prather was adopted that to be asked for the President of the Board request the State Land Commissioner to furnish information as to the University Lands.

Regent Prather said that the Board had assumed a great responsibility in undertaking to manage by Reg Prather the University Lands, and that it was necessary to adopt some wise policy to meet the expectations

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of the Legislature and the demands of the University for means which will be increasing with its growth in years and importance. He agreed with Regent Brackbridge that they should be carefully advised as to the character and possibilities of the lands, and should keep the agency of them as closely as possible in their own hands, without being governed entirely by the representations of special agents, or any party not fully interested in securing the best results for the University.

Regent Wooten presented a communication which was read and retained in his hands from A. B. Langerman who he said was familiar with land matters.

Motion by Regent Bryan was adopted thanking Regent Brackbridge for his offer to make the Regents his guests on a trip to inspect the University Lands.

To show the importance of having proper information as to the lands, Regent Wooten stated that a party had applied to him to lease 2 sections, which the applicant said were not wanted, but which he (Regent Wooten) found were provided with wells, and the man was leasing them and virtually occupying a third section around them, and was allowed to do this by the State.

Regent Prather suggested that the Board might get some one to act as agent in a general way for the purpose of getting information upon which the Regents could act for themselves. He did not care to put too much authority in the hands of an agent.

Professor Batts being present explained the operation of the different laws which affected the University's revenues. It was estimated he said that there were some \$20,000 back interest and unpaid for due on University Lands, some of which could doubtless be collected.

Regent Bryan stated that he had a conversation on the subject with Hon A. J. Baker the present State Land Commissioner who represented himself as being quite friendly to the University, and willing to afford all information he could as to the University Lands.

Regent Prather presented the following resolution which was adopted - Resolved, That the matter of collecting the amounts due on leases and sale of University Lands, and of providing a plan for utilizing the lands be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the President with authority to require such information from the Land Commissioner and other sources as may be had

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whose duty shall be to inquire into and make written recommendations to the Board at its present meeting touching the whole matter.

Messrs Brocknidge, Prather and Henderson were named as the Committee and on motion the President of the Board was added to the Committee.

Regent Thompson suggested that there should be a Special Land Committee and Regent Prather gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would offer an amendment to the Rules providing for a Standing Committee on University Funds.

Regent Prather made a statement to the effect that he was appointed a Special Committee to confer with Judge Goldthwaite as to the library of the late Colonel Charles Smith, that he had discharged that duty and found that there was no provision in Col Smith's will giving anything to the University.

Regent Wooten asked that there was a proposition from Col Smith's brother that the books would be donated to the University at his death.

Regent Thompson stated that he wrote to Col Smith's brother inquiring about the books and the latter replied that his brother left a library that belongs to him and that he would give it to the University if he didn't change his mind.

The Board adjd to meet again to-morrow & Adjourned.

Mrs. B. Wooten Pres. J. A. Jones Secy.

Austin Tex March 24, 1895.

The Board met in the Gentlemen's Parlor of the Mitchell Hotel at 5 P.M.

Present, Regents, Wooten, Prather, Brocknidge Bryan and Henderson.

On motion of Regent Bryan \$20 was appropriated to refund to Prof Batts, that amount paid by him for publication of an article written by him and printed in the Austin Statesman.

Regent Wooten, for the Executive Committee, made a verbal report of the matter referred to the Committee relative to the Steam heating apparatus of the University. He stated that a Committee of the Faculty had made an oral report on the subject to the Executive Committee.

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\$20 for Printing
referred to Prof
Batts.
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Prof. Batts's
Remarks.

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The Faculty Committee were Messrs Waggner, McRae and Simonson, and their statement was submitted as part of the report of the Executive Committee.

Regent Prather suggested that the report of the Executive Committee should have been presented in writing and in future he would insist that such reports be made in that way.

It being suggested that the appropriation for the heating apparatus might lapse, it was explained by Prof Waggner and Proctor Clark that appropriations do not lapse against matters involved in them under contract, and that where a contract for work exists, the money is held by the Comptroller to pay for the work.

A report was read from Mr Burke, plumber representing the Contractors, and stating what work had been done. A good deal of discussion followed relative to the character of the work, and failure to have it properly tested, Mr Burke contending that the work was according to contract, and urging that a balance due Shean & Co therefor should be paid. He presented a bill of the Contractors, which was left with the Proctor.

Regent Wooten, in answer to Regent Prather, explained the peculiar attitude in which he was placed on account of not having the other members of the committee here to cooperate with him in having the work tested so as to be prepared to make a written report for the committee. Shean, he said was notified early in the fall that it was necessary to test the work for the committee to decide about it.

Prof Waggner stated that the old work was far from satisfactory, but the additional work was not done in time to make a proper test in cold weather.

Regent Prather alluding to the statement of Shean & Co that "the great State of Texas should not break up an old firm" said that while he might sympathize with the firm in its need of the money, the Regents in such matters had to act with reference to the interests of the University rather than in sympathy with what seemed to be the mismanagement of the Contractors. In order that justice may be done to them as well as the University, he moved that the matter of the report be re-referred to the Executive Committee with power to act in the premises and secure such agencies as may be necessary to ascertain the facts.

Remarks
Prof Waggner
Proctor Clark
Mr Burke
Shean & Co

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Steam heating
not done

Mr. Burke explained that when the work was finished it was too late in the fall, and they had to send to New York for some of the materials. Besides the contended, cold weather was not necessary for testing such work, as was provided by rules for radiation and were accepted according to such rules. The issue might be left to some competent engineer to decide as an expert for the State.

Regt. Hooker

Regent Hooker stated that it became evident that the man who arranged the radiators did not intend to do good work, so he notified the parties that if the work was not satisfactory it would not be accepted. It was found so defective that he told them in the part of the Executive Board that it would not be received and that the Regents could not receive it without its being tested.

Pat. Bracke

Regent Bracke stated that in this country it required as much radiation surface for heating as in the North.

Univ. Lands
again considered

The pending motion to recommend was adopted. The matter of the Regents' management of the University Lands was again considered.

Statement of
Regt. Bracke

Regent Bracke, for the Univ. Land Com., stated that the Comtee had reached no conclusion and would have to ask for further time to make a report, but suggested that in the mean while steps be taken to meet the situation as far as practicable to get information and that all things be done under direction of the Chairman that can be done without an expenditure of money. He moved and the motion carried that the President of the Board, or Professor Batty be requested to prepare plans and take steps to secure offers for the delinquent leases and collect purchase money due on sales of the 50 Leases of University Lands.

Steam heating
Com. allowed
further time

The Executive Committee was allowed further time till the Galveston meeting of the Board to report upon the Steam Heating Apparatus.

Resolution by
Regt. Bryan on
Univ. Funds
adopted

The following Resolution, offered by Regent Bryan was adopted:—
Whereas the Board of Regents met in Austin Mex 29/90, pursuant to call of the President to consider the Management and Control of the Univ. Lands;

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Univ. Lands

And Whereas said Board having appointed a Comtee, composed of Messrs Bracke, Prather and Henderson, to investigate the status of said Lands, reported, after full investigation, to the Board of Regents, that there were no available funds of any character whatever to execute the trust imposed, to manage said Lands, turned over to the Regents by recent act of the present Legislature, and that it would require at least the sum of \$2500 to put into execution the trust imposed of deriving revenue from the lands; therefore,

Resolved by the Board of Regents in session assembled, that the Legislature of the State of Texas is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate as much as the sum of \$2500 for the current fiscal year of 1895 to be placed at the disposal of the Regents to enable them to put into execution the management of the University Lands in such manner as to derive revenue therefrom.

It is further Resolved that the President and Secretary of the Regents be instructed to lay this matter before the Legislature.

Univ. Lands
light for
univ.
members of
the Prather

Regent Prather stated that he had a conversation with some of the City Aldermen about granting free water and lights for the University, and that Mayor McDonald suggested that the Regents petition the Board of Public Works to recommend that the favor be granted by the City Council. Regent Prather accordingly moved and the motion prevailed that the Secretary of the Board of Regents draft a resolution to be considered as the action of the Board, urging the City authorities to grant the request. The Secretary subsequently prepared and submitted a communication to the City authorities stating as follows:

"At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas held March 27 in this city, it was unanimously Resolved that the Secretary of the Board be instructed in the name of the Regents and in the University's behalf to respectfully request the City Council to make such appropriation or to take such steps through the Board of Public Works as may be necessary, and the Council may be willing to generously provide for furnishing the University buildings and grounds with water and electric lights and the proper connection therefor with the City System."

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Free water
+ light for
University

"The application is made on the University's behalf not only as a State institution but as one whose interests are closely allied with and contribute to promote the City's welfare in a social and business sense without any expenditure having been made so far for the University by the City since the University was put into operation. The Legislature has been applied to for an appropriation (to which the Senate has already agreed) of \$6,000 for electrical apparatus for the University and it is expected that liberal action by the Council will prompt like action by the State. An important matter to be taken into consideration is the benefit likely to be derived by the City and Citizens from electrical experiments and scientific tests that can be made at the University on important subjects such as sewerage, hygiene and hydraulic and other questions requiring investigation in the public interest."

6000 for electric
apparatus

City Council
grant free water

Capt. Clark, Doctor of the University, also presented the request of the Regents to the Board of Public Works, and on the 12th inst. the City Council granted the request.

Call on Mr.
Swenson

Interchange of
compliments

The Board adjourned to meet again subject to the call of the President for the Galveston session and after adjournment the members present repaired to the residence of Mr. Eugene Bromond for the purpose of making a complimentary call on Mr. S. W. Swenson of New York, a great friend and patron of the University.

Mr. Swenson however had just left for the train north, but was seen on the cars for a few moments by Regent Bryan and the Secretary of the Board who informed him of the call of the Regent.

Mr. Swenson in return expressed his warm appreciation of the intended compliment, and spoke in very gratifying terms of the University and its comparative success as a young institution of learning.

The above Minutes were adapted May 10th at Galveston

J. J. Lane Secy.
Thos. D. Martin Secy.

May 15, 1895

Minutes of Session of the Regents of the University of Texas, held May 15 & 16th 1895 in the City of Galveston.

Galveston Tex. May 15

The Board met at 10 A.M. in the Callie building of the Medical Department of the University. Present. All the members of the Board, viz: Dr. Tho. D. Hooker (President), and Messrs J. W. Ball, Geo. W. Bracke, J. G. Brauer, J. D. Bryan, Robt. C. Cowart, Thos. S. Henderson, Wm. L. Prather and D. C. Thompson.

Dr. J. J. Y. Paine, Dean of the Medical Dept. was also present.

Minutes of the last session of the Board held at the Trinity in Austin were read and adopted.

Annual Report of Dr. Paine as Dean of the Medical Dept. accompanied with statements from the several Professors of the Medical College, as to progress of work and needs of their respective chairs was read; and on motion of Regent Prather, the Report was received and filed with the Secretary, and ordered to be referred to the Med. College Com. for recommending to the Board.

On motion of Regent Thompson the accompanying statements of the members of the Faculty, as to wants for their respective chairs were referred to the same Committee.

Report of J. P. Johnson, Provost of the Med. Dept. as to the financial affairs of the College, was presented by Regent Thompson, who explained the report in a general way by stating that the Legislature appropriated for the College \$32,500 for each of the 2 years; that the report showed the expenditures made against the appropriation left a surplus of \$3,969.61, and that the fees of students for the class of 1895-96, were estimated at about six thousand dollars.

On motion of Regent Prather the Report was received as the Statement of the Provost, and was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation and report to the Board. It was finally left in charge of the Secretary.

The Report of Dr. Paine, after being considered by the Med. College Com. and subsequently acted upon by the Regents, was left with the Secretary and was filed away for reference.

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Endorse from
Houston.

In addition to other matters the Report referred to cadavers having been procured from Houston on account of not getting as many as were desired in Galveston.

Goeth, R. A.
minor. Case
referred to
Regents.

Regent Wooten called attention to the case of R. A. Goeth, a medical student, who, he said, had not received his diploma on account of not being of age when he graduated, but was given a certificate at the time entitling him to it when he became of age.

Dr. Paine was requested to state the facts in the case, which showed that since the young man graduated, some members of the medical faculty had objected to signing his diploma on account of certain charges affecting his moral character, and having reference to a case of abortion in which the operation was alleged to have been performed under very peculiar circumstances.

Dr. Paine's defense was that he was acting as a friend of the parties concerned, and did nothing but what was his duty to do in order to afford relief to the victim of the operation, and was required of him in a professional capacity.

The action of some of the Faculty refusing to sign the young man's diploma led to the matter being referred to the Regents.

Dr. Paine stated that Mr. Goeth decided taking the first step in the matter; and gave reasons for believing that while the young man's action was indiscreet, he did not believe he was guilty of any criminal intention and was willing to withdraw the charges against him.

Regents Ball, Brackearage, and Thompson all expressed doubts as to the propriety of granting diplomas to young men so lacking in discretion.

Regent Cowart thought it was a case of "phenominal stupidity". Regent Prother considered it a very grave matter requiring strong action on the part of the Board. Regent Bryan suggested that although such a case was not likely to occur again, the Board should be careful in establishing a precedent. Regent Henderson argued that the question hinged upon the intent of the party.

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Regent Wooten contended that the point properly to be considered was whether or not the immediate facts of the case justified the young man's interdiction. As to "indiscretions" they were objections which if applied generally would exclude many from the profession.

At the suggestion of Regent Thompson, the Board decided to hear Mr. Goeth in his own behalf, in accordance with his request to be heard by the Board, and statement that he had attained the age of majority, and now desired that his diploma be granted to him. The application stated that he had been advised of objection by some of the Faculty to granting "the evidence of his scholarship," and he therefore begged to be fully informed of the reasons of objection.

Mr. Goeth appeared and made what seemed to be a full and frank statement of his action in the matter.

The Board here adjourned to meet again at 2 pm, and the Regents, with others present in the College partook of an elegant luncheon and refreshments prepared especially for the occasion of the Regents meeting under the supervision of Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. George Sealy, Mrs. D. Randall, Mrs. M. Marx, and Mrs. Peissar, on behalf of the Board of Lady Managers of the Nurses Training School of the John Sealy Hospital.

Resolutions of the Board were subsequently adopted, thanking these ladies for their courtesies.

(Afternoon Session)

In the afternoon session, Regent Prother reopened discussion of the case of Mr. Goeth, by asking if any of the members were prepared to make a suggestion to dispose of it.

Regent Wooten answered that he was inclined to give the diploma.

Regent Ball suggested that the acts of the Regents were so closely scrutinized by the Legislature and the public, that he did not believe, as the circumstances had so far been presented, that the Board would be justified in granting the diploma. He therefore moved the Faculty be required not to issue it.

Regent Prother offered as a substitute that in the sense of this Board, after discussion of the matter, that a diploma ought not to be issued to R. A. Goeth, which substitute Regent Ball accepted.

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Business was continued

Regent Henderson said he was fully mindful of the delicacy of the question presented, and the effects of the Regents action upon the University, but he also had in mind the irreparable effect of any wrong action by the Board. The young man is either guilty or having complied with the regulations of the College, is entitled to a diploma, and unless we have evidence of his criminality we are liable to do him an injustice by withholding his diploma after having promised he should have it when he arrived at the age of 21 years. There is some doubt as to his actual guilt, and in balancing the statements they seem to be in his favor, entitling him to the benefit of such doubt. Indeed the ethics of humanity seemed to warrant his action.

Regent Brackebridge argued that it might be well to postpone the diploma, say indefinitely, so as to leave the young man a chance for a full showing of all the evidence he can produce. It may be we will then be willing to give him his diploma.

The resolution of Regent Prather being insisted upon by Regent Ball, was seconded by Regent Bryan and adopted.

Referring to the Report of the College Executive Committee, which was read, Regent Thompson, Chairman of the Committee said they made no recommendation as to the vacant chair of Pharmacy, but had agreed upon Dr. Blinc of Houston, as one of the several parties suggested, as the proper person for the place.

The several items of appropriations asked for in the Report were accepted, and the Report as a whole was adopted.

L. E. Magnenat of the Medical College son of Prof Magnenat of the University of Austria was elected Demonstrator to the Chair of Chemistry, at a salary of \$1000 for the Scholastic year, and for one year, commencing Oct 1/90.

A communication presented by Regent Thompson, signed by Miss Grace Mann, as Secretary of the Board of Lady Managers of the Nurses Training School of the John Sealy Hospital was read, referring to the contemplated necessity of suspending the School for want of means on account of Governor Bulbersons having vetoed the item for the School in the Genl Apprd Bill.

Pharmacy vacant chair Dr. Blinc recommended

Magnenat L. E. elected Demonstrator of Chemistry

Nurses Training School for Nurses letter from Rec.

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It stated that the Managers, upon suggestion of Regent Thompson had postponed action to await the decision of the Study Regent, as to affording the required assistance.

After statement by Regent Thompson as to certain funds of the college which might be used, motion by Regent Brackebridge was adopted that \$1200 of the funds be appropriated to the Training School.

The Regents were invited to attend the Annual Exercises of the Medical Department to take place at night at the Opera House, and adjourned till 10 o'clock to morrow.

The program of exercises embraced the following:

Annual Address by Dr. Seth M. Morris.

Subject - "University Influence"

Conferring the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, and Graduate of Pharmacy, by Hon Thomas D. Wooten, President of the Board of Regents; and

Presentation of Medals.

The graduates in Medicine were:

W. D. Starbry, L. E. Magnenat, N. L. Kennedy and Leonard Allen. The diplomas were handed to all but Mr Allen who it was stated had not attained the prescribed age, which the law required. A certificate entitling him to a diploma when he became of age was handed to him by President Wooten.

The graduates in Pharmacy were A. E. Dabney and W. E. Hubbert.

A number of medals were presented to some of the graduates and Undergraduates.

The Opera House was filled with a brilliant audience of ladies and gentlemen of Galveston, and students and friends of the students.

Galveston Tex May 16

The Regents of the University met at 10 o'clock in the Medical College, pursuant to adjournment all the members of the Board being present.

Regent Wooten, as Chairman of the Executive Committee presented a report of a Committee of the Faculty of the University relative to the Steam Heating Apparatus of the University Buildings at Austin, and in answer to inquiry, at Regent Prather he stated that it would be made part of a special report of the Executive Committee of the Board. The report of the Faculty Committee was read, and after some

some action

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discussion between Mr Coakley representing the Contractors and members of the Board, the Executive Committee, Mess Woods, Bryan and Henderson retired for the purpose of preparing their special report which was shortly presented and on motion of Regent Patten was read and its recommendations were adopted as follows:-

"Galveston Texas May 16/95 - To Hon Board of Regents Your Executive Committee having had under consideration the contract with Paul Shean & Co for putting in heating apparatus in the University building at Austin, respectfully report:

1. That said contract has not yet been completed with according to the terms and specifications of the contract is more particularly appears from a special report of a Committee of the Faculty herewith submitted and marked "C7", and made a part hereof.

2. They recommend that said Shean & Co be again notified, as provided in the contract, that said work has not been completed as required and that a copy of said Faculty report accompany said notice, and that said Shean & Co be notified to proceed at once with said contract and that they be further notified that the first party to said contract has not waived any of its rights and remedies under the terms of said contract. We further recommend that no payment be made at this time to said Shean & Co and that said Shean & Co be notified that the Board will meet at Austin about June 17, at which time they will be pleased to know that said work has been completed, according to contract.

(Signed) This Motion, Beauregard Bryan, D. Henderson

An invitation from Mr James Moore of the firm of Moore, McKinney & Co, requesting the Regents to join in an excursion with the Bankers Convention to the Jetties in the afternoon, and to a ball at the Beach Hotel was received, and the Secretary of the Board was directed to acknowledge its acceptance through the press which was done.

Recurring to the case of Mr Gorth, and request of his brother for further hearing of the facts, in order that additional evidence might be provided presented to the Board in the young man's behalf, Regent Cowart moved to hear him to-morrow and have the result reported for action on the June meeting of the Regents.

Paul Shean & Co. Report of Committee on heating building

Expansion to the Jetties & ball at Beach Hotel

Recurring to Mr Gorth's case he refers to June meeting

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It was suggested that this would not be practicable at the present meeting of the Board.

Regent Ball proposed that the communication and the whole business be laid on the table, or postponed indefinitely, so that if any of the members desired the matter could be reopened.

Motion by Regent Henderson finally prevailed, that the subject be indefinitely postponed till some convenient time when the Board can more fully hear all the evidence that might be presented in any way personally, or by affidavit.

The Board having decided to elect a Professor of Pharmacy for the Medical College, and the testimonials of a number of applicants having been received and considered, and referred for special report to the College Committee, Regent Bryan for that Committee reported that after having examined all the applications, and accompanying testimonials, the Committee had concluded to recommend Amos R. R. Olive, of Houston, as the proper person for the position, and suggested that he be employed for one year at a salary of \$2000.

Other names were suggested by members of the Board, but on motion of Regent Cowart, the suggestions of the Committee were approved, and Amos R. D. Olive was accordingly elected Professor of Pharmacy in the Medical Department of the University for one year, at a salary of \$2000.

The question of the management of the University lands was discussed. Maps from the State Land Office, and one furnished by Mr R. H. Thompson, late a student of the University, and the papers of various applicants for the Land Agency for the Board were examined.

Regent Cowart suggested that the matter be left to the direction of Col Brackebridge.

Regent Brackebridge referring to the suggestion stated that on account of not having had the maps from the Land Commissioner nothing had been done by the Committee to which the subject had been referred. He were expecting he said to have money to employ an agent but the Governor cut off the appropriation. He still insisted that a Committee of the Regents should take a trip over the Country where the lands are situated, so as to be better informed, and

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submit a report at the next meeting of the Board. We must have money, he contended from some source, but can't see what we may have to spare till our June meeting. It is not employ an agent as might increase the pay of our Secretary, and he would in correspondence with the County officials and land men generally, so as to find applicants for the lands, and keep a record to refer to our Executive Committee.

Regent Wooten stated that letters had been received recommending that there should be an agent, and suggested turning the lands back to State management.

Regent Henderson contended that this should not be done till the Regents made some effort to dispose of them. They had applied for the management of them and it would be a reflection upon the Board not to do something towards meeting the trust imposed by the Legislature.

Regent Brockbridge alluded to the fact that the politicians had kept the control of the lands from the Regents, when it was most desirable to have it, while cattle were high and stockmen wanted the lands. Now we can't turn the tide, because there is more land than is demanded for the ranches.

Regent Ball moved that Regent Brockbridge be appointed a Committee of One to employ some suitable person for the purpose of inspecting the University lands, and making such examination of their quality etc as will enable said Committee to report recommendations at the next meeting of the Board in June.

Regent Prather suggested to amend by adding the words "Chairman of the Land Committee" which was accepted and the motion was adopted.

Regent Brockbridge thereupon stated that he accepted the charge and asked that Mr J. R. Blaine of Austin, one of the applicants for the Land Agency, be requested by Regent Wooten to report to him at once in person for written instructions, and that Regent Wooten have some talk with Mr Blaine about salary or pay for the work and report to him in writing so he could give Mr Blaine temporary employment.

The Board adj. to meet next at Austin, in June. Several of the members took part in the excursion to the Jetties.

Approved for May 14-16.

Wm. D. Wooten Pres. J. J. Gray Secy

Land
Agent
Land

Regent Ball

Chairman of the Land Committee

Blaine

June 17, 1895

Minutes of a Session of the Regents of the University of Texas, held at Austin, June 14th 18th 19th and 20th 1895.

Austin Texas Monday June 14

The Board met at 10, A.M. in the Regents Room. Present Regents Wooten (President of the Board) Ball Brockbridge Cowart, Henderson and Prather. Absent Regents Bryan and Thompson.

The minutes of the Galveston Session were read and after some discussion as to abbreviating the records were adopted.

Professor Miller, Chairman of the Faculty of the University presented the Faculty annual report which had been printed and placed in pamphlet copies upon the Regents table. The report was received and ordered to be filed with the Secretary of the Board, and after some discussion was postponed for further consideration.

Regent Ball moved that the Finance Committee make its report during the day as to the status of the funds of the University, with suggestions as to what is necessary to be done to compass the deficit of \$7681⁰⁰ shown in the report just presented. The motion was amended and adopted to allow the Committee to report to-morrow.

The question of dispensing with insurance on the University buildings to accord with the practice of the State as to State buildings was suggested and discussed without any direct action being taken.

After some informal consideration of the management of the University lands and reference to a report from J. R. Blaine, recently appointed to inspect the lands, the Board adjourned till 10 A.M. Tuesday.

Approved:

Wm. D. Wooten President of Board of Regents

J. J. Gray

June 18, 1895
Austin Tex June 18,

The Board met at 10 o'clock with Regent Wooten in the Chair and the same members present as on yesterday.

Ex Regent J. M. Harwood was also present by invitation; also Mr J. D. Blaine who submitted his written statement as to the inspection of the University, Louisiana.

Regent Dale moved to take up the report of the Finance Committee, but on suggestion of Regent Cowart the Committee was allowed further time till to-morrow afternoon.

The report of the Faculty with accompanying statement of the Proctor was considered and Chairman Miller explained the financial exhibits presented in the report. In connection with the Proctor's statement a resolution by Regent Dale was adopted, that hereafter it shall be the duty of the Proctor whenever any property is purchased for any school in the University to charge such property upon the inventory of University property, against such school receiving the same and take receipt of the Professor or other person in charge and retain it on file to complete his inventory of said property not heretofore entered on said list.

The Board first considered the financial statement with the Faculty report, which set forth as follows:-

Financial Statement: According to the statement of the Comptroller, which is hereby referred to and made a part of this report, there was on the 1st day of June, 1894 to the credit of the Available University Fund \$6,571.50. From that time to and including May 6th, 1895 there was collected and credited to the same fund \$44,804.43. In addition to this amount, the last Legislature appropriated \$25,000 to be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the University commencing March 1st, 1895. From the Proctor's statement, which is hereby referred to, and made part of this report, it will be seen that after exhausting the income from the available University funds, and the appropriation made by the Legislature, there will be at the close of the session a deficit of \$6,508.25 for the year 1894-95.

Blaine's report

Inventory

Proctor's report

Financial Statement made by the Committee

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The estimated income, for the year 1895-96, is as follows:-

From Bonds	\$ 31,728.60
Int on Louisiana Saloon	2,625.00
From Lease of Louisiana	10,250.00
Matriculation Fees	3,250.00
Total Income	\$ 48,123.60
Appropriated by the Legislature for the year commencing March 1st 1895	22,500.00
Total	\$ 70,623.60

Then follows detailed estimate of expenses, by items, for 1895-96, aggregating the sum of \$73,796.

Estimated Income for 1895-96	70,623.00
Deficit for the year 1895-96	\$ 3,173.00
Deficit for the year 1894-95	6,508.25
Total Deficit	\$ 9,681.25

Taking this Budget as a basis for action, and aiming to approximate expenditures as closely as practicable to the estimated income of the University the following appropriations were ordered for the year 1895-96.

For Full Professors	\$20,500	Boarding Expenses	\$ 300
Associate Professors	15,500	(Same) School Physics	100
Assistant Professors	14,200	(Same) School Geology	100
Proctor and Librarian	2,500	(Same) School Engineering	60
Lady Assistant	1,200	(Same) School Chemistry	400
Mechanical Shop & Physics	270	(Same) School Pure Math	75
For Repair of Building	400	(Same) School Pedagogy	25
For Coal	1,000	(Same) School Greek	80
For Engines	300	(Same) School Biology	150
For Gas	400	Woods Hall Laboratory, Mass	100
Improvement & Care of Bonds	300	For "Commencement"	200
Printing (general)	200	Expenses of Regents	800
Catalogues	400	Invited Speakers	75
Stationery & Postage for Proctor	400	For Telephone	60
For Library	500	Advertising Louisiana &c	75
Almshouse to St. M. College	500	For Messenger	180
Cataloguing Books & Medals	25	Assistant to Proctor	200
Auxiliary School Committee	400	For Servants	1,275

Appropriations for Fellows, Tutors, and Instructors were postponed for later action.

The importance of providing a better appropriation for the University library than was practicable on account of Governor Culberson having disapproved of the item for it in the State Appropriations led to some interesting discussion.

Proctor's report

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between Professor Miller and Regents Ball, Brackmeigs, Cowart and Henderson, in which incidentally reference was made to the fact that the Law Class had the use of Prof. Miller's library of some 4000 to 5000 law books, and to the advantages of "teaching from cases" in the Law Reports as well as from regular text books; also to a suggestion by Prof. Miller that some of the fees from the Law Class be used for fitting up a room especially for the Law Library.

Prof. Miller also stated that the Law Faculty desired to raise the standard for admission to the Law Department by increasing the age required for applicants from 18 to 19 years and adding other qualifications for admission suggested in the Faculty's Report.

The resignation of Law Professor Geo. S. Miller and election of a successor to his Chair was considered and after some discussion Regent Cowart moved to postpone action till September which motion prevailed. The Board adjourned to meet in the afternoon.

(Afternoon Session)

Resolution by Regent Prather was adopted inviting the State Teachers Association "to hold the annual meetings of said association at the University, and to this end extending to the association the use of the Assembly Hall, and such rooms as may be needed for the use of the Committees."

The Secretary of the Board was directed to communicate the resolution to Dr. Leslie Haggover, President of the Association.

Resolution by Regent Cowart was also adopted that "the Board of Regents extend to the Schools of Method of the State of Texas the use of the Assembly Hall, and all necessary rooms for their next annual meeting."

The Board went into Executive Session and after a short while resumed open business.

Regent Cowart moved to take up the matter of Mr. York, a medical student, whose application for a diploma, being refused on account of certain charges, was pending from the Galveston session of the Board. The motion carried, but on motion of Regent Ball the question was postponed till September.

Res. of Reg. Miller

State Teachers Assn. use hall to meet & meetings.

Extend use of Assembly Hall and rooms.

Exec. Session

Mr. York's case postponed till September

June 18, 1895

The matter of the election of a Law Professor in connection with the Presidency of the University, and the suggestion of the name of Ex. Chief Justice, A. N. Wilkie by Regent Henderson in that connection was discussed and postponed till September.

The following report was read and adopted:

"J. D. N. Hootin, President of the Board of Regents. Sir - Your Auditing Committee respectfully report: That they have carefully examined, scrutinized and verified the accounts of J. B. Clark, Proctor of the University, filed to 17th June 1895. In the discharge of their said duties they obtained the assistance of A. L. McLeanan, an expert accountant and they herewith submit the report of said accountant. We find no irregularities in said account, and the vouchers accompanying same, and therefore report the same to be correct."

"They would suggest that hereafter, if practicable the Report of the Proctor be type-written, that a copy be forwarded to each member of this Committee in advance of the meeting, and that several copies be filed for the use of the Board. We also recommend that hereafter said Report be made complete to the end of the Session - at least so far as the fixed charges of the University are concerned."

"We further recommend that hereafter, in addition to grouping said accounts into classes, that the several classes be subdivided so as to show in detail and separately the account of each Professor and employe."

"We ask that Mr. R. L. McLeanan be allowed \$15 for his services as accountant."

(Signed) J. S. Henderson, Chm.

The sum of \$15 was allowed as requested.

Chairman Miller of the Faculty handed to the Board a printed program of the Annual Commencement Exercises for tomorrow, June 19 and requested that the Degrees proposed to be conferred on the graduates be approved by the Board.

Motion by Regent Prather was accordingly adopted that the Board authorize the Degrees to the parties named, and that the Secretary record their names and degrees and that the Diplomas be issued as requested by the Chairman of the Faculty.

Following are the names of the parties, and the degrees conferred

Master of Arts

J. Stanley Ford Rudolph Hibung Jr
William A James James E. Pease
Robert L. Wilson.

Bachelor of Arts

Donald Cameron Morris Sheppard
Walter G. Hartney Hugh V. Dill
Jessie M. Lyons Chas. J. Weiser

Bachelor of Letters

Jessie Andrews Grace S. Harrison
Louise Brunet Helen Hornsby
Robt L. Caspary Leroy DePaul
Lilya M. Casia Benj. P. Louis
Dud. E. Gounell Jas. W. M. Cleburn
Daisy Crawford Marcus Schwartz
Chas. B. Durham E. Dick Shaugter
Nellie M. Hall Sidney A. Tillman

Bachelor of Science

Mula Cole Bernard Mackenson

Certificate of Letters

Edith L. Clark

Civil Engineer

Ulysses S. Ellington Stephen Gregory
Arthur Ferris

Master of Law

Charles C. Clark Wm. A. Gordon
William H. Mann Alec Rea.

Bachelor of Law

Ed. A. Belsterling Washington P. Lobban
Ross L. Clark John W. Mathis
Jas. W. Coe, Jr Wm. P. McLean
Marcus W. Davis Sterling A. Myers
Geo. N. Denton John H. Myers
Lewis Fisher Benjamin J. Strout
James P. Hanes Jr Wm. B. O'Quinn
Wm. D. Hart Jr Edgar S. Phelps
Lewis T. Hightower J. Bouldin Rector
Wm. W. Hilbrandt John R. Sanford
Claude P. Johnson John T. Spencer
James C. Lamkin Isaac N. Stephens
Wm. S. Linsley Walter O. Stephens
Marshall Thomas James G. Whitworth

Dymer
B.S.
B.S.
C. S. G.
Linsley
Tins.
C. E.
H. G.
B. S.

Incidentally, during the proceedings of the Board, Regent Braekering, alluding to the fact that there was an applicant, Mr. Dunn, to lease 148 sections of a body of 199 sections of University Lands in Andrews and Martin Counties, at 3 cents an acre, payable yearly in advance for 10 years, and that there were other applicants for only a few sections each argued that it might be good policy for the Board to obtain leases in as large bodies as possible. He referred to the Report of Mr. J. L. Blaine and his services in inspecting and reporting upon the University Lands, stating that the reports were more favorable than anticipated as to some of the lands.

Resolution by Regent Ball was adopted, as follows: Resolved That the Land Committee be authorized to communicate with Mr. Dunn who has made application to lease 148 sections of University Lands in Andrews and Martin Counties, and in answer to his application for the lease of said lands that Regent Braekering be authorized to close a contract with him to the best advantage, with the view, if possible, of inducing him to lease at the same price the other 51 sections in said body of land in order that there may be no outstanding lands in said body but all be under the control of the same lessee.

Further Resolution by Regent Ball was adopted, that the Committee on Lands be instructed as soon as practicable to make due declarations of forfeiture of all lands coming in the purview of law as forfeited under contract of lease or sale, with a view of obtaining control of the lands in order that new leases and new contracts of sale may be made on more favorable terms than before.

Regent Braekering said he would not be inclined to sell the lands except in large bodies and favored granting long leases to induce parties to lease in large quantities.

Regent Henderson opposed leasing them longer than for ten years. Regent Cowart and Prather suggested that something should be done to prevent the lease of a few sections controlling surrounding portions.

Board adjourned till to-morrow.

Approved: Wm. H. Norton Pres. J. J. Lane Secy.

June 19, 1895

Austin Texas.

Wednesday June 19/95.

There was but a brief meeting of the Board of Regents this morning on account of the members present adjourning to attend the Annual Commencement Exercises of the University which were held in the large Assembly Hall.

The exercises included addresses by Morris S. Spppard, representing the Academic Department and Washington J. Lubban, speaker from the Law Department, and Commencement degrees upon the Graduates by Dr. D. N. Hooker, Pres. of the Board of Regents.

No business was considered during the morning session of the Board, the members present indulging only in general conversation. In the afternoon all those present in the morning were on hand with the addition of Regent Poyan.

The report of the Committee on the pending claim of Shean & Co. of Galveston was adopted and \$1384.00 was ordered to be paid on it in accordance with a receipt prescribed by the Committee as follows:

"Received of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, Three thousand and eighty four and 00/100 dollars on account of contract for putting in heating apparatus. But it is understood that this payment is in no respect an acceptance of performance of said contract, either in whole or in part, nor shall it be taken as a waiver of any of the terms, or stipulations of said contract, but is merely a payment on account. And it is further understood that said contract is to be in all respects completed with, so that said apparatus shall be in effective working order according to contract by the beginning of the ensuing winter, and shall be ready for full, fair and final test."

The money has since been paid and receipt taken according to instructions to the Proctor.

Claim of J. L. Daft for \$20 was allowed and to be paid out of the contingent funds.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Hon. D. D. Hooker, Chm. Board of Regents. Your Committee on Finance beg to report that after careful investigation of the available resources of the Main University

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an account

J. L. Daft \$20

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They are unable to find any reason to hope for an increase in income of the estimates given in the Report of the Faculty, and that it will require at least the proceeds of the 148 sections applied for to secure that sum & your Committee would therefore recommend that the appropriations for the year 1895-96 be confined to the sum of \$70,000 by equalization of salaries and reduction of expenses.

(Signed) Geo. W. Brachman, Chm. R. C. Coward & D. M. Henderson

The report was received and filed.

Regent Ball, as Chairman of the Committee on Complaints, Grievances and Instructors submitted his report as toundry applications for promotion and re-employment etc, which report was received and filed with the Secretary.

The Board adjd to 10 am Thursday

Approved:

Wm. D. Wooten President

J. J. Lane, Secy.

Austin Texas June 20/95.

The Board met at 10 am, the same members being present as on yesterday.

The subject of the annual budget was resumed. Regent Wooten referring to the Statement of the Medical College Committee stated that originally Dr. Magnenat was appointed a demonstrator in the college, but his salary was changed to commence March 1st instead of Oct. 1st. He now moved and the motion carried that the salary of Dr. Magnenat as demonstrator to the Chair of Chemistry be changed to commence March 1st instead of October 1st 1895.

Miss Josephine Durkee of Galveston was on motion unanimously elected Instructor in the Clinical School at Galveston, at an annual salary of \$1200, with the understanding that 60 days notice in advance be given her in which either she or the Board of Regents may dissolve these relations.

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Regent Wooten stated that Regent Thompson desired the Board to indorse his Regent Thompson's action as to the use of certain accumulated funds of the College; and on motion of Regent Brockmire Resolution was adopted authorizing all the funds to be used for the current expenses of the College including the fees received from matriculation of students and otherwise.

Regent Cowart moved and the motion carries to take up the land matter whereupon Regent Henderson offered the following:

Resolved that the Chairman of the Land Committee proceed at once to make leases of the University lands on such terms as he may deem advantageous and for a term not longer than ten years, and he is further authorized to employ such agents as he may deem necessary, he is also authorized to receive applications to purchase University lands.

Regent Cowart offered as a substitute the following which after some discussion was adopted instead of the original resolution.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Land Committee be empowered and instructed to proceed at once to make leases of the University lands on such terms and for such length of time as he may deem advantageous and to the best interest of the University and that he be authorized to employ such agents as he may deem necessary. And further that the Land Committee draw leases of University lands in such form as they may deem proper.

Resolved further that the Chairman of said Land Committee be authorized to receive applications for the purchase of lands and report the same to this Board.

The Board went into Executive Session after which further business was resumed and the following action had:

At the suggestion of Regent Brockmire and on motion of Regent Cowart which was adopted the sum of \$300 was added to the salary of the Secretary of the Board on account of additional work and the sum of \$25 was appropriated for stamps and stationery for the use of the Secretary.

On motion of Regent Cowart, Regents Brockmire, Henderson and Prather were appointed a special Committee to prepare a form of leases of the University lands.

Chairman of
Land Committee

and receive
applications

\$500 added to
salary of Secy of
Board

\$25 for stamps
and stationery

Regent Wooten suggested that something should be done to protect the University from fire as the lands, and in answer Regent Prather stated that the Board would try to regulate that by the form of the leases.

Consideration of the Annual Budget was again resumed and the following orders were made:

Salary of Arthur Jeffers, as Instructor in Mathematics, was raised from \$1200 to \$1400 per annum.

B. J. Brown was elected Fellow in Biology at \$300 salary.

Prof. Cameron and Prof. Price were elected Fellows in Latin, each at \$300 salary.

A. Reichman was appointed Student Assistant in Physics at \$300 salary.

The salary of Mechanical Assistant in School of Physics was changed from \$260 to \$270.

C. P. Block was elected Tutor in Chemistry at a salary of \$600.

A. J. Pugh was elected Tutor in History at a salary of \$600.

Stephen Gregory was elected Tutor in Engineering at a salary of \$600.

Mr. J. Magneah, and Mrs. Jessie Andrews were re-elected Instructors at a salary each of \$900.

Mrs. Lilla M. Garcia was elected Fellow in German and Spanish at a salary of \$300.

Prof. Simonds was authorized to appoint a Fellow in his Chair at a salary of \$300.

Prof. McPar and Trimmer were re-elected, each for one year without change of salary.

The Budget as thus amended by these several items was adopted as a whole together with the special recommendations of the Faculty of the Law Dept. as to use of fees and increase of the age of admission for Law students to 19 years and prescribing other qualifications for their admission, as below stated, as follows:

"We recommend that after the next session students under nineteen years of age be not admitted into this Department and that applicants for admission into the Senior Class be at least twenty (20) years old. Few students under the ages indicated are of sufficient mental maturity to successfully handle the courses.

"The rule has heretofore obtained of admitting to the Department any applicant who had a diploma

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from an affiliated high school, who was a holder of a State teacher's certificate, or who had theretofore been a student in the Academic Department of the University. As some of the schools are affiliated in English alone, or in English and one only of the additional subjects, a knowledge of which should be required for admission into this department, persons may enter who are not prepared in some of these subjects. It is recommended that the rules be changed as to require applicants holding high school diplomas to be examined in all subjects in which examination is otherwise required except those with reference to which the school is affiliated; that holders of State teachers certificates be examined in Latin; and that former students of the Academic Department whose applications are based upon that ground, be required to give satisfactory evidence of their requirements in Mathematics, Latin and History.

The bill of Mr. J. L. Plaine was stated to be \$276 - paid by Regent Brockbridge.

The resignation of Prof. Thos. S. Miller of the Law Department and Chairman of the University Faculty was verbally stated by President Norton of the Board, and subsequently was handed to the Clerk to record as follows:

"University of Texas, Austin May 20/95
 Dr. D. D. Norton, President of the Board of Regents,
 University of Texas, Austin Texas -

Dear Sir - I hereby tender my resignation as Professor of Law in the University of Texas. The resignation is to take effect at the close of the present session. In tendering my resignation

I desire to say that my association with the Professor of Students and the University generally has always been exceedingly pleasant and agreeable to me, and my resignation is solely attributable to personal reasons. With kind regards Yrs truly,

(Signed) Thos. S. Miller

On motion of Regent Bryan the resignation was accepted, and at the instance of Regent Norton the following Resolutions, expressive of the sentiments of the Board were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Prof. T. S. Miller has tendered his resignation as Professor of Law in the University of Texas, which position

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he has filled for the past two years with marked ability and eminent satisfaction to the Board of Regents; therefore, be it Resolved by the Board:-

1) That it is with sincere regret that we accept the resignation of Professor Miller, and from our pleasant relations with him;

2) That the Board tender to Prof. Miller the assurance of their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the University during his connection with it, and of their sincere personal esteem and best wishes for his future success and happiness.

3) That these Resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of the Board, and a copy thereof, under the Seal of the University be furnished to Prof. Miller by the Secretary.

On motion J. B. Clark was re-elected Proctor of the University for 2 years at his former salary, to give bond in September.

J. J. Lane was re-elected Secretary for 2 years at a salary of \$300 a year.

Dr. Thos. D. Norton, his term having expired as President of the Board of Regents, was elected Chairman of the Board, instead of President as heretofore, to apply when the new law changing the title from President to Chairman goes into effect.

Regent Norton was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

At the suggestion of the Auditing Committee, Resolution was adopted, directing the Proctor, to keep his accounts in accordance with the fiscal year of the State; and further to not overdraw for the expenses of the year on the Appropriation for the succeeding year without special authority.

The Board adjourned to meet the first Monday in September, - the 2d day of the month.

Approved.

Thos. D. Norton

President

J. J. Lane, Secy

Sep. 4, 1895 - Sep. 5

Minutes of a Session of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas held Sept 4th 1895 in Austin.

Austin Tex Sep 4th

A meeting of the University Regents, called for the 2nd inst, having been postponed in Dec Chairman Frasier, acting in the absence of Chairman Wooten till the 4th inst, the following members were present: Regent Frasier, Bull, Cowart and Henderson's absence, Regent Wooten, Bryan, Brackearidge and Thompson.

After some discussion of University affairs, principally the question of electing a President of the University, the meeting was adjourned till tomorrow, sending reply from Regent Bryan who had been invited to give attendance was necessary to make a program. He being the only member available, Chairman Wooten having advised the Secretary by letter from Colorado that he could not be present, and Regent Brackearidge being in Mexico, and Regent Thompson in New York.

Regent Bryan not arriving and there being no quorum on account of his absence, the members present occupied their attention in reviewing the papers in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary, and preparing matter for Committee reports, after which they adjourned till tomorrow.

Thursday Sep 5: A message was received that Regent Bryan would arrive in time for business Friday.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Regent Henderson moved that they be so amended as to impress facts as they occurred as to the action of the Board relative to President Wooten's address at the University "Commencement Exercises" and the appointment of a Committee to report thereon.

It being suggested that this matter was considered in Executive Session without the cognizance of the Secretary of the Board, motion was made by Regent Henderson, instead of his former motion and adopted, that the Secretary be instructed to record the action of the Board taken in Executive Session to the following effect:—

{Regent Bryan having called attention to that part of the President's address containing strictures on Governor Culberson's action with regard to University appropriations, and University interests, and to the fact of the matter being discussed by the Board, Dr. Wooten assumed

assumed the entire responsibility of the statements, and added that the address had been prepared and delivered by him without consultation with the Regents, and was made upon his sole responsibility and that he was willing to publish any statement, assuming such responsibility, that the Board might desire; and that accordingly the following statement was submitted and agreed to by Dr. Wooten for publication, and that further, the members of the Board disclaimed any responsibility for or knowledge of the President's intention to make the criticisms on the action of the Executive. The statement, as published in the Austin Statesman of June 30th was as follows: {In reference to the address of Dr. Wooten, so far as the same may seem to reflect upon and criticize the action of Governor Culberson, Dr. Wooten requests us to state that the remarks made by him are merely the expression of his own individual opinion, and are in no sense an official and authoritative announcement of the views entertained by the other members of the Board. He further requests us to state that the address was not submitted to the Board, and the members thereof had no knowledge of its character before its delivery. }

The remarks in question were made by Dr. Wooten, in the course of his address, when conferring degrees upon the graduates of the University, and referred to Governor Culberson's disapproval of certain items of appropriations for the University authorized in the General Appropriation bill of the Legislature. The address was as follows:—

(Address of Dr. Wooten) —

"The close of another annual term of University life brings with it many causes for congratulation and hope. The past college year has had in it much to encourage the management and friends of the University. The attendance has exceeded that of any previous year, the course of instruction has approached nearer to the standards of efficient and thorough education, the students have been of a most desirable and hopeful class, and the general interest in and friendliness for the institution, among the people, have become more direct, practical and intelligent. But there have been sources of annoyance and discouragement, and there remains much yet to be desired and accomplished for this great educational enterprise among those whose official station and influence enables them to exert a controlling weight over its destiny and success."

Minutes at Commencement

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"It has from the first been a standing reproach among those who have ignorantly or intentionally sought to retard the endowment and growth of the University that it is the rich man's school, that its course of study is theoretical and ornamental, rather than practical and popular, and that its students are being fitted for the non-productive and now essential pursuits of life rather than for the useful, the formative and progressive duties and labors of modern society. Such criticisms, however, are founded on very narrow and shallow conceptions of what true education is meant to be and achieve. But undoubtedly the demands of the age and the substantial needs of the Country require that a higher education shall have in it something more than the theoretical culture of the schools, something more than the ephemeral polish of classical learning, something more than the mere refinements of scholarly attainments. This is an age and a country of practical enterprise and progressive industry, and its genius is one of peculiar devotion to those pursuits which shorten the labors, enhance the profits and increase the comforts and conveniences of daily life. That sort of education which recognizes and seeks to attain these ends is the one which meets the highest standards of modern culture, and a university that fails to furnish such an education cannot hope to rank as one of the first classes. Responding to this necessity of the times and to the duty incumbent upon us under the law that requires us to establish and to maintain a university of the highest grade, the Regents have sought by every means in their power to so expand and develop the course of instruction here, that it would meet the practical wants of this utilitarian age and contribute its full quota to the substantial improvement and growth of this State and its immeasurable but undeveloped resources.

For instance, to that end we have tried to establish and equip a physical laboratory and school of applied science including mechanical and electrical engineering and the allied branches of scientific knowledge as applied to the wants and resources of our people and country. It has long been a subject of regret and reproach, as well as a source of actual pecuniary loss to the State, that none of the great mechanical inventions and discoveries that have given such splendor to the achievements of this age and country have been originated, or are capable of being utilized by our own citizens. Every great feat of engineering & skill, mechanical enterprise and manufacturing ingenuity, involving the practical application of the truths of physical science to the development of our great natural advantages

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must be inaugurated and carried to successful completion by imported talent and alien influences. Not an electric plant can be put in operation, nor a great factory built, nor a railroad projected and surveyed, nor an improved bridge erected in Texas but we must avail ourselves of the superior skill of foreign engineers and experts at a direct loss in money and pride to our own people, and to the reproach of our own standards of practical education. It is time these things should cease and that Texas should be educated at her own University upon a scale of proficiency and scientific learning commensurate with our own great capacities and in harmony with the highest achievements of current knowledge on all of these practical subjects.

"It is a great pain and with much solicitude for the efficiency of this institution as a factor in the civilization and growth of Texas, we succeeded in laying the foundations for this character of education for our capable and ambitious young men, and the last legislature appropriated a small and inadequate sum for the purpose of enabling us to extend and perfect the department of engineering in all of its modern applications. The money would have been spent, and its direct returns would have more than remunerated the State by way of fitting a number of our own students for the practical labors and enterprises so much needed among our people. But this appropriation has been denied us by what I can but regard as a mistake and shortsighted spirit of economy. The temporary financial difficulties of the State, induced by extravagance and wasteful expenditures in other departments of the government far less important and useful than the great institution, whose ^{success} is indispensable to the completion of our educational system, should not be allowed to cripple and cramp the development of this University, and the sooner the rising political influences in Texas are made to understand that fact the better it will be for the people and for the practical efficiency of higher education as the most valuable adjunct of their happiness and prosperity. We need also a library, whose working capacity is commensurate with the constant and increasing demands of our aspiring and worthy young men and women. This too has fallen a victim to the spirit of cautious economy. We need a fire proof building for its protection, and the main building of the institution awaits its tardy completion. All these things are practical and

Master's address

pressing needs, and the people themselves have a direct pecuniary interest in making this University so efficient and so complete in all its departments that it will repay the money expended for its endowment and support which it will readily do if not crippled and cramped in growth and aspirations. For the cultivation of the sentiment and intelligence among the people that will lead to a just appreciation of these necessities we must look to the alumni of the University.

"You, who today have received the final approval of your Alma Mater, will go out to join the ranks of those who are gone before among the citizenry of this great State. It is our pride to know, that like them you will soon become potent factors in shaping the public opinion and directing the legislation of your people. You have at your power to do much towards fostering an intelligent appreciation of the needs, the aims and possibilities of this institution as an actual and practical element in the rebuilding of the State's resources, the development of its natural wealth and the utilization of its vast industrial capabilities. It is your duty to your Alma Mater, to us and to your State, that you should go out for ever as evangelists in the cause of that efficiency and completeness in the University that will render it a blessing to the people and a source of incalculable increase in the real assets of the State's vigor, knowledge and power. We call upon every alumnus of the University to join us in the attempt to save the institution from that narrow and liberal policy that retards an appropriation for the betterment of its practical proficiency, as money wasted or postponed its expenditure indefinitely to meet the exigencies of a political emergency created by mismanagement or misprovidence in some other quarter."

Prof. Houston and your change

Agent Ball made the following statement, and motion, which was adopted: "It having been brought to the attention of the Board of Agents that certain statements were being publicly made by responsible parties to the effect that Professor Houston of the School of Political Science, had, during the course of several lectures delivered by him in advocacy of certain financial views he entertained used unpleasant epithets, coupled with arguments as to the doctrines held by that political party known as the 'Silver free coinage party'; and

Prof. Houston and

the Board being of the opinion that if said statements were true, said Professor should be admonished that the best interests of the University required that discussion of such political questions during the course of lectures by any professor should be conducted with all proper courtesy and respect for the opinions of others, and that he be further advised that the assumption of 'personal warfare and methods of discussion by any professor should be avoided; and that accordingly the Chairman of the Committee on Instructors be directed to interview Professor Houston personally, and ascertain if possible the truth of such statements, and that if they proved to be true that Prof. Houston be admonished to desist from any course that would be likely to excite political animosity or censure."

Agent Ball thereupon reported verbally that he had interviewed Prof. Houston in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and that the Professor had emphatically denied the statement to the effect that he had used the above, or any expressions, profanity, or epithets concerning the free silver party or measure, but on the contrary he said he simply attempted to state the arguments to his class on both sides of the controversy and had carefully refrained from expressing his own views either way concerning them. He further assured me, and promised me as an instructor, that as he believed it to be inadvisable to bring that topic prominently forward in his lectures he would in future if possible avoid all reference to it, at least during the present heated contest of the controversy on that subject.

A letter was read from Hon. A. J. Baker, State Land Commissioner, referring to his recommendation of Mr. J. L. Plaine for University Land Agent, and giving his own view as to matters affecting the management of the University Lands. The communication which is addressed to Agent Bryan was left with the Secretary for reference. Among other statements, alluding to Plaine's report upon the lands Commissioner Baker says: "The new school land law provides for prosecution by the State in cases of this kind, but the University lands are excluded as I take it, from the operation of that law, and again the law repeals all others touching the matter of leases sales and enclosures, thus making it

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a complete and exclusive case. If I am correct in this view, and I say to you that I am informed that the would be users are "out" this idea, they will probably not have much disposition to hurry into passing of the law. And nothing short of notice from the Board to get off or pay up will benefit your fund to a great extent.")

It appearing from the minutes of the Secretary that Regent Bracke had paid Mr. Blaine \$246 for services and expenses in examining and reporting upon the University lands. Regent Henderson moved and the motion carried that said amount be refunded to Regent Bracke to be paid out of any available fund of the University. Mr. Blaine appeared before the Board, desiring to make a statement additional to his written report on the University lands. Under the rules of the Board he was requested and agreed to make it at some other time as wishing.

The matter of an application just received from H. McCoy, Chickasha, Okla., representing the Miller Land and Cattle Company to lease 400 sections of Unalty Lands in Andrew County for 10 years at 2 1/2 acres per year was reported to the Land Committee.

The Board adjourned to meet again to-morrow.

Approved: Thos. B. Wooten Chairman
J. H. Ross, Secy

Next Day, Sep 6

The same members of the Board were present as on yesterday, with the addition of Regent Dwyer.

Regent Nathan stated that he had recently attended a meeting of the National Association of Teachers in Denver, and at that meeting an address was made by Dr. Baldwin, Professor of Pedagogy at this University, and that Dr. Wooten has since received a communication from Ex-Governor Roberts regarding that address which was delivered the day before he (Regt Nathan) reached Denver.

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The item, as published in the Galveston News, was read by the Secretary as follows:-

"Joseph Baldwin of Austin Texas treated the subject of 'Patricism of the Southland'. He said the people of the South rejoice to say that the 'lost cause' is a lost cause. The great question in the South is the lifting up of the colored man to citizenship, and it was being done. He spoke in defense of the whites in restricting the political rights of the blacks."

Regent Nathan explained that Dr. Baldwin was substituted for some one to whom the subject had been assigned. So he presumed it was not entirely an impromptu address. The letter of Gov. Roberts was read and thereupon Regent Dwyer moved that the minutes show that "the communication from Gov. Roberts was received and read, and that on motion the same was ordered to be filed with the Secretary of the Board." Regent Ball moved to amend by adding that "all the members of the Board present expressed their concurrence in the views stated therein, but at the same time the matter being without their jurisdiction, and the sentiments expressed by Dr. Baldwin appearing to be his individual sentiments alone, and on the lines of his topic, it is the opinion of the Board that no action be taken concerning the same."

The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was adopted.

Vice Chairman Nathan reporting to the Board that Chairman Hooker had appointed Prof. Haggner, Simons, and Taylor as a Committee in charge of Bracke Hall, on motion made and carried the appointments were ratified and the Committee was authorized to continue as the permanent Committee.

The Bond of J. B. Clark as Tutor of the University was read and on motion of Regent Bowart, was approved and ordered to be copied upon the minutes of the Board.

The bond is as follows:-

"Know all Men by these Presents, that we, James B. Clark, as principal, and R. H. Ellis, Walter Tipton and John Lee, all of the City of Austin, and State of Texas, acknowledge ourselves indebted to the State of Texas in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the payment of which we bind ourselves

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our heirs, executors and administrators, This the first day of July Anno Domini, Eighteen hundred and ninety five. On condition however, that where as the said James B. Clark has been elected Proctor of the University of Texas by the Board of Regents thereof, now, if the said James B. Clark will and truly perform all the duties pertaining to said office of Proctor, during his term of office, then obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

(Signed) James B. Clark, Principal, L.A. Ellis, Secretary,
Walter T. Fox, Secretary, John C. Fox, Secretary

Regent Prather suggested that the Board might, through the columns of the press get in communications setting forth the special advantages of the University lands. It might be well also to have circulars of that character for distribution at the Dallas fair, and get the Secretary to write up what he can get the papers to publish about them. Mr. Carter had stated to him that all the lands of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad were leased with conditions of 30 days notice for selling them. He said 3 cents was low enough for the University lands, and suggested that long leases would make them more desirable. Regent Ball said the President of the First World National Bank had called on him for information about leasing the lands. Regent Henderson moved that the Secretary be requested to prepare an article setting forth the advantages of the lands and have it published in the daily papers, and the Live Stock Journal with application from James P. Fitzhugh of Waco, relative to his purchase of some of the land was referred to the Land Committee. Regents Ball and Henderson were requested to prepare a form of applications and contracts for leasing the lands.

Executive Session

There was a short meeting of the Board in Executive Session, during which as stated to the Secretary for record in the minutes, a motion was adopted that Chairman Prather tender to Dr. B. Hume of Galveston, the Chair of Law Professor at a salary of \$3,000, coupled with the Presidency of the University and \$1,500 additional compensation on that account. After some conference by wire with him that gentleman modestly declined the offer with expressions of regret that his professional obligations, and local interests precluded his acceptance of the proffered honor.

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Following this there was also some conference by wire with Ex. Professor S. H. Miller on the same line, in which he replied that he was not in a situation to accept the position.

After Session being resumed, the Secretary presented a communication from Chairman Wooten, covering application from Professor H. A. Work of the Medical Department at Galveston asking for an assistant to his Chair in Clinical medicine, and recommending that the request be granted, which upon motion was done with the understanding that Dr. H. P. Cook, the party suggested by Dr. Work be appointed Lecturer in Clinical medicine to serve for one year, and without charge as proposed in Dr. Work's letter.

A letter was read from Professor Allen J. Smith, addressed to Regent Bryan of the Medical College Board, asking for an appropriation of \$250 for certain improvements for a laboratory of normal histology for the college. Dr. Smith proposed that the work be done and payment be made from an excess of fees outlined in the letter, and further proposed, in case he was mistaken in the estimate, to pay the sum himself, provided the Board will reimburse him the following year from fees of students, or earlier if convenient.

Motion by Regent Bryan was adopted that \$250 be allowed Dr. Smith to be paid out of excess of fees over the estimate, and upon the conditions stated in his letter.

Regent Ball requested the Secretary to furnish the Board with a tabular list of the terms of office of the several professors and assistants, showing their names, salaries, dates of election, and expirations of their terms of office.

The Provost of the Medical Department having inquired by letter to the Secretary when the salary of Miss Josephine Burke, an Instructor in that Department began, on motion of Regent Cowart it was directed that Miss Burke's salary commence June 30/95, the date of her election.

Plans for leases of University lands prepared by Regents Ball and Henderson, Cowart and Prather were read and approved, subject to such changes as Regent Brockmeier, Chairman of the Land Committee might suggest before being printed.

The Board adj. till to-morrow.

Approved Thos. D. Wooten Chairman
J. J. Rame, Secy.

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The following action was taken by the Board of Regents in Executive Session as reported to the Secretary of the Board:-

"The following Resolution was offered by Regent Ball and on motion was adopted:-

Whereas, the Board of Regents finds itself unable at the present meeting to select a President of the University, and whereas, in the interim which will ensue until a President can be elected, it is necessary that some member of the Faculty be chosen who shall exercise the functions & duties which have heretofore devolved upon the Chairman of the Faculty, in order that the affairs of the University may be properly administered in the interim; therefore be it Resolved that Dr. Leslie Waggoner, Professor of English, and former Chairman of the Faculty, be selected to take charge of said affairs and assume such duties until a President shall have been duly elected, and that his title shall be President ad interim - his functions and duties as such to cease and be determined as soon as the Board shall elect a President.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Board finds itself unable at the present session to fill the vacancy in the Law Department caused by the resignation of Prof. Childs, and whereas it is necessary that said Department be supplied with additional teaching force in the interim which will ensue until the Board can supply said vacancy; therefore be it Resolved that Prof. Jones and Butler be requested to select and appoint, subject to the approval of the Board an Instructor in said Department, who shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by said professors until said vacancy be filled or some other more suitable arrangement be made by the Board.

It was also moved and carried that the Committee on Instructors be charged with the duty, and clothed with the authority to take such steps as may be necessary to secure full information in regard to a suitable person for President of the University and also a suitable person for Professor of Law, and that they report their action and such information as they may require at the earliest time practicable to the Board.

The Board adjd. subject to call.

Approved - W. Wooten Chairman
J. J. Quinn Secy

January 14, 1896

Minutes of a Session of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas held Jan'y 14/17th 1896 in Austin.

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Tuesday Jan'y 14 -

The Board met in the Regents Room of the University at 10. a.m.

Present, Regents, Wooten (Chairman) Ball Bryan, Cowart, Anderson, Nathan and Thompson. Regent Drake was the only member absent was present during the afternoon.

The minutes of the last session as transmitted by the Secretary, but withheld from record to await revision by the Board were approved with amendments including a fuller statement as to the report of the Committee in the case of Prof. Houston and regarding then President Wooten's address to the graduating class at the last University Commencement exercises to be incorporated in full in part of the Minutes. The order as to President Wooten's address was made at his request, and the minutes are recorded with the address in full as ordered with the additions made and adopted. Dr. Waggoner, President ad interim of the University read various reports, and recommendations of the Faculty stating that a general written report would be made at the June meeting of the Regents.

In the case of Mr. E. D. Maxwell, a student of last year and candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science, which degree was not granted on account of a statement from Prof. Norman that Mr. Maxwell was not well up in his work in Biology & Dr. Waggoner explained that Mr. Maxwell had done equivalent work for what was required and stated that the Faculty had recommended that a diploma be granted to him as a graduate of the class of 1894-95 so that for reasons stated he could have his diploma dated for that session.

It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Visitation Committee who shall see Prof. Norman and report the facts to the Board and that further action be postponed till that report is received. Subsequently it was