SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS,

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1854.

MADISON:
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1855.
To His Excellency, Wm. A. Barstow,

Governor of the State of Wisconsin:

In accordance with the law I transmit to you, herewith, the seventh annual report of the Regents of the University, and have the honor to be,

Most Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN H. LATHROP,

President of the Board.
REGENTS' REPORT.

To the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin:

The Regents of the University make this, their seventh annual

REPORT:

That the portion of the educational interest of the state which has been committed to their care, has received, since the date of the last annual report, the attention which the importance and the exigencies of the trust seemed to demand.

The finances of the University have steadily improved during the past year. The original land endowment is, by sale and investment, passing into the productive form, and an additional grant from congress during the present session, will, when brought into the market, add materially to the educational capabilities of the Institution. The following schedule will set forth the financial condition of the University on the first of January, 1855.

RESOURCES.

Proceeds of University lands sold and invested, $161,000 00
Value of balance of same, (unsold,) 19,000 00
Probable value of recent grant, (unsold,) 120,000 00
Buildings and fixtures, 40,000 00
Grounds enclosed, 45,000 00
Library and Cabinet, 4,000 00

Total resources. $389,000 00
LIABILITIES.

Loan from School fund, $25,000 00  
do University fund, 15,000 00  
do J. D. Ledyard, 5,000 00  

Total liabilities, $45,000 00  

Balance $344,000 00

It will be seen, from the above statement, that the institution is now emerging from the embarrassments attendant on the period of converting a land endowment into a productive form, and erecting the buildings. The endowment, however, is, to the extent of one half, still unproductive; and the income of what is already productively invested is burdened with the payment of the annual interest on the debt incurred in the acquisition of the grounds, and the construction of the buildings. In addition to this, the payment of the principal itself of these liabilities, must be provided for from this same annual income. It is obvious that until the debt be discharged, a considerable portion of the annual revenue of the institution must be diverted to that use. It is, therefore, important that the statement of the gross ultimate capabilities of the University should not beget an impatience for immediate and brilliant results. A few years of cautious administration of its affairs will be necessary to disencumber its revenue of the debt which is now lying upon it, and to realize the whole land endowment in the productive form; enabling it to accomplish, in the cause of education, all that has been reasonably anticipated from an institution thus founded and thus endowed. Until such time, it is not the intention of the board to divert any portion of its income to the support of professional departments of Law and of Medicine. As the charter provides no building fund, aside from the income of the University endowment, it will be the general policy of the board not to proceed to the erection of the other buildings comprised in the plan, until the liabilities already incurred shall be discharged; and thereafter, only as surplus
means shall be accumulated in the treasury, not demanded for other and more important uses.

In the meantime, the attention of the board will be mainly directed to the advancement and completion of the department of "Science, Literature, and Arts," furnishing the means of liberal education to the young mind of the community. This department comprises preparatory and collegiate courses of instruction, tantamount to those prescribed in the older institutions of learning in the country. Select portions of these courses may be pursued in connexion with the regular classes, by those who do not design to prosecute their studies through to graduation.

At the beginning of the the year 1854, the Faculty of the University consisted of J. H. Lathrop, Chancellor and Professor of "Ethics, Civil Polity and Economy;" J. W. Sterling, Professor of "Mathematics and Natural Philosophy;" O. M. Conover, Professor of "Ancient Languages and Literature," and S. H. Carpenter, Tutor. The board at their last annual meeting made choice of S. P. Lathrop, M. D., of Beloit, to fill the chair of Chemistry and Natural History in the University; who entered on his duties in May, 1854, which he continued to dischare till near the close of the first term of the current collegiate year. By the decease of Professor Lathrop, on the 25th of December, the institution lost the services of an able and devoted officer, the agricultural interest, a scientific friend, and the State, a useful and influential citizen. The vacant canvassed the claims of candidates, to secure an intelligent and chair will be filled, as soon as the board shall have sufficiently safe choice. It will be a part of the plan of this department, to offer yearly instruction to agricultural classes in chemistry and its applications.

At their meeting in September, the board made choice of Professor Daniel Read, L. L. D., of Indiana State University, for the vacant chair of "Mental Philosophy, Logic, Rhetoric, and English Literature." The appointment has been accepted. The new Professor will be inaugurated at the next commencement, and will enter upon his duties at the opening of the next collegiate year in
September. This chair, ably filled, will add materially to the instructional force of the institution, to the benefit not only of the regular classes, but to the very great advantage of those who are pursuing select portions of the course, for business purposes, or in preparation for more useful and efficient employment in the public schools of the State.

The chair of modern languages still remains vacant; but provision has been made for special instruction in the German and French languages, by an appropriation of $300 per annum for that object. The executive committee have employed Dr. J. P. Fuchs to render this service to the institution, until the chair be filled. He is in the daily instruction of two classes, and the board have reason to believe that his instructions are highly and justly appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Carpenter resigned the tutorship at commencement in July, and his valuable services have been replaced by the appointment of Mr. A. L. Smith to fill the vacancy. Under his instructions, the preparatory department is in effective condition, and increased numbers are in a course of preparation for the college classes.

The loan of $15,000, from the principal of the University fund for building purposes, offered by the legislature at their last session, was accepted by the board; and is in process of application, in the erection of the second collegiate edifice. The work will be completed according to contract, on the first day of June next, and will be ready for occupation, at the opening of the next collegiate year in September. By reference to the report of the building committee, hereunto appended it will be seen that the cost of the work will exceed the amount of the loan by $3000. This deficit together with the cost of superintendence, furnaces, and fitting up of public rooms for use, amounting, in all, to not less than $4500, must be provided for out of the income of the present year. The diversion of so large a portion of the income to extraordinary uses, will compel the board to defer the appointment of a professor of modern languages, and the enlargement of the library, cabinet and apparatus, till the close of the year.
The available funds in the treasury of the board for the year 1855, will be as follows, (nearly):

Balance of income for '54, in state treasury, $1,129 15
Interest for 1855, on capital fund invested, ($161,146.91) $11,280 28
From tuition and room rent, 1,000 00
From sales of University addition, 400 00
Interest on probable sales of University lands for '55, 1,000 00

Total available funds for '55, $14,809 43

Disbursements as follows:
Interest on indebtedness ($45,000), 3,200 00
Salaries of Faculty, 5,375 00
Pay of Secretary, Treasurer and Janitor, 615 00
Wood, 300 00
Deficit of building fund, ($15,000) 4,500 00
Contingencies, 500 00

Total disbursements for 1855, $14,490 00

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1855, $319 43.

It is obvious from the above statement, that, in order to enable the institution to meet its liabilities, the whole of the income of the university fund for the year 1855, after reserving the interest on the two loans from the State, should be placed at the disposal of the board.

Preliminary measures were adopted by the board, at their September meeting, in reference to the supply of boarding for students within the college grounds. The want of some provision of this character has been already felt, and will become still more urgent as the institution shall continue to enlarge its patronage. The executive committee have been charged with carrying out the views of the board in this behalf, as soon as the means of the University will justify it.

From and after the present year, the income of the University from the original land endowment, will not vary much from $12,600 per annum. By additions from students and from other
sources, this sum will be extended to about $15,000. The pay of
the instructional force of the institution, when the chairs are all
filled, will be about $800.". Adding to this, $2000 for increase of
library, apparatus and scientific collections, and for contingencies,
the current expenditures of the institution will amount to some
$10,000 per annum; leaving a margin of $5000, for the payment
of interest and the gradual sinking of the debt.

During the present session of congress an additional grant of
seventy-two sections of land has been made, in further endow-
ment of the University. Of this grant, about forty sections have
been located, and the residue will be entered in the spring. Some
legislation may be necessary to protect these lands from intrusion
and trespass during the present year, and to provide against any
diminution of the fund by pre-emption claims. When the selec-
tions shall have been completed, it will be sufficiently early to
provide for their appraisal and sale.

After the reduction of this new grant to the productive form,
and the extinction of the debt, the annual income of the whole
endowment will not fall short of $22,000; and receipts from other
sources will swell this amount to $25,000. These conditions will
enable the board to carry on successfully the Collegiate, Normal
and Agricultural departments; to provide for the additional
structures without the accumulation of debt; to make yearly ad-
ditions to the apparatus, library, cabinet and other collections;
and finally to establish the professional schools of Law and Medi-
cine.

The board are advised that the Superintendent of Public In-
struction recommends an appropriation from the income of the
school fund for the support of a normal professor in the Univer-
sity, until the institution shall be able to assume the whole bur-
den of the department. Should this policy be adopted by the
legislature, the board will provide for the necessary room and fix-
tures, and co-operate with the Superintendent in placing the de-
partment in the most effective condition. A like temporary aid
would enable the board to give earlier effect to their design to
make the University the proper agricultural college for the State.
The term of service of Regents, Nathaniel W. Dean, Hiram Barber, Chauncey Abbott and Julius P. Atwood, expires during the present session of the legislature. The charter of the University devolves on the legislature the duty of filling these vacancies.

In order to a more detailed understanding of the condition and prospects of the University, the board append to this report the annual communication of the Chancellor, the reports of committees, and other relevant papers.

The board, in fine, present the University in a condition of substantial prosperity, and hope, by a careful administration of the important trust reposed in them, to be instrumental in extending its usefulness, and commending it to the affection and to the just pride of the commonwealth.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. LATHROP,
CHARLES DUNN,
J. D. RUGGLES,
ALEXANDER T. GRAY,
C. ABBOTT,
H. A. WRIGHT,
E. WAKELEY,
NELSON DEWERY,
E. M. HUNTER,
N. W. DEAN,
J. P. ATWOOD.
APPENDIX.
University of Wisconsin,
January 17, 1855.

To the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin:

In accordance with the statutes of the University, I would respectfully submit the subjoined view of the condition and progress of the institution, during the year ending December 31, 1854; and would suggest such measures for your consideration, as appear to me to be conducive to the great and interesting object of our common trust.

In laying the foundations of an institution of learning of the highest grade, public in character and administration, intended to perfect and to crown the system of public instruction for the State, it is important to consider that voluntary associations have already broken the ground, that well endowed and well officered denominational colleges, are in active and successful operation, offering advantages for the liberal education of the young mind of Wisconsin. All these efforts, beneficial in their immediate results, are of special interest to us, as preparing the way for a more ample harvest of distinction and usefulness to the University, provided, that by adequate public endowments, ample appointments, and wise administration, it be made to take its true position as the seat of liberal learning and professional culture for the young men of the State.

But it is obvious so remark, that the University, as a mere competitor with the colleges for public favor and patronage, derives no advantage whatever, from the mere fact of its State connexion. It is only by creating in the public mind the well founded conviction, that a higher style of education, both in practical value and in finish, may be obtained within its walls than can be furnished elsewhere, that the denominational bias, which has hitherto divided the efforts of the friends of liberal education, can be relaxed and finally overcome.

The best condition for the whole community, in this behalf, will be realized, when the state shall make ample provision for the
liberal education of all those who may desire it, leaving all deno-
nominational funds to the single work of the better professional
culture of those who are set apart to act as the moral and spiritual
guides of their fellow men. The charter of the university, for
reasons which are satisfactory to the community, makes no pro-
vision for a theological department; but it is quite obvious that
each of the religious denominations would wisely avail itself of a
competent state organization for the liberal education of its mem-
 bers, enabling itself, by saving all expense in that direction, to
give a completeness and perfection to its schools of theological
learning, which cannot be reached by the application of divided
funds. That the State University may be made to bear this desir-
able relation to denominational schools, requires nothing else than
ample public support and wise administration.

The plan of the university of Wisconsin, as set forth in its char-
ter, provides: 1, for the collegiate department of science, litera-
ture and arts; 2, of law; 3, of medicine; 4, of normal instruc-
tion. To this I am satisfied we must add a fifth, namely, a school
of the application of science to agriculture and the useful arts.

A state institution embracing all these departments, and sustain-
ing the above mentioned relations, constitutes the idea towards
which we are to labor up, and to which we should approximate as
the means in our hands and the material on which we are to work,
will permit.

During the period of converting our land endowment into a
productive fund, our operations have been necessarily limited by
the scantiness of our actual income, and the necessary diversion
of the larger portion of it, to the acquisition of grounds and the
erotion of the needful buildings. In the meantime, our organiza-
tion has been effectual to the preservation of the fund from dim-
ution, to the gathering of patronage, and the preparation of our
material for the prosperity which the university will doubtless
command in time to come.

Up to this time, our suit of public rooms has been inadequate
to university uses; our library and cabinet of Natural History
have been meagre; apparatus we have had none for chemical or philosophical demonstration, till the small purchase of the last year; several of our chairs of instruction are still vacant; and no movement has yet been made towards the organization of any other university school, than that of "Science, Literature and Arts."

The presentation of what remains to be done, to realize our idea of a state university, naturally brings us to an examination of the financial condition of the institution, present and prospective; the means now on hand, and hereafter to accrue, for completing the plan and accomplishing the ends of the trust.

The proceeds of the sales of the University lands of the original grant, when disposed of at their appraised value, will amount to about $180,000. The interest on sales and investments up to the first of January 1853, was barely sufficient to meet the interest on the liabilities of the Board contracted in the purchase of grounds and the erection of the first dormitory building. Since that period, sales have been rapid, and the productive fund accruing therefrom amounted, on the first day of January 1855, to $161,000. It is fair to presume that the residue of the university lands will be sold during the year, and the whole fund of about $180,000, will be realized in the productive form, by the first of January, 1856. On this supposition, the income of the fund for the next year will not fall short of $12,000.

The Faculty of the University, at the beginning of the year 1854, consisted of the Chancellor, who is acting Professor of "Ethics, Civil Polity, and Political Economy;" the Professor of "Mathematics and Natural Philosophy;" the Professor of "Ancient Languages and Literature;" and a Tutor. The chair of Chemistry and Natural History was subsequently filled by the appointment of Professor S. P. Lathrop, of Beloit College, who entered on his duties, in the University, early in June, and continued to render his very valuable services in that department, till disabled by the disease which terminated his useful life, on the 25th of December. At the September meeting of the Board, Professor Daniel Read
now of the University of Indiana, was chosen Professor of "Mental Philosophy, Logic, Rhetoric and English Literature," his term of office to commence on the first of August 1855.

I am happy to be able to announce to the board, that the appointment has been accepted. The accession of Prof. Read will add greatly to the instructional force of the institution, and will, in the most satisfactory manner, as I doubt not, supply what has been felt all along to be a manifest and decided want in our organization. He may be expected to deliver his inaugural address at our next commencement. At the same meeting of the board, the executive committee was authorized to employ a teacher in the German and French languages, at a charge of not more than $300 per annum; as a temporary arrangement, until the chair of modern languages and literature should be permanently filled. The committee have been so fortunate as to secure the services of Dr. I. P. Fuchs in this department, who will be a candidate for the chair of modern languages and literature, whenever the board shall proceed to an election. His instructions have been, thus far, thoroughly and successfully rendered.

During the past year about $900 have been expended for chemical and philosophical apparatus by order of the board, and about $300 for the benefit of the library and cabinet.

The apparatus was selected with great care by Professor Lathrop personally, from the shops of the best makers in Boston and New York. We have adopted the rule in the purchase of apparatus, whether the appropriation be great or small, to procure instruments of decidedly good quality; so that the apparatus when complete, shall be serviceable, and well adapted to the purposes of analysis and illustration.

An entire suit of New York fossils has been added to the cabinet, and a large variety of those of Ohio and Illinois.

The library has been increased by purchases to a small amount, and by the valuable attentions of Senator Dodge, and Hon. B. C. Eastman, and others of our delegation in congress.

On the completion of the edifice now in progress, the apparatus,
library, and cabinet, will be removed to the large and commodious rooms to be prepared for them and it is to be hoped that the revenue of the institution will enable the board to make annual appropriations for the extension of these aids to instruction, essential as they are to the credit and usefulness of the University.

The death of Professor Lathrop will devolve on the board the necessity of filling the vacancy in the chair of "Chemistry and Natural History." The late incumbent had acquired a Wisconsin reputation, and was enjoying the growing good will of the farming interest of the state. In these respects the loss we have sustained cannot be at once repaired. But it is obvious that the institution is greatly interested to find in his successor, whoever he may be, the ability and the will to make this department of the University an efficient aid to popular culture in the philosophy of agriculture and the useful arts. As much of the usefulness and distinction of the University will depend on the choice of the professor in this department, I would recommend that a committee of correspondence be appointed to procure testimonials and to make report to the board at their meeting in July, at which meeting a permanent appointment may be made in season for the instructions of the next collegiate year, commencing in September. For the present year I would recommend that such sum, as the board may deem expedient, be placed at the disposal of the executive committee, with instructions to provide a special course on chemistry, of some ten or twelve weeks, during such portion of the present year as they may deem expedient.

On obtaining the loan of $15,000 from the principal of the University fund, the building committee, as instructed by the board, proceeded to the erection of the second dormitory building. The contract was let at $18,000, and the deficit of the loan, together with the incidental expenses of the superintendence, and the fitting up of the public rooms must be supplied, if no other fund be provided, from the income of the present year—a charge which will not amount to less than $4,000, in all. On account of this extra burden on our income, I would not recommend the filling of
the chair of modern languages before our next annual meeting, and I refrain from suggesting the appropriations which are greatly needed for the enlargement of the library and the cabinet, and of the philosophical and chemical apparatus.

I submit the following estimate, in order to a proximate understanding of the financial condition of the Institution for the year 1855.

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<td>2. Interest on loan from university fund</td>
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<td>3. Interest on loan from J. D. Ledyard</td>
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<td>4. Salary of Chancellor</td>
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<td>5. Salary of Prof. of Mathematics, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>7. Salary of Prof. of Mental Philosophy, &amp;c. (one quarter)</td>
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Total current expenditures, including interest on loans 9,690 00
Add deficit of building fund 4,000 00
Total 13,890 00

To meet these expenditures, the Treasurer estimates the available funds for the use of the university, for the year 1855,

At ........................................................ $13,248 32
Add for tuition, &c. (under-estimated) ............... 300 00
Add for interest on probable sales in 1855 .......... 1,000 00

Total available funds for 1855 14,548 32
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1855 .................. $ 558 32

I have made this detailed statement, which I trust will be found substantially correct, of the probable receipts and disbursements of the treasury for the current year, in accordance with an act of the legislature requiring it, as the basis of a specific appropriation of our revenue, to meet the specified wants of the University. It
is obvious from the statement, that the wants of the University require that its whole revenue should be placed at the disposal of the board.

As the annual income of the University fund is accumulated in the State Treasury on the first of January, and as the claims on the Treasury of the University are liable to be presented from time to time throughout the year, it is desirable that some uniform system of removing our money from the State Treasury into the treasury of the board, should be devised and established by law. On this subject, I will take the liberty to make one or two suggestions: 1. That the warrants, drawn in accordance with our by-laws on the treasurer of the board, be made payable quarterly, say on the first of January, April, July and October; and that on these several days, an order be drawn by the board, if in session, or by the executive committee during recess, on the State Treasurer, in favor of the Treasurer of the University, of sufficient amount to meet outstanding warrants; or 2. If it be thought advisable that all university warrants shall be payable directly from the State Treasury, this object may be effected by a law directing the State Treasurer to pay such warrants, when endorsed by the treasurer of the board. Some settled practical rule on this subject, seems to me to be very desirable.

The subject of the supply of board for students, is a matter of paramount importance, in its bearing on the patronage of the University. It is unwise to rely entirely on the disposition of private house holders to extend accommodations to students. Limited as our numbers have hitherto been, much difficulty has been experienced in this behalf, and as the university will soon come into a condition to command extended patronage, the inadequacy of this reliance for supply, will place the institution under very great disadvantage. It is quite certain that some plan must be adopted, through which young men, proposing to enter the university, may have the assurance of being able to obtain suitable board at moderate prices. The old usage of bringing all the students into a commons hall, as a part of the regimen of the institution, has been
generally abandoned by the older colleges, as unfavorable to good order, and perhaps equally so to good manners and good morals. All that I would recommend, is a common dining room for the accommodation of some of the families of the Faculty and such of the students as may prefer that arrangement to seeking board in private families, the charges merely covering expenses. A club room may be attached, for the accommodation of those who may desire to board themselves. In accordance with the favorable action of the Board, in this behalf, at their August meeting, the extreme south wing of the new building will be finished with reference to residence. To carry out the residue of the plan, would require but a small comparative outlay. Considering the importance of the subject, it is worthy of consideration, whether the means of accomplishing it may not be provided within the present year. The surplus revenue of the year 1856 will be more than sufficient for this purpose, and this will be in the treasury on the first of January of that year.

The Superintendent of public instruction recommends, in his report to the legislature, the appropriation of a sufficient sum annually, from the income of the school fund, for the support of the normal Professor in the University. Should the legislature adopt this policy, which appears to me to be sound and unobjectionable, the board will be able to open that important department of the institution as early as the beginning of the next year, and make it the dispenser of the normal instruction for the State. Some arrangement for the professional education of the teachers of the State is a present necessity. It is doubtless a much better economy for the cause of popular education to accomplish this end through this University department, than to throw upon the school fund the outlay necessary for originating and endowing a separate normal school; which, after all, could not be reasonably expected to do its work so well. A yearly appropriation from the income of the school fund of $1,500, in support of the normal department of the University, would secure the end, while a new organization would require, in charges for maintenance and interest on outlay, several times that amount annually.
The adoption of the policy recommended by the Superintendent will devolve upon the board, among other duties, that of providing forthwith for a separate preparatory school; so that the present University buildings shall be devoted entirely to the uses of the collegiate and the normal departments. A movement is now being made in Madison for the establishment of an academic or union school, with departments adapted to all grades of instruction, up to a full preparation of the higher classes for the University. I would recommend that the executive committee be instructed to negotiate an arrangement with the directors of this enterprise, through which the classical department of the school may do our preparatory work. I have no doubt that the connexion may be so arranged as to be highly beneficial, both to the school and to the university, and may be made to accomplish, in the best manner, all that we desire in this behalf.

The committee, to which was referred the proposition of a portion of our fellow-citizens to endow, in part, in the University, a chair of Scandinavian Language and Literature, reported to the August meeting of the board of ordinance, to carry into effect, conditionally, the objects of those who are interested in the movement. I am of opinion, on mature reflection, that the acceptance of the offer on the conditions specified in the ordinance, would be just to those who have made it, and advantageous to the institution.

The University is under great and lasting obligation to those of our fellow-citizens, who have, from time to time, interposed their private or their official services, not only to save the original endowment from the danger to which it was at some times exposed of ruinous depreciation, but also to bring to a successful termination, our application for a new grant of lands of equal amount with the first. The bill, securing to us this additional endowment, became a law early in the present session of Congress; and a large proportion of the locations, made in anticipation of the grant, are understood to have been secured to the institution. The residue will be located in the spring. It is a question for the board to consider, what legislation may be desirable to bring
these lands early into the market and to secure to the trust their full value. If appraised at an average of $3 per acre, a proportion of them would meet with a ready sale, and the entire grant would yield the sum of $138,240. It can hardly be doubted that, by thrifty management, this sum may be realized within five years; and my observation of the chances to which university lands are exposed, leads me to doubt whether we may not be losers by aiming at a larger amount. A fair appraisal next summer, on the basis of a minimum of $2.50 per acre, would perhaps distribute even justice to the University and to the settler.

Taking the value of the original endowment, as before stated, at . . . . . $180,000
And of the recent grant, at . . . . . 138,240

We make the whole endowment . . . . . 318,240

After the completion of the edifice now in process of erection, including the boarding accommodations mentioned above, with the addition of what fixtures may be requisite for the Normal department, I should recommend that no more building be undertaken, until, by the application of the surplus income of the institution as a sinking fund, the entire debt, incurred thus far, be paid off, leaving the institution in the unencumbered ownership of its buildings and grounds, and a clear productive fund of at least $300,000. When this condition shall be realized, and not before, shall I deem it advisable to proceed to the erection of the main edifice contemplated in our plan of building, and to the establishment of the departments of law and medicine. In the mean time, our resources will be sufficient to a gradual development of the collegiate, normal and agricultural departments of the institution, by filling, with competent and devoted men, the necessary chairs of instruction, and by surrounding them with those subsidiary appliances which distinguish the older educational institutions of the country—a complete apparatus for analysis and demonstration in the experimental branches of science,” an extensive and well assorted library, and copious collections of natural specimens illus-
trative of the sciences of observation. A very few years of judi-
cious administration will perfect the organization of the Universi-
ty, carry it forward to a vigorous maturity, disencumber its en-
dowment, and secure to it a perpetual annual income of at least
$21,000. This work, gentlemen, is yours; yours will be the hon-
or, and, what is better, the consciousness of having done duty to a
very great and interesting public trust.

All which, &c.,

J. H. LATHROP.
To the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin:

The executive committee would respectfully report, that in discharge of the duties assigned to them by the by-laws, they have, at their monthly and special meetings, audited such accounts as have been brought before them for their examination; and have made and executed such orders as the interests of the institution seemed to require.

The authority conferred on the committee by the board at their August meeting, to provide for instruction of the University classes in German and French, at a charge of not more than $300 per annum, has been executed by the employment of Dr. T. P. Fuchs, who is now discharging duty in that service with fidelity, and, as the committee learn, to the entire satisfaction of his colleagues and his pupils.

A vacancy in the tutorship having occurred by the resignation of Mr. S. H. Carpenter at the commencement in July, the committee made choice of Mr. A. L. Smith, a graduate of the Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut, at the salary established by the board in 1852. His term of service commenced in September, and he is now in the active and acceptable discharge of the duties of his office.

In obedience to the order of the board at their February meeting, the executive committee have audited all the estimates of the building committee, of work done and materials furnished by Messrs. Bird and Larkin, contractors for the construction of the second University edifice. No drafts have been made on the State treasury for any portion of the loan for building, except on such estimates, audited and approved by the executive committee.
For the further understanding of the doings of the committee, they herewith present the record of their proceedings, for the inspection of the board.

All which is respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.
January 17, 1855.

J. H. LATHROP,
C. ABBOTT,
N. W. DEAN,
J. D. RUGGLES,
H. A. WRIGHT,
Committee.
REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Regents of the University of Wisconsin:

The building committee respectfully

REPORT,

That in pursuance of the instructions of the board at their February meeting, the committee advertised for bids for the construction of the second dormitory building on the foundation previously laid. The contract was awarded to Messrs. A. A. Bird and W. Larkin, who, with good and sufficient securities undertook to complete the building and deliver the key on the first day of June 1855, for the sum of $18,000. The work has progressed under the supervision of a competent superintendent, and is in such a state of forwardness, that no doubt is entertained of its completion to the acceptance of the committee by the first of June 1855, according to contract. Much credit is due to the contractors for the character of the work thus far.

The north half of the edifice will contain sixteen study rooms, with bedrooms and closets attached. In the other portion of the building north of the south entry are four public rooms, (one in each story) 36 feet by 23; on the lower floor, the laboratory; on the second, the cabinet of minerals and specimens in other departments of physical science; on the third, the philosophical chamber, and on the fourth, the library. The extreme south wing is to be finished for residence, or for occupation as for studies, as may be deemed expedient.

Monthly estimates have been made, as the work has progressed, and submitted to the executive committee for approval; and a sufficient sum has been reserved to insure the completion of the work according to contract.
Provision has been made for the further improvement of the grounds in the spring, by the plantation of ornamental and fruit trees, and by such other modes as shall be within the means of the committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. LATHROP,
N. W. DEAN,
H. A. WRIGHT,
Committee.

January 17, 1855.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin:

The undersigned, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully

REPORTS:

That since the 31st day of December, A. D. 1853, there has been received into the Treasury of the University, the following items of money, to wit:

From State Treasurer income of University fund $0,800 00
   do Tuition bills collected 643 58
   do Arrearages collected 13 50
   do Commissioner on sales of lots 490 97
Balance in Treasury at above date 281 15

Total 8,229 20

There has been received from the State Treasurer in part of the fifteen thousand dollar loan, the sum of 12,735 33

Total 20,964 53

During the same time there has been paid out upon the orders of the Sec'y to Messrs. Bird & Larkin, on account of Dormitory building, the sum of $11,666 23

On account of salaries, incidental expenses, interest on loan, &c. 8,279 13 19,945 36

Balance in Treasury 1,019 17

Vouchers of the above disbursements are herewith returned to the Board for their inspection and further action thereon.

The available funds for the use of the University for the year 1855, will not vary far from the following statement, which is the best estimate that I can make, from such information as I can obtain, viz:

Balance in Treasury $1,019 17
   do do State Treasury of income of 1854 1,129 15
Income for 1855 10,000 00
   do Tuition and room rent 700 00
   do Receipts, from sales in University addition 400 00

Total 13,248 32

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SIMEON MILLS,
Treasurer Wis. University.

MADISON, Dec. 31, 1854.
The undersigned, one of the standing committees of the Board of Regents, established for the following purpose, do hereby respectfully report: That we did, on the 9th day of January 1855, meet at the office of the Secretary of said Board, and proceed to compare the warrants issued by said Secretary with the records and papers on file in this office as vouchers therefor; and also the account of the Treasurer of said Board with the warrants drawn on him by the Secretary aforesaid, and we do hereby certify to said Board that we found the same correct and true.

We further report that we did, at the same time, cancel warrants paid by the Treasurer aforesaid, since the date of his last report, and now surrendered for that purpose, in the sum of $19,945 36.

J. T. CLARK, Sec'y B'd. Regt's,
Auditing Committee.

Madison, January 17, 1855.
Statement of Warrants, to whom and for what issued, since the date of the last report:

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J. T. CLARK,
Secretary.
To the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin:

The undersigned, commissioner for the sale of lots in the university addition to the village of Madison

REPORTS:

That since the 21st day of December, A. D. 1853, there has been sold in said addition, lots as follows to wit:

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Deduct 5 per cent. commission for selling $55 00

Balance paid into Treasury $373 50

I have also collected upon sales previously made, the following sums of money, to wit:

From A. W. Dickson, $38 87

" Michael Flanigan, 31 00

" Thomas McGlynn, 14 10

" John Conklin, 8 00

" M. B. Rogers, 10 00

" Jas. Dowling 15 00

$117 47

Total amount paid into Treasury $490 97

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON MILLS, Commissioner.

December 31, 1854.
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

STATE UNIVERSITY, MADISON, WIS.

February 16th, 1855.

JNO. H. LATHROP, L. L. D.,

Pres. of Board of Regents, &c.

The undersigned respectfully reports, as follows:

During the past year 244 volumes were added to the University Library. Of this number, only 64 volumes were purchased, all of which are works of great value. Among them is the Edinburgh Encyclopedia, in 21 volumes.

The following list will show to whom the acknowledgements of the University are due for donations:

We have received

From Congress, Public Documents, 41 vols.
do Hon. B. C. Eastman, do 11 do
do Hon. A. C. Dodge, do 7 do
do Hon. H. Dodge, do 14 do
do Hon. I. P. Walker, do 1 do
do Hon. Hiram Barber, Baxter's Works, 2 do
do State of New York, Public Doc. &c., 15 do
do Smithsonian Ins., Publications, 8 do
do Pratt Woodford & Co., School Books, 60 do
do Gould & Lincoln, do 10 do
do Robt. J. Davis & Co., do 3 do
do Geo. P. Putnam & Co., do 3 do
do A. Lapham, Esq., do 2 do
do J. H. Gurney, Esq., Life of J. J. Gurney, 2 do
do Calvin Cutter, Esq., Physiology & Plates, 1 do

In addition to depositories in the cabinet by the State Geologist, the thanks of the Institution are due to Ebenezer Brigham, Esq., of Blue Mounds, for the contribution of a box of very choice specimens; also to J. T. Clark, Esq., of this town, and to Messrs. Geo. R. Stuntz and A. A. Parker, of Superior, Wis., for valuable favors.

J. W. STERLING,

Librarian, &c.
CATALOGUE
OF THE
FACULTY AND STUDENTS
OF
WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 27th, 1854.
FACULTY
OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE AND ARTS.

JOHN H. LATHROP, L. L. D., CHANCELLOR,
And Professor of Ethics, Civil Polity and Political Economy.

JOHN W. STERLING, A. M.,
Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

S. P. LATHROP, M. D., *
Professor of Chemistry and Natural History.

O. M. CONOVER, A. M.,
Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature.

DANIEL READ, L. L. D.,
Professor (elect) of Mental Philosophy, Logic, Rhetoric, and English Literature.

S. H. CARPENTER, A. B., Tutor. †

T. P. FUCHS, M. D.
Instructor in German and French Languages.

* Deceased. Vacancy will be filled in July.
† Succeeded by Augustus L. Smith, A. B.
# Students

## Seniors

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## Sophomores

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## Freshmen

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* Graduated in July.
ENGLISH CLASSES.
[On select portions of the course.]

Names.
Robert W. Burns,
William R. Burns,
Napoleon Campbell,
George Chase,
Harmon Chase,
Robert K. Cornell,
John F. Cramer,
George Henry,
Lewis B. Hudson,
William H. Larkin,
George H. Marcher,
James McCaskey,
John McKay,
Frederick M. McKenzie,
John Reynolds,
John S. Slichtam,
Alvin Smith,
W. L. F. Smith,
John H. Toland,
Lawrence Walsh,

Residence.
Prairie La Crosse.
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Columbus O.
Milwaukee.
Waterloo.
Elbredge, N. Y.
Milwaukee.
Mineral Point.
Milton.
Madison.
Delaware.
Florence.
Madison.
Palmyra.
Madison.
Madison.
Waterloo.
Madison.
Erin.
Westport.
PREPARATORY CLASSES.

Marcus Brush,
Wm. W. Church,
Gasherie Decker,
Wm. Fisher,
Edward B. Guild,
James Haynes,
Richard W. Hubbell,
Thomas D. Kanouse,
Edwin N. Larkin,
Edwin Marsh,
William R. McHugh,
George R. Powers,
Wm. P. Powers,
James R. Swain,
Julius V. R. Swain,
COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

1. Preparatory School.

The studies pursued in the Preparatory Department are as follows:

1. English Grammar.
2. Geography.
3. Arithmetic.
4. Elements of Algebra.
5. Latin Grammar.
6. Cæsar’s Commentaries.
7. Virgil’s Æneid, (6 books.)
8. Cicero’s Select Orations.
9. Greek Grammar.
10. Greek Reader.

Attention will also be paid to Reading, Orthography, and Penmanship.

2. Collegiate Department.

The College Course occupies four years, and the studies of the course are distributed as follows:

FRESHMAN CLASS.

FIRST TERM.

Roman History,—Livy.
“ Antiquities,—Bojesen.
Algebra,—Loomis.
Greek Historians,—Herodotus.

SECOND TERM.

Latin Poetry, with Prosody,—Odes of Horace.
Algebra finished, Geometry begun.
Greek Historians,—Xenophon.
THIRD TERM.

Horace,—Satyres and Epistles.
Geometry finished.
Greek Historians,—Thucydides.
Exercises throughout the year in written Translation, Composition and Declamation.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

FIRST TERM.

Plane Trigonometry, Logarithms, &c. &c.—Loomis.
Cicero de Oratore.
German, or
Greek Poetry and Prosody,—Homer.

SECOND TERM.

Analytical Geometry begun.
German or Greek Orators.
Cicero de Oratore.
Rhetoric and Elocution.

THIRD TERM.

Roman History,—Tacitus.
Analytical Geometry, finished, Calculus.
Classical or Modern Languages—optional.
History, with Geography and Chronology.
Exercises throughout the year in English and Latin Composition and Elocution.

JUNIOR CLASS.

FIRST TERM.

Ethics—Wayland.
Roman History—Tacitus.
Calculus—Mechanical Philosophy.
SECOND TERM.

Natural Philosophy.
Greek or Modern Languages—optional.
Civil Polity and Constitutional Law—lectures.
International law—lectures.

THIRD TERM.

Natural Philosophy—finished.
German or Latin (Germania and Agricola)—optional.
Political Economy—Say.
Exercises throughout the year in Composition, Declamation, and Forensic Debate.

SENIOR CLASS.

FIRST TERM.

Mental Philosophy.
Natural History.
Christian Evidences.
Classical Literature.

SECOND TERM.

Optics—Astronomy begun.
Chemistry—lectures.
Logic.

THIRD TERM.

Select Latin—classical literature.
Astronomy finished.
Philosophy of Language—criticism.
Botany and Philosophy.
Exercises throughout the year, in original Orations, and Forensic Debate.

Young gentlemen desirous of pursuing select portions of the course will be admitted to the recitations and other exercises of regular classes, and will be entitled to certificate of the term of membership and of the studies pursued by them. This provision
extends the benefits of university instruction to the teachers of the public schools of the State, and those who intend the practice of Agriculture and the Arts.

**Terms of Admission.**

Candidates for admission to the Freshman class must pass a satisfactory examination in all the studies of the preparatory school or their equivalents.

Candidates for advanced standing are also examined in all the studies to which the class they propose to enter have attended.

All applicants must present testimonials of good moral character; and students coming from other colleges a certificate of honorable dismissal.

**Recitations, &c.**

Each class of the collegiate department attends three recitations or lectures daily. There are also daily exercises in declamation and composition. Public examinations and exhibitions are held at the close of each term.

**Library Apparatus, &c.**

The Library, which is open to all the students of the university, comprises over 1200 volumes, and will receive yearly additions by the purchase of the most valuable standard works.

The university is possessed of a valuable cabinet of minerals; comprising numerous specimens. Contributions of an interesting character continue to be made by the State Geologist, and from other sources. A full suit of New York fossils, and valuable geological collections from Ohio and Illinois, have been added to cabinet during the year.

One thousand dollars were last year appropriated for the purchase of Philosophical and Chemical apparatus, and additions will be made, from year to year.

**Literary Societies.**

There are two Literary societies connected with the university. These are valuable auxiliaries in the mental training of the students. One of them has already a library of several hundred volumes.
MERIT ROLL.

A permanent record is kept of the daily attendance, conduct and recitation of each student; and information of his standing communicated from time to time to his parent or gurdian.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The students are assembled at prayers "daily in the chapel" of the university, at the morning hour for commencing study and recitation.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS.

The university edifice, in addition to the public rooms for recitation, Library, Cabinet, &c, affords study and lodging rooms for the ample accomodation of students.

With a view to economy as well as the comfort of the occupants, provision is made for heating the building throughout by furnaces in the basement.

TERMS.

The collegiate year is divided into three terms, or sessions of thirteen weeks each, beginning as follows:
1. The third Wednesday of September.
2. The first Wednesday of January.
3. The fourth Wednesday of April.
Commencement Anniversary, the fourth Wednesday of July.

EXPENSES.

Tuition, per term, $4.00
Room, Heat, Janitors service, per term. 3.00
Contingencies, 0.00

Total per term, $7.00
Total per term, (three terms,) 21.00

These comprise all the University charges, except for actual damage done by the student. Occasions for this item of charge are very rare.
It is provided in the by-laws, that no student shall be admitted by the Chancellor to residence in the buildings, or to the exercises of any term, till he present a certificate from the treasurer, that the charges for the term have been adjusted, in advance.

The second dormitory building will be completed and all the chairs of instruction will be filled during the current year. Provision is also to be made for boarding, on the College premises, at moderate rates. The next scholastic year will open on the third Wednesday of September, with ample accommodations for students, and greatly enlarged means of instruction.

Through the chairs of Chemistry and Natural History, and Mental Philosophy, Logic, Rhetoric, and English Literature, provision will be made for the annual instruction of classes in Agricultural Science, and in the theory and practice of teaching.

The Board, at their February meeting, passed an ordinance establishing a Department of Medicine in the University. The chairs will be filled and the school opened at an early day.

It is the fixed intention of the University authorities that all the means at their command shall be so administered as to aid the diligent and successful student, and to secure to the institution a just public confidence and support.
ORDINANCE.

Providing for the organization of the Department of "Medicine" in the University of Wisconsin, passed February 10, 1855.

The Regents of the University of Wisconsin do ordain, as follows:
1. That there be, hereby, constituted in said University, a Faculty of "Medicine," to consist of the Chancellor, and such Professors as may be, from time to time chosen, to occupy the following chairs of instruction, to wit:
   1. Anatomy and Physiology.
   3. Theory and Practice of Medicine.
   5. Chemistry and Pharmacy.
   6. Materia Medica and Botany.

2. The emoluments of said professorships shall be derived from the fees of tuition without any recourse whatever to the treasury of the University; and no money shall be drawn from the said treasury for the support of the Department of Medicine, until the existing debt be paid, and the institution be in the enjoyment of a clear income from the endowment of, at least, $12,000, per annum.

3. All appointments to the above chairs shall be made by the Regents of the University, and the professors shall hold office during the pleasure of the board.

4. The Medical Faculty shall have power to elect a Dean of the Faculty, a Treasurer, Secretary and other necessary officers, agents, and assistants; to prescribe their duties; to fix the fees of tuition, and to provide for the welfare of the department, by by-laws not inconsistent with this ordinance and the charter of the University.

5. The Medical Faculty shall hold their terms, and deliver their instructions in the town of Madison.

6. A Board of Examiners, consisting of four members of the profession of the degree of M. D., shall be annually appointed by the Regents, whose duty it shall be to attend the closing exercises of each term of instruction, to make diligent examinations of the candidates for graduation, and to report their qualifications to the board of Regents.

7. Candidates for graduation in this department of the University shall not be less than twenty-one years of age; shall be of good moral character; shall have had two years of private pupilage and have attended two courses of lectures, or shall have attended three courses of lectures without previous private pupilage, (the last course in either case in this department); shall have passed a satisfactory examination, and, if required, shall have written and defended a thesis on some medical subject before the board of examiners.

8. Candidates, with the above qualifications, shall, on recommendation of the examiners, be entitled to the degree of M. D., in course; which shall be conferred, at the Annual Commencement of the University, by diploma, without charge.