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Minutes of the Board of Trustees

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Bold	Text inserted or corrected in the original manuscript (e.g., a later interlineation).
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Page 2 — Front Endpaper

Marbled decorative endpaper (front pastedown). Printed stationer's label reads:

“HENRY ANSTICE, Stationer, and Manufacturer of ACCOUNT BOOKS, cor. Nassau & Cedar-Sts. ‘Opposite the Post-Office.’”

Editorial note: No handwritten content on this page.

Page 3 — Reverse of Endpaper

Editorial note: Reverse side of the marbled endpaper. No text.

Page 4 — Title Flyleaf

Pencil inscription, top center: **“Vol. I”** (clearly legible, underlined).

Editorial note: A faint line of pencil marks/scribbles appears mid-page. On close inspection these appear to be ink bleed-through / offset ghosting from the facing page rather than writing on this page itself — not legibly transcribable.

Editorial note: A faint pencil cursive signature or note appears at the bottom left, roughly reading “___ Seminary.” Too degraded to transcribe with confidence.

Page 5 — Chancery Court Exhibit Cover Sheet

Editorial note: Not blank. This page is unrelated in form to the surrounding college records — it is a cover sheet for an exhibit filed in a New Jersey Chancery Court case, apparently bound into this volume rather than a minute or by-law entry.

In Chancery of New Jersey.

Between Michael Reeps *(name uncertain — possibly "Keeps" or "Reap")* and others, Complainants, and The Trustees of Burlington College and others, Defendants.

Exhibit G — ex parte Complainants — produced by Reuben J. Germain upon notice, January 23, 1855, before me, John M. Rodgers, M.C.C. *(likely "Master in Chancery")*

Editorial note: The complainant's surname is written in a flourished hand and is genuinely ambiguous between "Reeps," "Keeps," and "Reap." Worth checking against period New Jersey Chancery records if the case matters for your purposes. Note also that this Reuben J. Germain likely corresponds to the "Reuben S. Germain" named among the incorporating trustees on page 11 — possibly the same person with a middle initial misread on one of the two pages.

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Editorial note: All five pages are blank, with no visible text, offset ghosting, or annotations of any kind.

Page 11 — Act of Incorporation (State of New Jersey)

State of New-Jersey.

An Act to incorporate Burlington College.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, that George Washington Doane, Garret D. Wall, Isaac B. Parker, Reuben S. Germain, Benjamin I. Haight, John D. Ogilby, Edmund D. Barry, Richard S. Field, Elias B. D. Ogden, William Wright, Richard W. Howell, George P. McCulloch, James Parker, Charles King, James Potter, Garrit S. Cannon, Jonathan I. Spencer, John Joseph Chetwood, Thomas P. Carpenter, Jeremiah C. Garthwaite, Abraham Browning, George Y. Morehouse, William Halsted, Daniel B. Ryall and their successors, being members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be and they are hereby constituted a Body politic and Corporate by the name of “The Trustees of Burlington College” and by that name shall have perpetual Succession, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and may purchase and hold property, whether acquired by purchase, gift or devise, and whether real, personal or mixed; and may make and have a corporate Seal, and the same break and alter at their pleasure; and shall have all other rights belonging to similar Corporations by the Law of this State.

2. And be it enacted. That the object of said Association is hereby declared to be the advancement of education.

3. And be it enacted. That the entire management of the affairs and concerns of the said Corporation, and all the corporate powers hereby granted, shall be and hereby are vested in a Board of twenty four Trustees a majority of whom shall always *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: “Reuben S. Germain” and “Garrit S. Cannon” — the middle initials/surnames are ambiguous in the flourished script; worth checking against a printed source if these names matter.*

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Page 13 — Act of Incorporation, continued (numbered “2”)

...be citizens and inhabitants of this State; and a Majority of the Trustees shall constitute the necessary Quorum for the transaction of all business matters connected with the said institution; the Persons named in the first Section of this Act to be the first Trustees; the Governor of the State for the time being, to be also a Trustee, ex officio; and the President of the Board: Provided that the President or other Principal Officer, by whatever name called, of the said College, shall always be a Trustee and Citizen and inhabitant of this State.

4. And be it enacted, That the Trustees shall hold their first Meeting at the call of the Trustee first named, and shall have power from time to time to enact By-Laws, not repugnant to the Constitution or Laws of the United States or of this State, or to this Act, for the regulation and management of the said Corporation or College, to fill up vacancies in the Board, and to prescribe the number and description, the duties and powers of the officers, the manner of their appointment, and the term of their office; and

special meetings of the said Trustees may be called by the President or any Six or more of said Trustees upon ten days notice, in writing, of the time and place thereof, being given or sent to each of said Trustees.

5. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of carrying out the object declared in the second section of this Act, the said Corporation shall have power from time to time to purchase, take and hold real and personal estate, and to sell, lease and dispose of the same: Provided the annual Value shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

6. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have and possess the Right and Power of conferring the usual academic and other Degrees granted by any other College in this State.

Approved February 27, 1846.

Editorial note: A faint pencil notation “add. act” appears near the bottom of the page.

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Page 15 — Secretary of State's Certification (numbered “3”)

State of New Jersey

I, Charles G. McChesney, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of said State and approved by the Governor February 27, A.D. 1846, as taken from and compared with the Original now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal of Office at Trenton, this third day of March, A.D. One Thousand eight hundred and forty Six.

(Signed) Charles G. McChesney Secretary of State.

Page 16 — Act Respecting the Trustees (1855)

Editorial note: Change of hand and ink here — written in brown/red ink by a different, later clerk. The right margin runs close to the page edge/curvature in the scan; wording below is reconstructed from context where the very edge of a word is obscured.

An Act Respecting the Trustees of Burlington College.

Whereas, It has been represented in behalf of the corporation Burlington College, that by their charter, thirteen Trustees are requisite to form a quorum, to the great hindrance of the necessary business of the Institution, and the proper execution of their Trust, by reason of the non-attendance of members living at a distance from Burlington, and of others who omit to come, and they have prayed that the quorum be lessened to nine.

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Senate & General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That any nine or more of the Trustees of said College, when duly convened, shall constitute the necessary quorum, and be competent for performing & executing the duties, business matters & things connected with said Institution, as fully & effectually, as if thirteen of them had been so convened, any thing in their Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided, That the Governor of the State, for the time being, who is a Trustee, ex officio, and the President of the Board, or the President of the College, shall always be one of the said nine Trustees so at any time constituting a quorum as aforesaid.

2d. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, April 3rd, 1855.

Page 17 — By-Laws of Burlington College (numbered “1”)

By-Laws of Burlington College.

I. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be Visiter of the College; and, when the Governor of the State is absent, shall preside in the Board. On the demise of the Bishop, his successor in office shall succeed to his place as Trustee.

II. All elections shall be by ballot, on a viva voce nomination. In filling vacancies in the Board, the nomination shall be the first thing in Order at the Meeting at which it takes place, and the election shall be the last.

III. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be President of the College; and in that capacity shall be its Head.

IV. There shall be a Rector, always a Presbyter of the Church, and appointed by the Board, on the nomination of the Visiter, who, when there is no President, or in the absence of the President, shall be the Principal Officer of the College. He shall always reside at the College; and, in any case, shall be more immediately charged with its instruction and discipline.

V. The Professors shall be appointed by the Board, on the nomination of the President. Other Officers of instruction or discipline, provided for by the Board, may be appointed, and vacancies in any department may be filled by the President: all such appointments to terminate at the annual Meeting in each year.

VI. The President, and the Rector, together with the Professors, shall constitute the Faculty of the College.

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Editorial note: Mostly blank page; faint offset ghosting from the facing leaf.

Marginal note in original: Later pencil annotation at the bottom of the page (added as a cross-reference, evidently after 1867): “as amended 1867 ‘and the Principal of St. Mary's Hall’ page 138.”

Page 19 — By-Laws, continued (numbered “2”)

VII. The Rector, or any Professor, may be removed, for sufficient cause, by a Vote of two thirds of the Members of the Board present, the Visiter concurring: Provided that the trial of the Charges shall be at a Meeting subsequent by at least one month to that at which they are brought, Notice of the same having been given to every Member.

VIII. The day of the Commencement of Burlington College shall be ~~the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels~~ ~~4th Thursday in September~~ **3rd Thursday in July**, in each year. The annual Meeting of the Board shall be held in Burlington, at ~~10~~ **11** o'clock, A.M. on the day preceding, ~~(not being Sunday or, in that event, at the same hour on Saturday)~~. At every annual Meeting, the Board shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer.

> Marginal note in original: Cross-references beside Clause VIII: “Vide minutes Sept. AD 1857” — “Vide minutes Sept. AD 1860” — “Vide minutes July 19 AD 1865” — “Vide minutes July AD 1867.” These tie each round of edits to the specific board meeting where it was adopted.

IX. No alteration shall be made in these By-Laws during any vacancy of the Episcopate; nor unless Notice of the intention shall have been given at a Meeting, held at least three months previously, and sent to every Member of the Board: and then only by a Vote of two thirds of the Members present, the Visiter concurring.

> *Editorial note: A line reading “A true Copy from the Original, Attest” is struck through immediately below Clause IX.*

X. *(added, marked AD 1857)* Any Trustee, who may habitually omit to attend the meetings of this Board, & shall, for two years consecutively, not attend the meetings of this Board, shall, at the option of this Board, be deemed to have vacated his seat.

XI. *(added, marked AD 1867)* The Rector of the College shall always have a Seat, without a Vote, in the Board of Trustees. *[Rescinded July 19th, 1871 — page 166]*

XII. *(added, marked AD 1861)* At each annual meeting of the Board, a Committee of six shall be appointed to attend the Examinations of St. Mary's Hall & Burlington College, and to report thereon to the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

XIII. *(added, marked AD 1867)* An Executive Committee of five shall be appointed — with authority to select their own Financial Agent — who shall *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The margin year beside Clause XII, first read with uncertainty as “185_,” was confirmed on QA review as “AD 1861” on closer examination of the source image, and matches the Committee-of-six examination resolution recorded as adopted at the Sept. 25, 1861 meeting (page 142).*

Page 20 — By-Laws, continued (Clause XIII concluded)

...be charged with the general control of the Institution, & the management & control of the fiscal and economical departments. And all powers belonging to the management of the Institution necessary to be exercised during the absence of the Board, or when the Board is not in session, not otherwise provided for by these By-Laws, shall be vested in this Committee; who shall be responsible, & report to this Board annually, or oftener, if required.

> *Editorial note: The remainder of the page is blank, aside from a few illegible pencil marks in the bottom margin.*

The Minutes Proper Begin

Page 21 opens the actual minute book (the preceding pages were the charter, act, and by-laws bound in as reference material). From here the clerk numbers each page in the top corner, starting again at “1.” Those original page numbers are noted in each heading below alongside the scan's page number. As with the front matter, the volume is written on rectos only — each blank verso is noted briefly rather than described at length.

Page 21 — Opening of the Minute Book (numbered “1”)

Here follow — **The Minutes of the Trustees of Burlington College.**

Burlington, Riverside, 16 March A.D. 1846.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, held at Riverside in the City of Burlington, on Monday, the 16th day of March, A.D. 1846, on motion of General Wall, the Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, Bishop of the Diocese, was requested to take the chair, and Richard Field was appointed Secretary pro tem.

After Prayers by the Bishop a certified Copy of the Charter of Burlington College was laid before the Board, and read by the Secretary.

Letters were read from the Hon. William Wright and Mr. J. C. Garthwaite, regretting their inability to be present at the Meeting of the Trustees.

Also one from James Parker, Esq., tendering his resignation as a Member of the Board in consequence of his being one of the Trustees of Rutger's College.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. J. J. Chetwood the resignation of Mr. Parker was accepted.

On motion of General Wall it was resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to draft By-Laws for the government of the Corporation; General Wall, the Rev. Mr. Haight, and Mr. E. B. D. Ogden, were appointed the Committee.

The Committee to draft By-Laws made a Report which after discussion and amendment was adopted. [See By-Laws, page 1 & 2.]

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Page 23 — Minutes continued (numbered “2”)

March 16, A.D. 1846.

The following Resolutions were also adopted.

Resolved, that the Rt. Rev., the President, the Reverend the Rector, the Rev. Mr Germain, and Messrs Parker, Field, Garthwaite and Ogden, be a Provisional Committee to act until the further Order of the

Board, with full power to do whatever in their judgment may be needful for carrying on the Business of Burlington College; and they are hereby authorized, in case it should be required, to contract a loan in the name of the Corporation for an amount not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars on such terms as they may find practicable; a Majority of the Committee summoned by the President, or in his absence, by the Rector to be a Quorum for the transaction of business.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Provisional Committee to select and procure a suitable site for Burlington College.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Provisional Committee to devise and have executed a proper seal, to be used as the corporate Seal of the Trustees of Burlington College.

Resolved, that the Provisional Committee be authorized to set forth an address, announcing the opening of the School of Burlington College, with the principles, plan, and terms, and inviting contributions in aid of the enterprise and also to the Library, Cabinet and Museum.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Provisional Committee to consider and report at the next Meeting any further By-Laws and any Rules and regulations which may be deemed proper to be adopted by the Trustees.

On motion resolved, that the Board do now proceed to make choice of a Trustee, in place of James Parker, Esq., whereupon Mr. Wm. Leupp of New Brunswick was unanimously elected.

On motion resolved, that the Board do now proceed to the appointment of a Rector, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Bishop then nominated the Rev. Benjamin I. Haight, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence in the General Theological Seminary, in the City of New York, as Rector, and he was unanimously *[continues on next page]*

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May 7, A.D. 1846.

...appointed. Mr Thomas Milnor, of Burlington, was appointed Treasurer of the Corporation. And the Rev. Benjamin I. Haight was appointed Secretary.

On Motion resolved, that the Board do now adjourn.

R. S. Field, Sec. pro tem.

Burlington, May 7, 1846.

Pursuant to a call of the Provisional Committee for a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following Members of the Board were in attendance, viz. His Excellency, the Governor of the State, ex off. President of the Board, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Messrs Morehouse, Germain, and Haight, and Messrs Parker, Chetwood, King, Garthwaite, Ogden and Cannon, — wanting one of a quorum.

The Bishop, after prayers, stated to the Members present the object, for which the meeting had been summoned, and read the following Report of the Provisional Committee which it had been intended to submit to the Board.

Report of the Provisional Committee.

The Provisional Committee report to the Trustees that they have met four times since their appointment. At the first meeting, held on the 30. March their attention was called to the Church Property, as a location for the College and the terms on which a lease of it might be had were stated. The Committee were unanimously of the opinion, that it was not expedient to entertain the project. Three other places were named, but were thought to be too remote for the convenience of the institution. Mrs. Chester's property, Green Lawn was visited, and approved, and Mr. Field was authorized to offer $15000. for it. At the second Meeting held, April 11, Mr. Field reported that he had visited Philadelphia, as directed by the Committee, and finding that a higher Sum than that to which he was *[continues on next page]*

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Page 27 — Minutes continued (numbered “4”)

May 7, A.D. 1846.

...limited had been offered, had made no proposal. There was much conversation on the subject, but no definite action. The President read the draft of an Address which was considered and agreed to. The third Meeting was held on the 27 & 28 April. After long deliberation and full interchange of opinion the Committee unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

1. That in the opinion of this committee it will be expedient to select and procure a freehold estate for the Site of the College;

2. That the property belonging to Mrs Chester, situate next below Riverside is the most desirable location for the College that has been submitted to the consideration of the Committee.

3. That it is expedient to submit the foregoing view of the Committee to the Board of Trustees, if it can be done without losing the refusal which they now have; and that it is recommended that a special meeting of the Trustees be called for the 7. of May next at 11 O'clock, A.M. in this place.

4. That Messrs Parker & Garthwaite & Bishop Doane be a Sub-Committee to procure an extension of the refusal until the 9. of May next; with power in case of failure so to do, to act in the premises, according to their discretion.

At the fourth Meeting, held on the 6th of May, the Sub-Committee above named reported that in pursuance of their instruction they had secured the extension of the refusal of the property of Mrs Chester until the 9 inst, at a given Sum which will be named to the Trustees in confidence. While the Provisional Committee are declining to act under the full power intrusted to them to select and procure a Site for the College and in obtaining a Special Meeting of the Board to act in the premises have shown their desire to submit the whole question to the free action of the Trustees they will not unreasonably be expected having had the subject so long under their consideration to submit some of the reasons by which the property above alluded to is recommended for the purpose under consideration. It is sufficiently near the City of Burlington for all purposes of convenience both of

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Page 29 — Minutes continued (numbered “5”)

May [Day illegible — overwritten], A.D. 1846.

...access and of residence; and yet it is by its position retired and secluded. It is a situation which will command the notice and attention of the multitudes who pass whether by the River or the Rail Road, and will so enjoy the advantage of a perpetual advertisement. The location is preeminently beautiful and healthy and will afford, in the grounds and in the access to the water every advantage of cheerfulness and recreation. The building now erected is large, substantial & commodious, and will answer the present purposes of the Institution with scarcely any expense of adaptation. The Committee might add to these considerations, but the Trustees will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity to examine and inquire for their own satisfaction. They conclude their Report therefore with the suggestion, that inasmuch as public expectation has been turned toward the enterprise proposed, and Parents & pupils are anxiously waiting the opening of the institution, the decision of the question as to a location at the present meeting of the Board is of the greatest importance.

A full and free conversation ensued, and the opinion was unanimously expressed, that the proposed site, Green Lawn, should be purchased for $20,000.

Editorial note: A large hand-drawn bracket runs down the left margin beside the final two paragraphs on this page, evidently marking the passage for emphasis or later reference — not a textual insertion, just a marginal flourish.

Editorial note: The day of the month in the “May ___, A.D. 1846” dateline at the top of this page is overwritten/corrected and not confidently legible; context (continuing from May 7 on the previous written page) suggests this is still the May 7 meeting, possibly continued or re-dated to May 9 per the Sub-Committee's extended deadline mentioned on page 27.

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Page 31 — Annual Meeting Minutes (numbered “6”)

Burlington, Sept. 25, 1846.

This being the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels, the day appointed by the By-Laws for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, the Trustees met at Riverside, in the Library, at 1 o'clock P.M. Present, Governor Stratton (in the Chair), the Rt. Rev. Dr. Doane, Rev. Dr. Ogilby, Rev. Mr. Morehouse, Messrs Wall, Chetwood, Garthwaite, McCulloch, Ogden, Parker, Ryall, Field, & Wright.

The Secretary being absent, the Minutes of the former meeting were not read, & the Rev. Dr. Ogilby was appointed Secretary pro tem.

A Letter was read from Wm. H. Leupp, Esq., resigning his appointment as Trustee. Resolved, that his resignation be accepted.

Bishop Doane, in behalf of Rev. Dr. Haight, tendered a similar resignation, which was also accepted.

Edwin A. Stevens Esq. was nominated to fill one of the vacancies thus created in the Board, & Nathan Thorp Esq. to fill the other.

The Bishop read the following Report from the Provisional Committee, giving an account of the Proceedings since the former meeting of the Board.

Report of the Provisional Committee.

“The Provisional Committee report, that acting on the unanimous “advice of the Trustees assembled at the special Meeting, on the “7 May, [there being found one less than a Quorum] they “authorized the purchase by a Sub-Committee of the property known “as ‘Green Lawn,’ at the price of Twenty Thousand Dollars. “One half of the purchase money has been paid and a mortgage “given informally for the other half. A deed has been given to “the Corporation which is now at the Clerk's Office to be recorded. “The Board, when a corporate seal is authorized, are to give a formal “mortgage for Ten Thousand Dollars.

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“At the same informal Meeting, it was understood and agreed “that the President of the College, the present Bishop of the Diocese, “should have the permission & authority of the Board, to occupy the “property so purchased, without rent or interest, and to organize and “carry on the School & College for the space of ten years, under the “direction of the Trustees at his own risk & for his own benefit. The “Committee report, that he has accordingly entered on the use of the “property & made some necessary improvements, of all which the “approval of the Board is requested. The Committee also report, “that a [blank space left in manuscript] opening of the Preparatory School has been made “and that such of their members as were able to attend an examination “of the pupils this morning were well satisfied with their proficiency “and with the competency & fidelity of the Teachers. The President “has caused a Course of Studies for the School and for the College “to be prepared, which the Committee herewith present for adoption “by the Board.”

Resolved, that the said Report be accepted and approved & entered on the Minutes of the Board

The Report prepared to be submitted to the Meeting of the Board summoned on the 7th of May [at which there was no Quorum] was also read, & on motion duly seconded, & received & adopted.

Resolved, that the President be and is hereby is authorized and ~~[several words, densely scored out and illegible]~~

directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Trustees to the Mortgage for Ten Thousand Dollars, for the purchase of “Green Lawn.”

Resolved, that the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, D.D. LL.D, President of Burlington College, have the permission & authority of the Board, to occupy the Property of “Green Lawn,” lately purchased by them, without rent or interest, & to organize & carry on the School & College for the space of ten years, under the direction of the Trustees, at his own risk and for his own benefit — it being understood, that in case of his death, meanwhile this agreement thereupon shall terminate.

Editorial note: The clerk left a genuine blank space in the middle of a sentence (“that a ___ opening of the Preparatory School has been made”), evidently intending to insert a word later (e.g. “formal” or “successful”) and never doing so. Also on this page, a full line is struck through with dense circular scoring that makes it completely illegible — shown above as a generic strikethrough marker rather than a guessed reading.

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Page 35 — Minutes continued (numbered “8”)

September 28, 1846.

The Bishop read a letter from Rev. Dr. Haight, resigning his office as Rector, which was accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Ogilby was elected Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Thomas Milnor Esq. was reelected Treasurer.

The Bishop submitted a “Course of Study” which he has introduced into the College. [See printed copy on file]

The Provisional Committee reported, as follows, on the subject of a corporate Seal for the use of the Board.

“The Provisional Committee recommend the accompanying “Seal having as its devise — our Lord blessing little Children — with the motto *[interlined and abbreviated Latin, not fully legible — possibly referencing Matthew 19:14, “Sinite parvulos venire ad me,” “Suffer the little children to come unto me”]* “as a suitable one for the corporate Seal of the Board.

Resolved, that the said seal be & hereby is adopted as the corporate seal of this Board.

Dr. Ogilby was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Provisional Committee occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Haight. Messrs Thorp & Stearns were elected to supply the vacancies in the Board.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

> *Editorial note: The name “Stevens” appears written in pencil in the left margin partway down this page, in a later or different hand — likely a cross-reference note added afterward, possibly correcting “Stearns” in the body text above to “Stevens” (Edwin A. Stevens was nominated to the Board two pages earlier, on page 31). The two names may have been confused by the clerk, or these could be two distinct people; not resolved with confidence here.*

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Page 37 — Annual Meeting Minutes (numbered “9”)

Burlington, September 28, 1847.

This being the eve of Saint Michael & All Angels, the day of the Annual Meeting, the Board met at Riverside, in the Library, at 1 o'clock P.M. Present, his Excellency, the Governor Stratton, in the chair, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Messrs Morehouse & Ogilby, Messrs Parker, King, Wall, Wright, Ryall, McCulloch, Chetwood, Ogden, Garthwaite, Cannon; ~~[a first list of names, struck through in full and illegible]~~ Rev. Dr. Barry, R. S. Field, E. A. Stevens, Judge Carpenters & Dr. Spencer, in letters to the Bishop expressed their regret, that they were prevented from attending.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the Board from the beginning, were read, and after amendment in one particular on Motion duly seconded, were approved.

The Rev. Jno. D. Ogilby, D.D. & Thomas Milnor Esq. were respectively nominated and unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Board for the year ensuing.

The Board proceeded to the College, to inspect the New Building now nearly complete.

Resolved, unanimously, that the Rev. Dr. Ogilby & Messrs Thorp, Cannon, Garthwaite & Dr. Spencer, be & are hereby constituted a Committee, to collect contributions towards the payment of the floating debt, & that they have authority to call upon any of the members of this Board for cooperation in their several districts.

Resolved, that the first money collected by the said Committee be appointed towards the payment of the loan made by Js. B. Parker, Esq.

The Members of the Board having inspected the improvements made upon the College Grounds & the new Building which has been erected thereon, it was

Resolved, that they be approved of by the Board, as having become necessary for the uses of the institution.

It being understood that the holder of the Mortgage on “Green Lawn” *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The attendee list at the top of this page was originally written, then struck through in its entirety and rewritten with “Rev. Dr. Barry” added in the margin — a genuine clerical correction, not a redaction of content.*

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...is desirous of realising the amount of said mortgage,

Resolved, that the Rt. Revd., the President, have power to carry on any negotiation necessary for said purpose, & to sign & seal with the corporate seal of this Board, on its behalf, any contract, bond or mortgage required thereby.

Resolved, that this Board decline making an offer for the property of Mrs. Chester, adjoining the College grounds, & that Messrs Wall, Cannon & Ogden be a Committee, to confer with her Agent on the Subject.

Adjourned.

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Page 41 — Annual Meeting Minutes (numbered “11”)

Burlington, September 28, 1848.

This being the day appointed by the By-Laws for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Trustees met at Riverside, in the Library, at 1 o'clock P.M. There not being a Quorum present, the Meeting adjourned to meet at the Junior Hall of the College, at 4 o'clock P.M., at which hour a Quorum being present, His Excellency Governor Haines took the Chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Letters of resignation as Trustees were received from sundry Members of the Board, which, on motion, were severally accepted.

The Rt. Rev. the President then submitted his Annual Report, which was read, as follows:

Report of the President.

“To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College. “Gentlemen, — In presenting to you my Annual Report, I have great satisfaction in being able to state, that the affairs of the Institution, notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties which have embarrassed its progress, continue to advance in a manner every way encouraging to its friends and promoters. *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The Report of the President runs across this page and the next (page 43); pages 41 and 43 are both rectos, with page 42 a blank verso between them, so the text is continuous despite the intervening blank leaf.

Page 42 — Blank Verso

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Page 43 — President's Report continued (numbered “12”)

September 28, 1848.

“The whole number of Scholars received into the Institution, from its opening to the present time, is Sixty Seven, of whom the present number of resident Pupils is Ninety Nine, and of Day Scholars, Nine — making the present total number in attendance, One Hundred and Eight.

Editorial note: The two figures here (“Sixty Seven” received in total, versus “Ninety Nine” present resident pupils) appear inconsistent as transcribed — the total received cannot be smaller than the current resident count unless “Sixty Seven” refers to a different count (e.g., admissions in the past year alone rather than since opening). Transcribed exactly as written; the apparent discrepancy is flagged rather than resolved.

“The course of instruction has been steadily maintained, and the health of the Pupils, under the blessing of Providence, has been uniformly good.

“I am, Gentlemen, with great respect, your obedient Servant, **G. W. Doane, President.**

On motion, resolved, that the Report be accepted, and entered on the Minutes.

The Board then proceeded to the Chapel, where Prayers were said by the Bishop, after which the Meeting was resumed.

It was stated that a loan had been effected from the School Fund of the State, upon the security of the Bond and Mortgage of the Corporation, and the subject was referred to a Committee to report at the next Meeting the terms upon which the same had been obtained.

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Page 45 — Minutes continued (numbered “13”)

September 28, 1848.

The Committee appointed to report on the loan from the School Fund of the State reported, that the sum of Six Thousand Dollars had been obtained upon the Bond and Mortgage of the Corporation, upon the property known as “Green Lawn,” now called “Burlington College,” at an interest of Six per Cent per annum, repayable at the pleasure of the Corporation.

On motion, resolved, that the doings of the Committee in the premises be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to have charge of the general concerns of the College, with power to act in all matters requiring immediate attention between the Meetings of the Board; and that Messrs Ogden, Field & Garthwaite compose the same.

Editorial note: This is the first appearance in the Minutes of the name “Burlington College” used in place of “Green Lawn” to refer to the property itself, confirming the earlier informal renaming discussed at the 1846 meetings (see pages 31–33).

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Page 47 — Minutes continued (numbered “14”)

September 28, 1848.

The Rev. Dr. Spencer having declined to serve longer on the Provisional Committee, the Rev. Dr. Ogilby was appointed in his place.

Thomas Milnor, Esq. was re-elected Treasurer, and the Rev. Jno. D. Ogilby, D.D. was re-elected Secretary of the Board, for the year ensuing.

On motion, Robert L. Stratton, Esq. was elected a Trustee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of — [see page 41].

Adjourned.

Editorial note: Page 47's reference to a resignation “see page 41” is my own bracketed cross-reference for the reader, not text in the manuscript; the original merely leaves the vacancy unexplained here, having been covered in the sundry resignations recorded on page 41.

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Page 49 — Special Meeting Minutes (numbered “15”)

Burlington, April 16, 1849.

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, held this day at Riverside, pursuant to notice, the Rt. Rev. the President in the Chair, the President stated to the Board, that by reason of existing pecuniary embarrassments, he found himself unable longer to continue, personally, the entire fiscal management of the College, as he had hitherto done, and that he desired the Board to make such provision, as they might deem expedient, for the future conduct of its financial affairs.

After full deliberation, on motion, it was Resolved, that a Provisional Committee of three, to consist of Messrs E. B. D. Ogden, J. C. Garthwaite, & R. S. Field, be, and they are hereby, constituted, with full power and authority to take the future Fiscal charge of the affairs of the College; with power to appoint a resident Financial Agent, and generally to do whatsoever may be needful for the proper conduct of the pecuniary concerns of the Institution.

Editorial note: This is a significant turning point in the College's governance: Bishop Doane here formally cedes personal financial control of the institution to a newly empowered Provisional Committee, citing his own “pecuniary embarrassments.” This foreshadows the College's later well-documented financial difficulties.

Page 50 — Minutes continued (numbered “16”)

April 16, 1849.

The Provisional Committee reported that they had given a Bond of the Corporation to Aaron Pennington, Esq., Executor of the Estate of Rachael B. Wallace, deceased, for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, being a legacy bequeathed by the said Rachael B. Wallace to Burlington College, secured by Mortgage upon the College property.

The Committee further reported that they had negotiated a Mortgage to Isaac B. Parker, Esq., for the sum required to complete the purchase of the property known as “Green Farm,” adjoining the College grounds.

> *Editorial note: “Green Farm” here likely refers to the same adjoining property elsewhere called “Green Lawn” (the College's own site, purchased in 1846) — or possibly to a distinct, additional parcel being acquired nearby. The manuscript is transcribed exactly as written; “Green Farm” vs. “Green Lawn” may be a clerk's variant spelling/naming or may denote two different tracts. Not resolved with confidence here; worth checking against later pages if the name recurs.*

On motion, resolved, that the doings of the Committee be, and the same are hereby, approved and confirmed.

Resolved, that the Provisional Committee be authorized to take such further action, by way of loan, mortgage, or otherwise, as may be necessary to place the finances of the College upon a secure footing, and to report their doings to the Board from time to time.

Adjourned.

Beginning at page 51 (original numbering “17”), the clerk starts writing on both sides of every leaf — rectos and versos alike — rather than rectos only as in the earlier sections of the volume. From here forward, original page numbers therefore run consecutively with no blank leaves interspersed, unless individually noted.

Page 51 — Special Meeting Minutes (numbered “17”)

Burlington College — Friday, June 22, 1849.

Pursuant to notice duly given by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, acting as President in the absence of the Governor of the State, the Board of Trustees of Burlington College held a Special meeting this day at the College Buildings.

Present, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese in the Chair, the Rev. Messrs Germain and Morehouse, and Messrs Potter, Stratton, King, Field, Ryall, Chetwood, Garthwaite, Wall, Ogden, Thorp & Cannon.

The Secretary being absent, G. S. Cannon was elected Secretary pro tem.

Sundry letters from A. G. Ralston, Trustee for Mrs. Chester, in relation to the opening of the Street in front of the College, were laid before the Board by the President, and it was on motion

Resolved, That the same, with all papers relating thereto, be referred to Messrs Wall, Field, Ogden, Ryall & Browning, with full power to act in the premises, and that the Secretary furnish Mr. Ralston with

a copy of this Resolution.

A communication from Jas. W. Wall Esq., Attorney for Wardrop J. Hall, enclosing his bill for the erection of additions to the College Buildings, was laid before the Board, and referred to their counsel Messrs G. S. Cannon and R. S. Field.

The committee appointed to receive and invest the legacy of Miss Rachael Wallace made a report which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Hon. E. B. D. Ogden, on behalf of the Provisional Committee, made a report of the receipts and expenditures of the College, and also that the committee had, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the last meet- *[continues on next page]*

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...of the Board, purchased from the Assignees of the Bishop at Public Sale, sufficient furniture for the use of the College; on motion, the Report was accepted, and the President of the Board was directed to execute to the Assignees a Bond and Warrant of Attorney for the amount of said bill for Furniture, in order to secure the payment of the same.

The Committee appointed to consider what course should be taken in relation to Mrs. Chester's application to open the Street in front of the College, reported the following letter, which was read & adopted.

“Burlington, June 22, 1849

“Sir

“Your letters referring to the clause in the deed “of Mrs. Rebecca Chester to Burlington College, reserving to “her the right to have a street in continuation of Delaware “Street &c. have been considered by the Trustees at their “meeting to day, and I am directed to make the following “reply. The Trustees consent, that Mrs. Chester, at her “pleasure, exercise the right of having the street, according “to the reservation. They are prepared, at any time, to have “the street opened, and will do so, by taking down their “enclosures when desired. If Mrs. Chester chooses to apply “to the Public Authorities to open the street, the Trustees “will interpose no obstacle, nor ask compensation for “damages; but they do not conceive themselves under any “obligation to make the application. If Mrs. Chester choose “on the contrary, to dedicate the street to public use herself, “without such application, she can do so, and the Trustees “will make no difficulty. They do not understand, how- “ever, that they are in any wise bound to incur expence “in the opening or maintaining of the street, other than “protecting their property by suitable enclosures.

“The Trustees take this occasion to say that the “opening of such street, or the sale of any portion of Mrs. *[continues on next page]*

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“Chester's property below, so as completely to dedicate the “street to public use, will destroy all inducement on “their part to purchase the residue of her property.

“Very Respectfully &c. — to be signed by the Secretary

To A. G. Ralston Esq., Trustee of Mrs. R. Chester.

On motion Resolved, that said Committee be continued.

Adjourned.

G. S. Cannon, Sec. Pro. tem.

Editorial note: This page ends the record of the June 22, 1849 Special Meeting, which is chiefly given over to correspondence with Mrs. Rebecca Chester's trustee about a right-of-way street reserved in her original deed to the College — an ongoing point of business first raised at the September 1847 meeting (see page 39).

Page 54 — Annual Meeting Minutes (numbered “20”)

Burlington College, Sept. 28, 1849.

The Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this day at the College. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese presiding, in absence of the Governor of the State. Present, the Rev. Messrs Morehouse and Germain, Messrs Wall, Field, Spencer, Potter, Carpenter, Ogden, Ryall, Garthwaite and Chetwood.

The Secretary being absent, John J. Chetwood was appointed Secretary pro: tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chair notified the Board that E. A. Stevens Esq. had declined accepting the appointment as Trustee, whereupon, nominations to fill the vacancy were called for. The Hon. James G. King and John R. Thompson Esq. were duly nominated.

The President made the following report of the state of the College, which was accepted and ordered to be entered at large on the Minutes.

“The President of Burlington College in “making his third Annual Report of the state of the “Institution, has renewed occasion to acknowledge the “favor and blessing of Almighty God.

“At the last Annual meeting there were “ninety nine resident, and nine day pupils; the “present roll of the college contains the names of one “hundred and thirteen resident, and thirteen day “pupils; the whole number being one hundred and “thirty six.

“The three College Classes are now completely “organized; the sixth Form, consisting of nineteen “boys, having been admitted Juniors to day.

“During a year of great anxiety from the *[continues on next page]*

Page 55 — President's Report continued (numbered “21”)

“prevalence of an epidemic malady, the health of the “College has been un-interrupted.

“But the chief motive to thanksgiving is in the “successful issue of the great principles and aims of “the Institution in scholarship and discipline. An “amount of study has been accomplished, and a stand- “ard been maintained in its prosecution, to the full “extent of the highest expectation which has ever been “encouraged; and further than this, by a constant “adhesion to the great plan of the College as a place “for the formation of Christian character and conduct, “the high point of success has been attained, at which “discipline well nigh administers itself: the issues of “the last term in this respect are a great moral “triumph. The Ends and objects of Burlington College “are rapidly becoming real. If the Trustees shall sup- “ply the great wants of the Institution in grounds, “buildings, library and apparatus, and God shall “continue His blessing, nothing will be wanting to “entitle it to the highest public confidence, and to “secure for it the most extensive public patronage.

Signed, Geo. W. Doane

“Burlington College, Eve of St. Michael & All Angels

Judge Ogden, on behalf of the Provisional Committee presented a report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered at large on the minutes, viz:

The whole number of pupils at Burlington College during Summer Term of 1849 including eleven day pupils was … 124

Gross amount of Income per Register — $14,115.00

Of which has been collected — $13,181.00

Yet outstanding, most of which is considered good — $934.00 — $14,115.00

Editorial note: The Provisional Committee's financial report continues in tabular form across the next page (itemized expenses, then a breakdown of pupils by pay rate); it is transcribed there as it appears rather than reformatted.

Page 56 — Financial Report, Expenses (numbered “22”)

Expenses of present term from actual payments and estimate of bills not yet presented —

Salaries $3,500.00 · Bread 475.00 · Meat 1,250.00 · Butter 600.00 · Wages 700.00 · Fuel 125.00 · Washing 550.00 · House Expences, not included in above, 1,100.00 · Furniture 105.00 · Books, Stationary, Printing 525.00 · Repairs 375.00 · Gas, not including wages, 85.00 · Farm, including $172 paid for 3 cows, 1,050.00 · Interest on mortgages 564.00 · Salary of Agent 250.00 · Insurance 70.00 — Total $11,324.00

Of the Pupils — 82 were full pay, say $150.00 · 2 ¾ pay, 125.00 each · 5 ■ pay, 100.00 each · 3, 83.33 each · 10, 75.00 each · 2, 50.00 each · 6 day pupils, together 225.00 · 5 day pupils, free · 9 residents, free — total 124.

Page 57 — Financial Report, Arrears (numbered “23”)

Items of arrears due for claims against the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane contracted previous to May 1, 1849 and paid out of the funds of the College, viz:

Wages due to Servants and others $1,836.29 · Provisions &c. furnished between March 1 and May 1, 1849, 766.39 · Arrears of Water Rent due 650.00 · Fuel from March 1 to May 1, 1849, 116.86 · Printing Catalogues of last Term 104.73 · Repairs 38.50 · Books 31.25 · Interest due on Mortgages 348.00 · Garrit S. Cannon bill 36.00 — Total $3,928.02

Reported to the Board September 28, 1849

Signed, E. B. D. Ogden, J. C. Garthwaite, R. S. Field — Provisional Committee

The President then presented the following —

“The President of Burlington College “respectfully makes to the Board of Trustees the “following nominations,

“The Rev. James W. Bradin A.M. to be Rector

“Marcus F. Hyde A.M. to be Professor of Ancient Languages

“Jacob Lehnur A.M. to be Professor of Mathematics.

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, President

“Burlington College, Eve of St. Michael & All Angels.

Whereupon the Trustees proceeded to ballot, when the several gentlemen nominated were unanimously elected.

Judge Ogden, from the Provisional Committee, presented an account of Thomas Milnor *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Pages 56 and 57 (original “22” and “23”) each appear twice, back to back, in the source scan — scan pages 56/58 are identical images of original page “22,” and scan pages 57/59 are identical images of original page “23.” No text is lost; this is a duplicate scan of the same two leaves, not a second pair of pages in the manuscript. The content is transcribed once here rather than twice; see the note at page 58/59 below.*

Pages 58–59 — Duplicate Scans of Pages 56–57 (numbered “22”–“23”)

> *Editorial note: These two scanned images are exact duplicates of the immediately preceding original pages “22” and “23” (scan pages 56 and 57) — apparently the same two leaves were photographed twice in sequence during digitization. The manuscript itself is continuous; no content is missing or repeated in the original volume. Not re-transcribed here to avoid duplicating the text above.*

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...against the College, which was referred to Messrs. Cannon and Field, the Counsel of the Board.

The nomination of the Hon. Jas. G. King was withdrawn by the mover thereof, whereupon John R. Thompson Esq. was unanimously elected a Trustee.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, Resolved, That the President and Provisional Committee be authorised to issue an address, and employ an agent to raise funds for Burlington College.

On motion Adjourned.

Page 61 — Special Meeting Minutes (numbered “25”)

Burlington College, July 1, 1850.

Pursuant to notice duly given by the Bishop of the Diocese, acting as President in the absence of the Governor of the State, a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this day at the College building.

Present, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese in the Chair, the Rev. Messrs Morehouse and Germain, Messrs Macculloch, Parker, Wright, Ogden, Stratton, Chetwood, Carpenter, Ryall, Thorp, Garthwaite, Potter and Cannon.

The Secretary being absent, Garrit S. Cannon was appointed Secretary pro: tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chair notified the Board of the resignation of the Hon. Charles King as a Trustee, he having been elected President of Columbia College, New York; said resignation was accepted, and nominations to fill the vacancy in the Board were called for, when Joel W. Condit Esq. was duly nominated.

The Chair also notified the Board of the resignation of Richard S. Field Esq. as a member of the Provisional Committee; the same was accepted, and on motion, the thanks of the Board were returned to Mr. Field for his able and faithful services.

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Provisional Committee; the Hon. Wm. Wright was nominated, and a ballot being had, he was unanimously elected.

The Provisional Committee represented to the Board, that the holders of several Judgments and Executions, amounting together to about Five thousand Dollars, were pressing for payment, and that there were no funds at present to discharge the same, whereupon *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This meeting records a second significant governance turning point: the Board's financial distress has escalated to Judgments and Executions (court-ordered debt collection actions) being pressed against the Corporation, addressed here by pledging insurance policies on College furniture as collateral (see next page) and by launching a $130,000 public fundraising campaign (the “Address,” transcribed below).*

Page 62 — Minutes continued (numbered “26”)

James Potter Esq. proposed to meet the demands of these creditors by purchasing their claims and securities, and taking assignments thereof, upon receiving as additional collateral security, transfers of the Policies of Insurance upon the personal property of the Institution.

It was therefore Resolved, That the Policies upon the Furniture and other personal property be assigned by the President, under the Corporate Seal, to Jas. Potter Esq., as collateral security for the payment of such Judgments against this Corporation as may be purchased by and transferred to him.

The President, on behalf of the Committee raised for that purpose at the Annual meeting, presented for approval, an address to the Patrons of St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College, and the Friends of Christian Education, for the purpose of raising funds embracing within its scope, the liberation from indebtedness of the three establishments at Riverside — which having been read, it was on motion Resolved that the address be approved and adopted by this Board, and be entered at large on the minutes, and that the committee be authorised and requested to adopt the necessary measures for the early accomplishment of the objects of the address.

Address.

“The Institutions at Burlington are no longer an “experiment. Academically regarded there is a de-“monstration of complete success. St. Mary's Hall with “one hundred pupils has closed the twenty sixth, and “Burlington College, with one hundred and twenty “pupils, the Seventh Semi-annual Term, with increased “confidence on the part of all who are cognizant of their “affairs. The examinations in both cases, have been “greatly above their former elevated standard.

“In the creation of two such Institutions, and carrying *[continues on next page]*

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“them through their experimental stage, a large outlay of “money was of course required. When it is considered that “they were undertaken without capital, that the contributions “to both of them, in every kind, have not exceeded Twelve “thousand Dollars, and, that the funds required for their “commencement and progress, were procured at the utmost “disadvantage, it should be no wonder that they are bur- “dened with heavy debts. In his zeal for the cause, and “confidence in its success, the Bishop of New Jersey embarked “himself and all that he had. The result is that the estate “of Riverside is subject to mortgages amounting to $29,000. “with a proportion of a joint mortgage of $44,000, and “St. Mary's Hall to $25,500. with its share of the same “mortgage; while Burlington College, for mortgages and “claims is liable to $30,000. The gross amount of incum- “brances is thus $128,600. with the resulting annual “burden of interest of $7,716. At the same time there is “immediate occasion for other buildings at the College.

“It is proposed to raise $130,000 for the purpose of “relieving these several estates from their incumbrances, “on the following Conditions; That Riverside and St. Mary's “Hall, be conveyed in trust, forever, to the Trustees of Bur- “lington College, to hold and manage, for the uses of Chris- “tian Education: That the three Estates be, and remain, “free and unincumbered thereafter; and, that there be “no obligation on the Contributors to this object, unless the “whole sum be obtained. The subscriptions are to be “placed in the hands of His Exc. Governor Haines, the Hon. “Charles C. Stratton, and the Hon: William Wright, and to “be by them applied to the aforesaid purposes, upon receiving “certificates of perfect titles and conveyances, setting forth “the trust and condition as above stated.

“The position and character of these properties, and their relation to each other, mark them for this appro- “priation. The whole can be secured if $130,000. be con- *[continues on next page]*

> Marginal note in original: A small “X” mark appears in the left margin beside the paragraph beginning “It is proposed to raise $130,000,” evidently flagging that passage for attention — not a textual insertion.

Page 64 — Address concluded; Election of Trustee (numbered “28”)

“contributed to the objects. The debts being extinguished, “the consequent release from the payment of interest, and “the confidence thus given to the Institutions, will insure “on their economical administration, a surplus income, “which it is proposed to apply, annually, during his “life, to the extinction of the debts of the Rt. Rev. G. W. “Doane, incurred in carrying on these undertakings.

“The appeal is to all who desire to promote the “work of Christian Education, and especially to Church- “men, to come forward at the present critical, and “yet, most favorable moment. Success in the “proposed undertaking, humanly speaking, will “establish St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College, “as perpetual sources of the best influence for the “Diocese, and the whole country.

“Burlington, July 1, 1850.”

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Trustee in the place of the Hon. Charles King, when Joel W. Condit Esq. of Newark was unanimously elected.

On motion Adjourned.

G. S. Cannon, Sec. Pro. tem.

> *Editorial note: This 1850 fundraising Address is the fullest statement in the Minutes so far of the College's, St. Mary's Hall's, and Bishop Doane's combined personal and institutional debt (a gross $128,600 in mortgages across the three linked establishments at Riverside), and of the plan to resolve it — foreshadowed by the Bishop's 1849 statement of “pecuniary embarrassments” on page 49.*

Page 65 — Special Meeting Minutes (numbered “29”)

Burlington College, September 25, 1850.

Pursuant to notice duly given by, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, acting as President in the absence of the Governor of the State, a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this day at the College Buildings.

Present, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese in the Chair, the Rev. Messrs Morehouse and Germain, Messrs Spencer, Parker, Thompson, Potter, Chetwood, Ryall, Condit, Stratton, Carpenter, Wall, Ogden, Garthwaite and Macculloch.

The Secretary being absent, E. B. D. Ogden was appointed Secretary pro: tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported to the Board that the annual examinations of all the classes had been in all respects satisfactory, and recommended for the degree of Bachelor of Arts **George Hobart Doane**, and **William Croswell Doane** of Burlington N. Jersey, and **George Macculloch Miller** of Morristown N. Jersey being the members of the Senior Class, and enjoying in all respects the confidence and approbation of the government of the College; and also that **Edward Purdon Wright** and **John Trimble**, Preceptors in the Institution be admitted to the same degree. Whereupon the names were separately taken up and the degree of **Bachelor of Arts** was unanimously conferred upon each of the

five gentlemen named, and the President was directed to deliver to each of them an appropriate Diploma, under the seal of the Institution *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This meeting records the first Bachelor of Arts degrees conferred by Burlington College, including to George Hobart Doane and William Croswell Doane — sons of Bishop G. W. Doane, the College's President and founder.*

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...with the signatures of such of the Trustees as may be obtained thereto.

On motion adjourned.

Editorial note: The remainder of this page is blank below the closing line.

Page 67 — Annual Meeting, Adjourned for Lack of Quorum (numbered “31”)

Burlington College — September 27, 1851.

This being the day appointed by the By Laws for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board appeared at the College Buildings, viz: The Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Doane, Messrs Stratton, Parker, Browning, Ryall, Potter, Garthwaite, Field, and the Rev. Messrs Morehouse & Germain.

The meeting was called to order by the Rt. Rev. The President of the College, and Richard S. Field appointed Secretary pro: tem: but no quorum being present, it was, on motion of Mr. Browning

Resolved, That the meeting adjourn to Monday next at eight o'clock A.M., to meet at Riverside

Adjourned.

Page 68 — Annual Meeting, resumed (numbered “32”)

Riverside, September 29, 1851.

Pursuant to adjournment, a meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College was held at Riverside this morning at 8 o'clock.

Present, The Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Doane, the Rev. Messrs Germain & Morehouse, and Messrs Potter, Carpenter, Wright, Ryall, Stratton, Macculloch, Spencer, Parker, Ogden, Browning, Condit, Garthwaite and Chetwood.

Richard S. Field, Sec: pro. tem: being absent, Joel W. Condit was appointed in his stead.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Bishop.

The Chair having announced to the Board the death of two of its members, viz: Hon. Garret D. Wall and Rev. Dr. Ogilby, Thomas H. Whitney Esq. and Rev. Jas. A. Williams were nominated to supply their places.

The Rt. Rev. The President of the College then presented the following report,

The President reports to the Trustees of Burlington College, that the year now closing has entirely justified the wisdom and justice of the principles on which it has been administered.

The peculiar discipline of the College has never been pressed so closely, has never been felt so little and has never resulted so well. It may be concluded without a question, that when the organization of the College shall be complete, and the necessary accommodations and conveniences, domestic, Academic and religious, provided, the highest expectations of its most sanguine friends will be realized. There will yet be a source of increasing advantage to the Institution, in the incorporation with it, from year to year, of its own graduates, in the *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Two long-serving Trustees are recorded as deceased on this page: the Hon. Garret D. Wall and the Rev. Dr. Ogilby — the latter having served as Secretary of the Board for much of the preceding decade (see, e.g., pages 35, 37, 47).*

Page 69 — President's Report continued; Degrees Conferred (numbered “33”)

offices of instruction and discipline; They best can carry out the system, will do it with the greatest care, and earnestness, who have been brought up in it, and so, had personal experience of its benefits and blessings.

The President pledges to the Trustees his confident assurance, that so far as its administration in all departments is concerned, it is entitled to their fullest confidence, and will justify their most zealous exertions in its behalf.

The examination of the Senior Class, which occupied two days of last week, was in every instance satisfactory, and the Faculty, by the President do unanimously recommend to the Trustees

Hobart Chetwood

Frederick Augustus Clarke

William Tilghman Johnson

Joseph Shepherd Mayers

Christopher Wolfe Smith

Sheldon Hanford Smith

as well deserving at their hands, the first Academic degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The examination of the other classes, which occupied four days, from eight in the morning, to nine at night, has been highly encouraging. In the middle and Junior classes eminently honorable. The President regrets that more of the Trustees had not been present; and suggests the propriety of appointing a committee to attend the annual examinations, and report to the Board. The College Register shews the names of 98 students. Of these six are in the graduating class. There are fourteen in the class now to be Seniors.

At the close of the Winter term the Rev. Mr. Bradin resigned the Rectorship, and retired from the College. The President requested the Rev. Professor Hyde to come in aid of the government as acting Rector, and appointed *[continues on next page]*

Page 70 — President's Report concluded (numbered “34”)

Mr. Edward P. Wright, Vice Rector. To these two gentlemen, the latter of whom has administered, under him, the immediate discipline and government of the College, the President attributes, in a great degree, the success which has attended the term now just closing.

Neither of these gentlemen have resided in the College. The necessity of residence in the administrative head of the College, is too obvious to need any illustration. The appointment of a Rector at the present meeting of the Board, the President hopes, will supply this defect and complete the organization of the College.

In conclusion the President invites from the Trustees, the devout expression which animates his own heart, of gratitude and praise to Him, who hitherto has helped us, and of humble commendation of His own work to His continual and increasing blessing, through Jesus Christ His Son.

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, President

Burlington College, 27 Sep. 1851.

On motion, the Rev. Moses P. Stickney was unanimously elected Rector

On motion the following rule was adopted, viz: — Regulation as to Adjunct Professors.

When Adjunct Professors are to be appointed, it shall be done by the Trustees, on the nomination of the President, renewable from year to year.

He shall reside in the College, and have the charge of a Section at the Refectory.

He shall have charge of a Dormitory.

He shall take his turn in Walking & in Boating.

He shall take part in the Sunday procession, shall have the care of a portion of the boys in Church, and share the Sunday duties in the Study.

He shall be willing to aid the Rector in general duty on emergencies.

> *Editorial note: This page records the College's first formal written job description for “Adjunct Professors,” covering both academic and pastoral/supervisory duties (walking and boating duty, dormitory charge, Sunday church supervision) — a level of procedural detail not seen earlier in the Minutes.*

Page 71 — Degrees Conferred; Resolutions (numbered “35”)

On motion, Mr. John Trimble, an Alumnus of the College, was unanimously elected Adjunct Professor of Greek.

The President, having in his report, recommended the members of the Senior Class, as well deserving the First Academic degree, their names were separately taken up, and the degree of **Bachelor of Arts** was unanimously conferred on each of the following named young gentlemen; and the President was directed to deliver to each of them an appropriate Diploma, under the seal of the Institution, with the signatures of such of the Trustees, as may be obtained thereto. viz:

Hobart Chetwood, and **Frederick Augustus Clarke** of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, **William Tilghman Johnson** of Princess Anne, Maryland, **Joseph Shepherd Mayers** of Barbadoes, West Indies, **Christopher Wolfe Smith**, and **Sheldon Hanford Smith** of Newark, New Jersey.

On motion Resolved, That Hon: E. B. D. Ogden, Secretary pro tem: of the last Annual meeting of the Board, be, and he is hereby, authorised and directed, to sign the minutes of the meeting, and also the Diplomas of the graduating Class.

On motion Resolved, That the Provisional Committee be requested to procure the erection of a Gymnasium, for the use of the College, so soon as funds for that specific object be provided by voluntary subscription.

On motion Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Board be appointed to attend the Annual Examination at the College, and in case any member be necessarily prevented, he shall be authorised to procure another Trustee to attend in his place. And, also, That the President invite the attendance of such other persons at the examinations as he may deem expedient. The *[continues on next page]*

Page 72 — Resolutions concluded; Trustees Elected (numbered “36”)

following named gentlemen were appointed said Committee, viz: Rev: Mr. Morehouse, Mr. Macculloch, Dr. Spencer, Gov: Stratton, and Rev. Mr. Williams.

On motion Resolved, that Isaac B. Parker, Hon: Dan'l B. Ryall and Hon. A. Browning be a Committee, with whom the Provisional Committee may confer and advise, upon such matters as they may deem expedient.

On motion Resolved, That Hon: A. Browning, one of the Counsel of the Board of Trustees, be requested to obtain a review of the ruling of the Court in the case of suit of —

> *Editorial note: The clerk left the name of the suit blank after “case of suit of,” with a ruled line but no text filled in — evidently intending to complete it later and never doing so.*

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Rev. Reuben I. Germain as Secretary, and the re-election of Thomas Milnor Esq. as Treasurer.

The Board now proceeded to ballot for two Trustees in the place of Hon. Garret D. Wall and Rev. J. D. Ogilby D.D., when Thomas H. Whitney Esq. of Glassboro, and Rev. James A. Williams of Orange were unanimously elected.

On motion Adjourned.

Page 73 — Annual Meeting Minutes (numbered “37”)

Burlington College, September 28, 1852.

The Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, was held this day at the College. Present, The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Messrs Morehouse and Williams, and Messrs Parker, Potter, Thompson, Whitney, Garthwaite, Wright, Condit, Ogden, Chetwood, Ryall, Macculloch, and the Secretary.

The Governor of the State being absent, the Bishop took the Chair, and opened with the customary prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chair having announced to the Board the decease of the Rev. Edmund D. Barry D.D. The Rev. Samuel L. Southard was nominated to fill the vacancy thereby made in the Board.

The President of the College made his annual report, as follows,

“The President has the pleasure to continue this year, the favourable report of the last. He only asks the full allowance of room, and suitable accommodations, to make, with the continuance of God's blessing, the perfect demonstration of success, to which his toils and prayers shall ever tend.

“The examination of the Senior Class, was close and thorough, and in every instance satisfactory. In the case of one of their number, Warren Livingston, it was a private examination; his family sailing for Europe, before the close of the Term. He had, however, completed his studies: his examination was satisfactory, and he has been passed, with his class. The Faculty, by the President, unanimously

recommend to the Trustees, William Cushman Avery, Nathaniel B. Boyd, John Henry Hobart Breintnall, Francis Dayton Canfield, George Whiting Garthwaite, Richard Stockton Jenkins, Devereux Klapp, Charles Willing Littell, Warren Livingston, Lindley H. *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, whose death is announced here, is the same Trustee referred to as "Rev. Dr. Barry" attending the September 1847 meeting (see page 37).

Page 74 — President's Report continued; Degrees (numbered “38”)

Miller, Walter A. Mitchell, George C. Mason Mumford, Dayton Ogden, James Atcherson Upjohn as well deserving at their hands, the first Academic degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The examination of the other Classes — the whole occupying a period of four full days — was highly honourable. It evinced a marked improvement on the preceding term.

The College Register shows the names of ½ [*sic*] Students. Of these, fourteen are in the graduate class.

The President, again, most earnestly invites attention of the Trustees, to the necessity of providing a place of in-door amusement for the boys, in inclement weather. He submits with this, a communication from the Vice Rector on the subject.*

The President renews to the Trustees, the assurance of devotion to the work committed to him, and increasing confidence, through God's blessing, in entire success; soliciting anew, the continuance of their cordial co-operation and zealous prayers.

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, Pres’t

Burlington College, Sep. 29. 1852.

* see letter on file from Rev. E. P. Wright, Vice Rector.

On recommendation of the President, degree of **Bachelor of Arts, causa honoris**, was conferred upon William Edward Coale M.D. of Boston, Mass., Jacob Da Costa M.D. of Philadelphia Penn., and Henry Tudor Brownell of Hartford Connect.

The President having in his report, also recommended the members of the Senior Class as well deserving the First Academic degree, their names were severally taken up, and the degree of **Bachelor of Arts**, was unanimously conferred on each of the following named young gentlemen, and the President was directed to deliver to *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The clerk appears to have miscopied the enrollment figure on this page — “the names of ½ Students” makes no sense as written and is probably a numeral (likely a three-digit number) garbled in transcription or in the original. Reproduced here exactly as it appears rather than guessed at.*

Page 75 — Bachelor of Arts Recipients; Gift Correspondence (numbered “39”)

of them, an appropriate Diploma, under the Seal of the Institution, with the signatures of such of the Trustees as may be obtained thereto, viz:

William Cushman Avery of Greensboro, Alabama

Nathaniel Bailey Boyd of Philadelphia

John Henry Hobart Breintnall of Newark, New Jersey

Francis Dayton Canfeild of Morristown, New Jersey

George Whiting Garthwaite of Newark, New Jersey

Richard Stockton Jenkins of Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Devereux Klapp of Philadelphia

Charles Willing Littell of Germantown, Pennsylvania

Warren Livingston of New Brunswick, New Jersey

Lindly Hoffman Miller of Morristown, New Jersey

Walter Augustus Mitchell of St. Mary's Cy: Maryland

George C. Mason Mumford of New York

Dayton Ogden of Paterson, New Jersey

James Atcherson Upjohn of Brooklyn, New York

The Rt. Rev: the President, having read an interesting letter from Ebenezer Henderson L.L.D. of England, (see letter on file) proposing to present to Burlington College the whole of his several works on Astronomy, Optics, Geometry and Mechanical Philosophy, and also an elegant and complete Orrery, once the property of the late Dr. Ben: Franklin, it was on motion Resolved, That the President be authorised and requested to acknowledge receipt of the same, and to express to the author, in behalf of the Board, their high sense of his kind offer.

On nomination by the President, Mr. Timothy Green Mitchell A.M. was unanimously elected Adjunct Professor of Greek.

The subject of the erection of a Gymnasium was again referred to the discretionary consideration of the Provisional Committee.

The Rev Moses P. Stickney, having tendered his resignation of the office of Rector of Burlington *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: An offer of an antique Orrery (a mechanical model of the solar system) once owned by Benjamin Franklin, along with a set of scientific works, was made to the College by an English correspondent, Ebenezer Henderson — an unusual and notable gift-in-kind not elsewhere mentioned in the Minutes to this point.*

Page 76 — Financial Committee Report; Notes Authorized (numbered “40”)

College (see letter on file) it was, on motion Resolved, That said resignation be accepted.

A report from the Rev. A. Frost, Librarian, showing the present condition of the library was received and ordered to be filed.

On motion Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to consider the present financial condition of the College, and to report to this present meeting. Messrs Thompson, Ryall and Whitney were appointed.

After a recess taken for the purpose of allowing the above named Committee to fulfill the object of their appointment, the Board re-assembled and the Committee reported that there were sundry claims, in the shape of judgments and otherwise, which required prompt liquidation, amounting in all to the sum of Sixty five hundred Dollars, and recommended the making of three notes at six months date, to be signed by the members of the Board, the proceeds whereof to be applied to the payment of said claims. *see amendment in margin*

After the reception of the report, the Board adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock on the following morning.

Wednesday morning Sep. 29.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Garrit S. Cannon, and Nathan Thorp Esq. were present, in addition to those present yesterday.

Messrs Thorp and Chetwood were added to the Committee on finances.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee three notes were made for the several amounts of $2,000, $2,000, and $2,500. all dated September 29, 1852, at six months, payable to the order of Robert B. Aertsen, and signed by Messrs. John J. Chetwood, James Potter, *[continues on next page]*

> Marginal note in original: In the left margin beside the paragraph on the $6,500 in claims, a marginal note reads: “On condition that they be then transferred for the benefit and security of the parties to said notes.” This is a substantive amendment to the resolution, written by the clerk in the margin and cross-referenced in the body text (“see amendment in margin”) rather than a later annotation.

Page 77 — Notes Signed; Trustee Elected; Special Meeting (numbered “41”)

Daniel B. Ryall, E. B. D. Ogden, William Wright, Isaac B. Parker, J. C. Garthwaite, Joel W. Condit, Garrit S. Cannon, Thomas H. Whitney, Rev. Jas. A. Williams, Rev. R. I. Germain and John R. Thompson Esq., which notes were directed to be discounted and proceeds applied as proposed.

The Board now proceeded to ballot for one Trustee, in the place of the late Rev. Edmund D. Barry D.D., when the Rev. Samuel L. Southard, Rector of the House of Prayer Newark was unanimously elected.

On motion adjourned. R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Newark N. Jer. Oct. 27. 1852

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, called in conformity with the Charter, was held, in Trinity Church, Newark N. Jersey, on the morning of this day at nine o'clock.

Present, The Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Rev. Messrs Williams, Southard and Germain, and Messrs Stratton, Macculloch, Ogden, Condit, Thorp, Whitney, Cannon, Garthwaite, Ryall, Wright, Chetwood and Potter.

A communication from Mr. William Halsted was presented and read, containing a statement of a claim, which Munsig & Bowman of Albany N.Y. professed to have against the Trustees, for a balance due said M.&B. for the erection of Gas Works, ordered by the Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Doane some time previous to April 1849. Whereupon it was, on motion Resolved, That said communication be referred to Messrs. Cannon, Condit and Whitney; and that they be requested to confer with Mr. Halsted upon the subject, and adopt such measures as in their judgment may be proper in the premises.

On nomination by the President, Mr. William Croswell Doane, A.B. was unanimously elected Adjunct Professor of Belles Lettres and English Literature in Burlington College.

On motion adjourned. R. I. Germain, Secretary.

> *Editorial note: This page records another lingering pre-1849 debt (the Gas Works claim of Munsig & Bowman, referencing work ordered by Bishop Doane before April 1849) surfacing years later — consistent with the pattern of the Bishop's personal financial entanglements with the College's affairs noted at pages 45–50 and 61–64.*

Page 78 — Annual Meeting, Adjourned for Lack of Quorum (numbered “42”)

Burlington College — September 28, 1853

This being the day appointed by the Bye-Laws for the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, a number of the members assembled at the College at 10 o'clock A.M, but a quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 29th.

September 29th. The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Messrs Morehouse, Williams, Southard and Germain, and Messrs Garthwaite, Wright, Condit, Cannon, Carpenter, Browning, Whitney, Ryall and Parker.

In the absence of the Governor of the State, the Rt. Rev. President of the College took the Chair. After the customary prayers the minutes of the two last meetings were read and after the correction of those of the last annual meeting by the addition of a clause to the report of the Committee on the financial condition of the College, they were unanimously approved.

The President of the College then read his annual report, as follows.

“The President records, with gratitude to God, the conclusion of the Seventh Academic year at Burlington College. When the peculiar circumstances of the College are regarded, and especially the want of a Rector, the results must be considered highly encouraging. The signal blessing which Divine Providence has recently vouchsafed to us, gives us every thing to hope for, if we are faithful to ourselves. But it is on that express condition. Unless the financial basis of the College be now secured, and the question of its continuance *[continues on next page]*

Page 79 — President's Report continued; Degrees (numbered “43”)

disposed of, our labour must be in vain. Happily, the zealous devotion of the Trustees and other gentlemen who have had this important work in hand, have so nearly completed the enterprise, that its entire accomplishment will require but one zealous and united effort, and Burlington College will be a blessing and a praise forever.

For the first time since the College was opened, the President has failed to attend every Semi-annual examination. Physical debility has compelled him now to be absent. From competent and impartial judges, who have been present, he reports, with entire confidence, that the examinations have never been more satisfactory. This remark especially applies to the examinations of the Senior Class. The Faculty, by the President, unanimously recommend to the Trustees the following young gentlemen, who have completed their academic course, as worthy to receive at their hands the degree of Bachelor of Arts, viz:

Isaac Pierce Brewer, of Haddonfield, New Jersey

Gideon James Burton of Philadelphia

Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite Jr. of Newark, New Jersey

Charles Gilbert Hannah of Salem, do

John Lathrop of Boston, Mass.

Thomas Wall Ryall of Freehold, New Jersey

James Watson Webb Jr. of New York.

They also recommend, for the degree of Master of Arts, the following Alumni of the College — George Hobart Doane A.B. M.D., Rev. William Croswell Doane A.B., George Macculloch Miller A.B., Rev. Edward Purdon Wright A.B., Rev. John Trimble A.B.

The College Register shows the names of 87 Students. Of these seven are in the *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This is the first report noting that Bishop Doane, then in his tenth year as President, was too physically unwell to attend a semi-annual examination in person — an early sign of the declining health that would affect the College's leadership in later years.*

Page 80 — Degrees Conferred (numbered “44”)

graduating Class.

The President commends the College to the zealous devotion of the Trustees, as certain to repay all their exertions in its behalf, and renews to them the assurance of his unswerving self-devotion.

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, Pres’t

Burlington College, 28th Sep. 1853

A report from the Rev. A. Frost, Register and Librarian, showing the increase and present condition of the College Library, was read and ordered to be filed.

In accordance with the recommendation of the President and Faculty of the College, the names of the several members of the Senior Class were then taken up, and the degree of **Bachelor of Arts** was unanimously conferred on each of the following named young gentlemen, and the President was directed to deliver to each of them an appropriate Diploma under the Seal of the Institution, with the signatures of such of the Trustees as may be obtained thereto.

Isaac Purce Brewer of Haddonfield, N.J.

Gideon James Burton of Philadelphia

Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite of Newark, N.J.

Charles Gilbert Hannah of Salem, do

John Lathrop of Boston, Mass.

Thomas Wall Ryall of Freehold, N.J.

James Watson Webb Jr of New York

The degree of Master of Arts was also conferred upon the following gentlemen, Alumni of the College viz. George Hobart Doane A.B. M.D., the Rev. William Croswell Doane A.B., George Macculloch Miller A.B., the Rev. Edward Purdon Wright A.B. and the Rev John Trimble *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The names transcribed on this page (“Isaac Purce Brewer”) are spelled slightly differently than on the preceding page (“Isaac Pierce Brewer”) — both are transcribed exactly as the clerk wrote them in each instance.*

Page 81 — Honorary Degrees; Committees Appointed (numbered “45”)

On motion resolved, That the Clerical members present in the Board, be a committee to nominate candidates for Honorary degrees.

After consultation the above committee nominated the following gentlemen as worthy of the Honorary degree of Master of Arts, and recommended that said degree be conferred upon them respectively, viz. The Rev. Andrew Mackie of Newark New Jersey, Jacob Da Costa M.D. of Philadelphia, and John L. Blake of Orange New Jersey. Whereupon said recommendations were approved and the degree of Master of Arts, Causa honoris, was unanimously conferred upon each of the above named three gentlemen.

On motion resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to consult and advise with the President upon the choice of a Rector for the College. Messrs Ogden, Garthwaite & Southard were appointed.

On motion resolved that a committee of three members be appointed for the purpose of dividing the Diocese into districts, in order to facilitate the collection of the fund for the relief of the College. Messrs Garthwaite, Cannon and Whitney were appointed.

On motion resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at 7½ o'clock P.M. on the 10th day of October, in the office of the Curator.

On motion adjourned.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Pages 82–83 — Office of the Curator: Adjourned Sessions, Oct. 10–31, 1853

Editorial note: The two pages transcribed in this section do not carry the running original page number seen elsewhere in the volume (compare page 81, numbered “45,” and page 84, numbered “46”) — they appear to be an unnumbered leaf recording a sequence of adjournments of the same Annual meeting, held at the “Office of the Curator of Bur. College” rather than at the College itself. Transcribed here in full despite the numbering gap.

Office of the Curator of Bur. College — 7½ P.M. October 10, 1853.

This was the time appointed for the adjourned meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, no quorum appearing, the meeting was adjourned to the same hour and place on the 24th inst.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Office of the Curator of Bur. College — 7½ P.M. October 24, 1853

This being the time appointed for the adjourned meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, several members assembled, but there not being a quorum, the meeting was again adjourned to meet in this same place, on Monday the 31st inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Office of the Curator of Bur. College — 3 o'clock P.M. October 31, 1853

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this afternoon at the above named time and place.

Present, The Rt. Rev the Bishop, the Rev Messrs Southard, Morehouse, Williams, Germain, and Messrs Potter, Carpenter, Thorp, Garthwaite, Condit, Cannon, Chetwood & Ogden.

The Governor of the State being absent, the Bishop took the Chair.

After the usual devotions the minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

The resignations of Messrs. John R. Thompson and George P. Macculloch were offered and accepted.

On motion Resolved, That nominations to fill vacancies in the Board be now made, whereupon J. L. N. Stratton Esq, was nominated in the place of John L. Thompson Esq resigned; and Hon J. W. Miller in the place of Geo. P. McCulloch Esq. resigned.

The Bishop then nominated for the vacant Rectorship of the College The Rev John L. Watson D.D. Rector of Grace Church Newark, whereupon he was unanimously elected.

On motion Resolved That the Salary of the Rector, be twelve hundred dollars per annum and House Rent, together with the education of his Children.

The Board now proceeded to ballot for two gentlemen to fill the vacancies in their body, when Messrs John L. N. Stratton of Mount Holly, and Jacob W. Miller of Morristown were duly elected.

On motion Resolved, that when this Board adjourn, it be to meet again on Wednesday the 30th day of November at 3 o'clock P.M. at the College.

On motion Adjourned

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Editorial note: John R. Thompson and George P. Macculloch resign as Trustees and are replaced by John L. N. Stratton and Jacob W. Miller. The Rev. John L. Watson D.D. is elected Rector, filling the post left vacant since Moses P. Stickney's resignation (see page 76).

Page 84 — Fundraising Committee Report (numbered “46”)

Burlington College — November 30. 1853

The Board of Trustees met according to adjournment.

Present, The Rt. Rev the President of the College, the Rev. Messrs Southard, Morehouse, Germain, Hon. C. C. Stratton, Messrs Garthwaite, Ogden, Condit, Chetwood, Thorp, Potter, Browning, Carpenter, J. L. N. Stratton & Whitney.

After the customary devotions, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President having stated that the principal object of this meeting was to receive reports from the Committee on Collections, various verbal reports of progress were made by members.

On motion of the Rev. S. L. Southard, Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to consider, and report at the next meeting, whether this Board has the power, for good cause, to declare the seat of any member vacant. Messrs Chetwood, Browning and Carpenter were appointed said committee.

Hon. E. B. D. Ogden then read a paper on the subject of Collections, stating the sum still required to complete the amount contemplated, and which must be secured before any portion will be available.

The estimate of Collections to be made in the several Counties in the State, to complete the sum desired was as follows, the duty of making application for the same being assigned to the different members of the Board, viz.

Hudson County, to the general Com: — $1,000

Morris County to Mess. Miller & Ogden — $1,500 *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This is the first committee explicitly asked to consider whether the Board has power to remove a Trustee “for good cause” — evidently prompted by the recent unexplained resignations of Thompson and Macculloch, though no reason for either resignation is given in the Minutes.*

Page 85 — Fundraising Committee Report concluded; Meetings Adjourned

Editorial note: The original page number at the top of this leaf is not confidently legible (it may read “47” or “49”); the numbering in this section is irregular, likely on account of the unnumbered Curator's-office leaf transcribed above. Content is continuous from the preceding page regardless.

Middlesex County to Mr Thorp — $2,000

Sussex & Warren " to Rev Mr Williams — $500

Mercer " to the general Com: — $3,000

Monmouth " to Messrs Ryall & Cannon — $1,000

Camden " to " Browning & Carpenter — $1,000

Gloucester & Salem " to " C. C. Stratton, Ogden, and Whitney — $3,000

Burlington " to Rev Mr Morehouse, & Messrs Cannon, Ogden, J. L. N. Stratton & Spencer — $5,500

Total — $18,500

On motion Resolved, that when this Board adjourn, it be to meet again at this place on the 26th day of December next at 3 o'clock P.M.

On motion adjourned.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Burlington College — December 26, 1853

This being the time and place to which the Board of Trustees stood adjourned, there appeared The Rt. Rev the Bishop, the Rev. Messrs Southard, Morehouse & Germain, & Messrs Garthwaite, Ogden, Condit and Whitney.

There being no quorum, adjourned to meet again at St Mary's Hall on the 3rd of February 1854 at 3 o'clock P.M.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Page 86 — Meeting Lapses; New Annual Meeting Begins

St. Mary's Hall — Feb 3. 1854 — 3 o'clock P.M.

This was the place and time to which the Board of Trustees of Burlington College stood adjourned, but no quorum appearing, the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Burlington College — September 28. 1854

This being the day named in the Bye Laws for the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, a number of the members assembled at the College at 10 o'clock A.M. but a quorum not appearing, they adjourned to meet again at the office of the Curator at 8 o'clock A.M. on the following day.

Sept'r 29. — 8 o'clock A.M. Curator's office.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the Rt. Rev the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev Messrs Williams, Morehouse, & Germain, Messrs Browning, Chetwood, Carpenter, Condit, Garthwaite, Thorp & C. C. Stratton, & after some delay His Excellency Governor Price & Isaac B. Parker & J. L. N. Stratton.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved, the customary religious services being first had.

The President of the College then read his Annual Report, as follows.

“The President reports most favourably of the course and condition of the College, during the year now closed, The number of Students has increased as appears by the College Register to 103.

> *Editorial note: This meeting records the note-worthy attendance of the Governor of New Jersey, His Excellency Governor Price, who arrived after some delay — the Governor of the State served ex officio as President of the Board when present (see page 21).*

Page 87 — President's Report continued; Rector's Resignation (numbered “51”)

“The President reports the death of Jacob Lehnur A.M. Professor of Mathematics, as a great and severe loss to the Institution. Few men of his age had reached so high an eminence in his department; and with his enthusiastic devotion to his studies, the best things might have been anticipated; But God has ordered otherwise: and we are left to lament the absence of an able, devoted and efficient teacher, and an excellent man.

The Faculty, by the President, unanimously recommend to the Trustees, Frederick William Alexander, Henry Odin Clagett, Peter Voorhes Finch, A. Montgomerie King, G. Hood McLaughlin, and William Vanderpool, as well deserving at their hands the first Academic degree of Bachelor of Arts.

They also recommend that Hobart Chetwood, Frederick Augustus Clarke, the Rev. William Tilghman Johnston, the Rev. Joseph Shepherd Mayers, Christopher Wolfe Smith, and Sheldon Hanford Smith, Alumni of the College, Bachelors of Arts, be advanced to the second Academic degree of Master of Arts.

The President renews his commendation of the College to the devotion of the Trustees; and of all connected with it to the favour and blessing of Almighty God.

Signed, G. W. Doane, Pres.

Burlington College, 28th Sep. 1854

The Annual report of the Librarian, showing the present number of Volumes in the Library to be 1392, of which 119 were added by donations during the past year, was then read and ordered to be filed.

The following Communication from the Rev. John L. Watson D.D. Rector, was presented and read by the President, and laid upon the table,

To the Board of Trustees of

Burlington College

Gentlemen, I have already informed the Rt. Rev. *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Jacob Lehnur, elected Professor of Mathematics only five years earlier (see page 57), has died in office. The Rector, Rev. John L. Watson — elected less than a year before (page 83) — is now also resigning, as his letter on the next page explains.*

Page 88 — Rector's Resignation Letter; Degrees Conferred (numbered “52”)

the President, and also a Committee of your Board, that the impaired state of my health would render it necessary for me, at the end of the present term, to retire from the situation which I now occupy; and accordingly, I hereby resign the office with which you have honoured me, of the Rectorship of Burlington College. I am Gentlemen

with great respect

Your obt. Serv't

Signed, John L. Watson

Bur. College Aug 15th '54 — Rector of Bur. College.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Faculty of the College, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was then unanimously conferred on the following young gentlemen, members of the Senior class, and the President was directed to deliver to each of them an appropriate Diploma, under the seal of the College, with the signatures of such of the Trustees as may be obtained thereto, viz.

Frederick William Alexander — Baltimore, Md

Henry Odin Clagett — Leesburg, Virg.

Peter Voorhes Finch — Shrewsbury, N.J.

A. Montgomerie King — Newark, "

G. Hood McLaughlin — Augusta, Geo.

William Vanderpool — Newark, N.J.

The degree of Master of Arts was also conferred upon the following named gentlemen, Alumni of Burlington College, viz —

Hobart Chetwood A.B.

Frederick Augustus Clarke A.B.

The Rev. William Tilghman Johnston A.B.

The Rev. Joseph Shepherd Mayers A.B.

Christopher Wolfe Smith A.B.

Sheldon Hanford Smith A.B. *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The Rector's resignation letter cites his own declining health as the reason for stepping down after roughly a year in the post — the second consecutive Rector (after Moses P. Stickney) to leave the position in quick succession.*

Page 89 — Professor Elected; Rector's Resignation Accepted (numbered “53”)

On nomination by the President Dorsey Cox was unanimously elected Professor of Mathematics in the place of Mr Jacob Lehnur, deceased; and Mr James B. Batcheller, adjunct Professor.

The resignation of the Rev Dr Watson as Rector was then taken up, and it was on motion Resolved that the same be accepted

On motion adjourned

R. I. Germain, Secretary.

Burlington College — September 28. 1855

This being the day named in the By-Laws for the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, the following named members assembled at 11 o'clock A.M. viz. The Rt. Rev. Geo. W. Doane D.D. President of the College, The Rev. Mr Morehouse and Messrs Ogden Stratton, Potter, Parker, Thorp, Garthwaite, Condit and Whitney.

The President of the Board being absent, the President of the College took the Chair.

The customary religious services being had, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President of the College presented the following report,

“The President reports most favorably of the Academic working of the Institution during the year just ended. The instruction and discipline of the College have never been so thoroughly carried out, and the result is more than ever encouraging.

The number of Students on the College Register is 73

The Faculty, by the President unanimously recommend Hugh Livingston Morrison Clarke *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Two Rectors have now resigned within roughly a year of each other (John L. Watson, accepted here, following Moses P. Stickney's resignation reported at page 76) — the office of Rector at Burlington College appears to have had high turnover through the mid-1850s.*

Page 90 — Degrees Recommended; Faculty Appointments (numbered “54”)

George Seymour Lewis, and Thomas Gardiner Littell as well deserving at their hands, the first Academic degree of Bachelor of Arts. They also recommend that Nathaniel Bailey Boyd, Devereux Klapp, Charles Willing Littell, Lindlay Hoffman Miller, Walter Alexander Mitchell, Dayton Ogden, James Atcheson Upjohn, and any Alumni of the College, Bachelors of Arts, of three years standing, who shall apply, be advanced to the Second Academic degree of Master of Arts.

The College is again commended to the devotion of the Trustees, and to the blessing of God.”

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, Pres.

Burlington College Sep. 28. 1855.

> *Editorial note: A marginal note in the left margin beside this paragraph, keyed with an asterisk, reads: “The degree of Bachelor and Master of Arts were then conferred upon the several young gentlemen named in the report of the President, the rest of them he was requested to each of them a proper Diploma.” Transcribed here as the note relates directly to the conferral described in the body text.*

The President made the following nominations which were agreed to, viz:

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt A.M. to be Professor of Hebrew, Syriac, Chaldee and Arabic.

Walter Augustus Mitchell A.M. to be adjunct Professor of Latin.

Henry Hamilton Pfeiffer A.M. to be adjunct Professor of Mathematics.

The Rev. Harry Finch, to be the Honorary degree of Master of Arts.

The Rev. R. I. Germain and the Rev. Saml. L. Southard, Trustees, tendered their resignations, having both of them removed from the Diocese; the same were accepted.

The Rev Alfred Stubbs, and The Rev Milo Mahan D.D. were nominated to fill the vacancies caused by the foregoing resignations

A memorial was presented signed by a number of Rectors of Parishes, and others, asking that scholarships *[continues on next page]*

Page 91 — Committees Appointed; Trustees Elected (numbered “55”)

at a reduced price should be created; which memorial was referred to a Committee consisting of the Provisional Committee of Burlington College and the Proprietors of St Mary's Hall.

Judge Ogden submitted the following notice, viz:

“I give notice that I intend to offer at the next meeting of the Board an addition to the By-Laws, by an article providing for the vacating the seat of a Trustee who may habitually omit to attend the meetings of the Board. Sep. 28. 1855.”

Order'd that the above notice be entered on the minutes and that the notice provided by the ninth By-Law be given to the Trustees.

The President offered the following resolution which was adopted. “Resolved, that the Clerical Trustees, with Judge Ogden, Mr Chetwood and Mr Cannon be a Committee on the Examinations, with power to add as many more to their number.

The following resolution was offered & adopted, “Resolved, that Thos. P. Carpenter, Abraham Browning and J. L. N. Stratton Esquires, be a committee to advise and co-operate with the Provisional Committee in obtaining and completing the Titles and Transfers of the property intended to be secured by the Subscriptions for the relief of the Institution.”

The Librarian of the College presented his annual report, which was read and ordered to be filed.

It was then on motion Resolved that the Board [proceed] to the election of two Trustees to fill vacancies, a ballot was held and The Rev. Alfred Stubbs and the Rev. Milo Mahan D.D. were unanimously elected.

The “Act respecting the Trustees of Burlington College” passed on the 3rd April 1855, was read, accepted, and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes; It is as follows, “Whereas, It has been represented in behalf *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Judge Ogden's proposed by-law addition — to allow the Board to vacate the seat of a chronically absent Trustee — follows directly from the committee appointed at the November 1853 meeting to consider whether the Board even had such a power (see page 84).*

Page 92 — Legislative Act Reducing Quorum (numbered “56”)

of the Corporation of Burlington College, that, by their Charter, thirteen Trustees are requisite to form a quorum, to the great hindrance of the necessary business of the Institution, and the proper execution of their Trust, by reason of the non-attendance of members living at a distance from Burlington; and of others who omit to come, and they have prayed that the quorum be lessened to nine; And whereas the relief prayed for has been granted in another similar case, and is proper and reasonable, therefore Be it enacted, by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That any nine or more of the Trustees of said College, when duly convened, shall constitute the necessary quorum, and be competent for performing and executing the duties, business matters, and things connected with said Institution, as fully & effectually as if thirteen of them had been so convened, any thing in their Charter to the contrary not-withstanding: Provided, that the Governor of the State for the time being, who is a Trustee ex-officio and the President of the Board, or the President of the College, shall always be one of the said nine Trustees, so at any time constituting a quorum as aforesaid.

2nd. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 3. 1855.

On motion adjourned.

> *Editorial note: This legislative act permanently reduces the quorum required for Board business from thirteen Trustees to nine — a direct response to the repeated lack-of-quorum adjournments recorded throughout 1853–1854 (see, e.g., pages 78, 85–86). It requires that the Governor or the College President always be among the nine present, preserving the ex-officio leadership role established at the College's founding (see page 21).*

Page 93 — Annual Meeting; Rector Elected (numbered “57”)

Burlington College — September 27. 1856

This being the day appointed by the By-Laws for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, The following members assembled at the College at 11 o'clock A.M. viz: The Rt Rev. The President of the College, the Rev. Mr Morehouse, the Rev Dr Mahan, Messrs Parker, Potter, Condit, Ryall, Garthwaite, Chetwood and Whitney.

After the usual religious services the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Resolution offered by Judge Ogden at the last meeting relative to a change in the By-Laws was laid over in consequence of his absence.

On motion Resolved that the Board proceed to fill the office of Rector of the College now vacant; Messrs Garthwaite and Condit were appointed tellers. A ballot was held, and the Rev. Hobart Chetwood was unanimously elected.

The President of the College submitted his Annual report as follows.

“The President reports the College as in complete working order. The peculiar system is steadily and successfully coming out. The number of Students on the Register is 74.

“The Faculty by the President unanimously recommend Luke Davies Chadwick, James Otis Watson, Robert Green Chase, Edward B. Chase, for the degree of Bachelor of Arts; They also recommend that

Gideon Burton

John Lathrop

Thomas W. Ryall

Jeremiah C. Garthwaite Jr., Alumni of the College, being Bachelors of Arts, be advanced *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The Rev. Hobart Chetwood — himself an early graduate of the College, having received his B.A. in 1852 and M.A. causa honoris in 1854 (see pages 71 and 74) — is here elected Rector, the third person to hold the office in roughly three years (after Stickney and Watson).*

Page 94 — Degrees Conferred; Annual Commencement Schedule Changed (numbered “58”)

to the degree of Masters. They further recommend that The Rev. Wm Croswell Doane

The Rev Hobart Chetwood

The Rev Wm. Tilghman Johnston

Alumni of the College and Masters of Arts, be advanced Bachelors in Divinity.

The President recommends that the Annual Commencement be hereafter on the third Thursday in September, and the Annual meeting of the Trustees, on the day before, and that an adjourned meeting be held on Monday the 5th of January to make the necessary alterations in the By-Laws.

“The College is again affectionately committed to the care of the Trustees, and to the blessing of God.”

Signed, Geo. W. Doane, Pres.

Riverside, Sep. 27. 1856.

The several degrees were then conferred in conformity with the recommendation of the President and Faculty, and the President was requested to deliver to each of the gentlemen named, a proper Diploma with the seal of the Corporation attached.

The resignation of Mr Timothy G. Mitchell as Adjunct Professor of Latin was offered and accepted.

On motion Resolved that the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts be conferred upon

The Rev. John Wragg Shackelford

The Rev Edward Augustus Foggo

The Rev Daniel Caldwell Millett.

A memorial from the Rev James Bonner, asking that the Honorary Degree of L.L.D. be conferred upon Isaiah McBurney Esq was read and referred to a Committee, who reported that it had not been considered expedient hitherto, nor in their opinion is yet expedient to confer such degrees.

> *Editorial note: The Board here declines, on committee recommendation, to establish a precedent of conferring honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degrees, even as it continues to confer honorary Master of Arts degrees relatively freely (see also pages 75 and 90).*

Page 95 — Meeting Adjourned; New Annual Meeting Opens (numbered “59”)

Editorial note: Two different numerals appear at the top of this page in the source scan — “59” and “61” — apparently two distinct pagination schemes (the clerk's running numbers and a later archival stamp) rather than a single unambiguous page number. The content is continuous from the preceding page regardless.

On motion Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet again on Monday 5th of January next at 10 o'clock A.M. in this place

The Subjects of Terms and vacations having been introduced and discussed, it was referred to the Rev. Dr Mahan, Mr Chetwood and Judge Ogden for consideration, to report at the adjourned meeting in January.

Approved Sept. 28th AD 1857.

On motion adjourned

Burlington College

Sept 28th AD 1857

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, The following members of the Board assembled at the College at 11 A.M.; His Excellency, Wm. A. Newell, President ex officio, the Rt Rev the President of the College, The Rev Dr. Mahan & Stubbs, the Rev Mr Morehouse, & Messrs Ogden, Ryall, Carpenter, Potter, Condit, Stratton, Garthwaite, Parker & Chetwood.

After the usual religious services, the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane, was elected Secretary.

The President of the College submitted his Annual Report, as follows,

“The President distinctly states to the Trustees that the College, in instruction & discipline, and in all that was contemplated in its foundation, is in better condition than it ever has been. Nothing is now wanting, with God's blessing, to its perfect demonstration of the wisdom of its plan, but ampler patronage. We need one hundred paying pupils. Besides that, we need the endowment of three professorships. If God shall put it into the hearts of Church- men to endow the Professorship of *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The note appended above the “Approved Sept. 28th AD 1857” line — approving the previous year's minutes a full year later, at the following year's annual meeting — reflects the fact that the January 1857 adjourned meeting evidently never reconvened, or its record was not entered; the Minutes proceed directly from the September 1856 meeting to September 1857.

Page 96 — President's Report concluded; Degrees Recommended (numbered “60”)

English Literature

Ancient Languages &

Mathematics

with $20,000 each, the College may be considered, if He please, a perpetual blessing to —

The number of Students on the Register is 85.

The Faculty by the President unanimously recommend

Francisco D. Baquel

Bradbury C. Chetwood

Henry Melles Nelson &

Beach Vanderpool Jr,

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

They also recommend that

F. W. Alexander A.B.

Henry O. Clagett A.B.

A. Montgomery King A.B.

G. Hood McLaughlin A.B.

William Vanderpool A.B.

Alumni of the College, be advanced to the degree of Master of Arts.

They further recommend that

The Rev Joseph S. Mayers A.M.

an Alumnus of the College, be admitted Bachelor of Divinity.

The College is again affectionately committed to the care of the Trustees & the blessing of God.

Signed, G. W. Doane, President

Riverside, 28 Sept 1857.

The report was ordered to be entered on the Minutes, & the degrees of Bachelor & Master of Arts & of Bachelor in Divinity were conferred upon the young gentlemen named in the report & the President
[continues on next page]

Page 97 — Honorary Degree; Committees; Mitchell Memorial (numbered “61”)

was requested to deliver to each of them the proper diploma, with the Seal of the Corporation attached.

The degree of Master of Arts, honoris causa, was then conferred upon the Rev W. H. Williams of Ridgefield Connecticut.

On motion of the President of the College, Resolved, that that portion of the President's report which proposes the endowment of three professorships, be referred to a Committee of three; Resolved, that the expediency of founding Scholarships be referred to the same Committee, and if deemed expedient, that they report a plan for the same.

The Rt Rev the President, the Rev Dr Mahan & Jas. Potter Esq, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of the Rt Rev President, the following order was unanimously adopted,

“It has pleased Almighty God, since the last annual meeting of this Board, to remove from this world, the Rev. our deceased brother, Timothy Green Mitchell A.M. an Adjunct Professor in Burlington College. As a testimony to the sterling worth of the departed, it is hereby ordered that this expression of their grief be entered upon the minutes of the Trustees, & a copy of the same be sent to the Church papers for publication, and to the family of the deceased. As a man, as a Christian gentleman and scholar, & a most thorough & faithful teacher, the loss of Professor Mitchell is far more than ordinary. May the good God comfort those who mourn for him, in that other sphere of his daily domestic life, into which we may not intrude. ‘The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.’”

It was then on motion,

Resolved, that the Annual Commencement of Burlington College, shall hereafter be held on the fourth Thursday in September.

> *Editorial note: Timothy Green Mitchell, elected Adjunct Professor of Greek in 1852 (see page 75), is here memorialized on his death — the second Adjunct Professor to die in office after Jacob Lehnur (see page 87).*

Pages 98–99 — Duplicate Scans of Pages 96–97 (numbered “60”–“61”)

Editorial note: As with scan pages 56–59 earlier in the volume (see the note there), these two images are exact duplicates of the immediately preceding pages — the same two leaves, numbered “60” and “61,” were evidently photographed twice in sequence during digitization. Not re-transcribed here; no content is missing or repeated in the manuscript itself.

Page 100 — Claim Referred; By-Law on Absent Trustees Adopted (numbered “62”)

The claim made by Mr Wright against the Trustees, was referred to the Provisional Committee with power to arrange & settle it.

The Board then took a recess until 7½ P.M.

Sept 28th 7½ P.M.

The Report of the Provisional Committee was read.

Mr Chetwood moved the following preamble & resolution, which were adopted,

“The Committee on the relief fund, having reported, that they have so far progressed in the work as to have the control of all the indebtedness against the two Institutions & Riverside, except $1,900.00; and that the assets & uncollected subscriptions amount to $—

Resolved, that the report be accepted & approved & be entered, with the details, on the minutes.”

(See Report on next page)

The Board then took a recess till 3½ P.M.

Sept 28th 3½ P.M.

On motion of Judge Carpenter, it was Resolved, that hereafter in case of the withdrawal for good cause, of any pupil before the end of the term, by whom the required advance for instruction & maintenance shall have been paid, such proportionate part of said money as would pay for the maintenance of said pupil, not to exceed $3.00 per week, shall be refunded & nothing more.

Due notice having been given at the Annual meeting of the Board in 1855, by Judge Ogden, which notice at its last meeting was laid over until this meeting, on motion, Resolved, that the following addition to the By-Law be adopted,

“Any Trustee, who may habitually omit to attend the meetings of this Board &

> *Editorial note: This page notes an unfilled blank in the manuscript (“the assets & uncollected subscriptions amount to $—”), where the clerk left the figure to be filled in later and did not do so.*

Page 101 — By-Law Adopted; Relief Fund Committee Report Begins (numbered “63”)

shall, for two years consecutively not attend the meetings of this Board, shall, at the option of this Board, be deemed to have vacated his seat.”

On motion, Resolved, that when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in this place

On motion adjourned.

Approved Sept. 22 AD 1858.

Wm. Croswell Doane, Secretary

Report of the Provisional Committee read & accepted at the above meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, Sept 28, AD 1857.

The Committee appointed, by this Board, to take the necessary measures, for carrying into effect their Resolution, to make efforts for relieving St. Mary's Hall, Burlington College and Riverside from indebtedness and incumbrance, according to the plan marked out in our address, put forth to the Patrons of those Institutions, and to the friends of Christian Education, on the first of July, 1850, beg leave to make the following Report.

Shortly after the duty was imposed, your Committee, devised and adopted a systematic course for, personally applying to the friends of the Church of the Institutions, and of Christian Education, in the Diocese, and in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, New York, and elsewhere. The work required time, patience, persevering begging; and sometimes supposed, but unintentional, obtrusive importunity.

On the thirtieth of November 1854, your Committee had so far accomplished the desired object that they convened in the City of Trenton, Governor Stratton, Governor Haines, and the Hon. William Wright, to report to them the progress which had been made. It will be remembered by the Board, that those Gentlemen are named in the address, as the recipients and appropriators of the contemplated munificence, for the purposes, proposed, in the Resolution referred to. The exhibit made by your Committee, to those Gentlemen was as follows.

> *Editorial note: The approval line at the top of this page reads “Approved Sept. 22 AD 1858,” a year later than the September 28, 1857 meeting it approves — consistent with the pattern seen at page 95, where minutes are formally approved a full annual cycle after being recorded.*

Page 102 — List of Incumbrances: St. Mary's Hall (numbered “64”)

Editorial note: This page opens a detailed financial exhibit — a certified list of mortgages, judgments and notes against St. Mary's Hall, Riverside, and Burlington College as of November 3, 1854, prepared by Trustees William Wright, Charles C. Stratton, and Daniel Haines. It is a formal financial table in the manuscript; transcribed here as a compact list preserving every creditor's name and figure exactly as entered, organized under the property headings the clerk used. The right-hand columns record amounts and the disposition of each debt (interest paid, surrendered, settled, etc.) as the clerk recorded them alongside a second, reduced figure.

List of Incumbrances on St. Mary's Hall, Riverside, and Burlington College; being a copy of the Original Paper, Certified to November 3rd 1854, by Messrs William Wright, Charles C. Stratton, and Daniel Haines.

St. Mary's Hall.

Mortgage to Jos. Deacon — $8,000 — Interest paid

do " do — $7,000 — do

Mortgage Loan, April 1847:

to Isaac B Parker — $4,000 — Surrendered — $4,000

" Wm. Wright — $2,400 — do — $2,400

" Fitch Smith — $2,100 — do — $737

" Nathan Thorp — $1,200 — do — $500

" Samuel Mickle — $400 — do — $400

Mortgage Loan, May 1848:

" Rev. Lawson Carter — $5,000 — do — $5,000

" J. C. Garthwaite — $4,000 — do — $4,000

" Michael Hays — $3,000 — do — $1,000

" Isaac B. Parker — $2,000 — do — $2,000

" Thos B. Woolman — $2,500 — do — $1,250

" Wm Wright — $2,000 — do — $2,000

" Nathan Thorp — $1,500 — do — $1,500

" Thos. Dugdale — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" Franklin Woolman — $1,000 — do — $750

" Thos. Dutton — $1,000

" Taylor & Dugdale — $1,000 — do — $250

" S. C. Robardet — $1,000 — do — $500

" Wm H. Case — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" Chas. Bispham — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" Abraham Brown — $1,000 — do — $500

" E. B. D. Ogden — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" John J. Chetwood — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" Joel W. Condit — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" Saml. Mickle — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" C. Lippincott & Ink — $1,330

" Edmund Morris — $500 — Settled — $500

" Thos. Milnor — $500 — Surrendered — $500

Forward — $59,430 — Forward — $34,787

Page 103 — List of Incumbrances continued; Relief Fund Subscribers Begin (numbered “65”)

Forward — $57,430 — Forward — $34,787

To Edward B. Grubb — $1,000 — Surrendered — $1,000

" A. B. Engelow — $1,000 — do — $500

" Saml. Rogers — $500 — Settled — $500

" Wm. A. Rogers — $500 — Surrendered — $250

" Wm. J. Hall — $500 — Settled — $500

" Isaac A. Shreve — $500 — Surrendered — $300

" David Harmer — $500 — do — $300

" Wm. McIlvaine — $500 — do — $500

" T. Albert Haven — $500 — do — $500

" Edmund Harris — $500 — do — $500

" John Dobbins — $500 — do — $250

" John Black — $500 — do — $250

" John Quick — $500 — do — $250

" H. Hutchinson — $500

" Rolph Marsh — $500 — do — $500

" I. M. Quimby — $500 — do — $500

" I. Babbitt M.D. — $500 — do — $500

" Chas Williams — $500 — do — $500

" Rev. J. A. Williams — $1,000 — do — $1,000

" A. A. Swan — $300 — do — $100

" John G. Clark — $300 — do — $300

" Geo. P. Mitchell — $300 — Settled — $300

" T. Hopkins & Son — $300 — Surrendered — $150

" Wm C. Myers — $300 — do — $100

" I. I. Spencer M.D. — $250 — do — $250

" F. Schuchard — $250 — do — $250

" I. Mitchell & Int — $266 — do — $133

" B. L. Nichols — $250 — do — $250

" Wm. A. Fairhurst — $250 — do — $250

" Chas Fenimore — $300 — do — $175

" Wm. Stone — $300 — do — $175

" Francis Roth — $300 — do — $175

" Wm A. Watson — $500 — do — $500

Total — $74,596 — Total — $46,415

Editorial note: The ledger total at the foot of this page, $74,596 against $46,415, is the running subtotal for St. Mary's Hall alone; the list continues with Riverside and Burlington College debts, and then a separate subscriber list (the "Relief Fund") organized by New Jersey county, recording individual contributions toward retiring this debt — this financial exhibit runs to considerable length in the manuscript and is transcribed in full in the following pages.

Page 104 — Incumbrances: Riverside, Farms, Burlington College (numbered "66")

Riverside. Forward — $74,596 — Forward — $46,415

Mortgage to C. R. Perkins — $5,000

Trust Mortgage to H. R. Cleveland — $15,000 — Surrendered — $15,000

Farms.

Mortgage to W. Chester — $800 — Interest paid

do S. C. Robardet — $300 — do

do Phebe Woolman — $300 — do

Burlington College.

Mortgage to School Fund — $10,000 — do

do Isaac B. Parker — $5,850 — Surrendered — $5,850

Judgments to Jas Potter — $5,200 — do — $5,200

do W. J. Hall — $2,145 — do — $100

do T. Dugdale — $2,200 — do — $200

do E. Gibson att — $220

do E. A. Shreve — $230

3 Joint Notes of Trustees — $6,500 — Interest paid

Total — $131,046.00 — Surrendered — $67,845.00

3 accommodation notes on acct of St Mary's Hall — $7,500

1 do for acct of Burlington College — $4,000

Grand Total — $142,546.00

Editorial note: This concludes the debt exhibit; the combined mortgages, judgments, and notes against the three linked institutions totalled $142,546 as of November 1854, of which $67,845 had by then been surrendered or otherwise resolved through the relief-fund effort. The list of individual subscribers to the Relief Fund, organized by county, follows immediately below.

List of Subscribers to the Relief Fund

Essex County.

Wm Wright — $10,000 — Scrip & Cash $9,472.00

J. C. Garthwaite — $6,000 — Trustee's note $2,000 & Scrip $4,000

J. W. Condit — $3,000 — Scrip & Cash — $3,000

Saml. Mickle — $2,000 — do — $2,000

B. J. Nichols — $3,250 — Scrip & note $3,415 — $3,250

H. G. Darcy — $500 — paid through I.C.G. — $500

J. L. Alden — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

W. S. Failoure — $250 — Scrip surrendered — $250

Rev. J. A. Williams — $1,000 — do — $1,000

I. Babbitt M.D. — $750 — Scrip & Cash — $750

Chas. Williams — $500 — do surrendered — $500

Page 105 — Relief Fund Subscribers: Essex County concluded; Hudson County begins (numbered “67”)

Ralph Marsh — $1,000 — Scrip & cash — $1,000

J. B. Ward — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Mr Coxe — $50 — do — $50

A. Keasbey — $100 — note — $100

Wm Stevens — $50

Thos. Reinyan — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

Thos. H. Stevens — $50 — " — $50

I. M. Quimby — $500 — Scrip surrendered — $500

J. J. Chetwood — $2,000 — Scrip & cash & note — $2,000

B. Vanderpool — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

C. M. King — $500 — " — $500

J. Chadwick — $500 — " — $500

John Garside — $500 — do — $500

W. M. Babbitt — $250 — do — $250

J. Harrison — $250 — do — $250

W. Vermilia — $250 — do — $250

M. Satterthwaite — $100 — do — $100

John Stean — $100

E. Marsh — $100 — do — $100

M. Sword — $50 — do — $50

C. Parker — $100 — do Jan 4 1855 — $100

D. Todd — $100 — do — $100

J. Merchant — $100 — do — $100

W. J. Clough — $100 — do — $100

Hudson County.

J. G. King — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

M. Sirian — $500 — " — $500

J. J. Morton — $100 — note — $100

Mr Bentley — $100 — paid I.C.S. — $100

J. W. Scudder — $25 — do — $25

Rich'd Hawkins — $50 — do — $50

J. Harrison — $50 — do — $50

J. Salisbury — $100 — do — $100

Jas Montgomery Jr — $25 — do — $25

Thos. Harrison — $50 — do — $50

Page 106 — Hudson County concluded; Morris, Somerset, Sussex & Warren, Passaic, Middlesex Counties (numbered “68”)

Jno. Van Voorst — $1,000 — paid I.C.G. — $1,000

A. L. Van Buskirk — $100 — do — $100

Dr. Cornelison — $100 — do — $100

R. C. Baret — $50 — do Jan 4 1855 — $50

Jacob Marcelis — $25 — do — $25

M. Thomas — $100

A. Fitch — $100 — do — $100

W. V. Wright — $50 — do — $50

W. B. Branihall — $100 — do — $100

Rev. S. L. Bowdin — $25

Morris County.

Jas Lovitt — $500 — Cash & note — $500

Stephen Vail — $500

H. McFarlan — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

J. W. Miller — $500 — I.C.S. in acct — $200

Somerset County.

by Rev. S. L. Southard — $250 — Sundry Collections — $250

Sussex & Warren Counties.

assessed at — $250 — Collected by Rev Petit 1854 $250 / by Rev Bruen $65

Passaic County.

by E. B. D. Ogden — $1,500 — Scrip & note — $1,500

Middlesex County.

Nathan Thorp — $2,000 — Scrip — $2,000

M. Livingston — $1,000 — paid I.C.G. — $1,000

J. L. Carpenter — $200 — do — $200

Mr Finney — $500 — note — $500

Mr Watson — $100

J. E. Hoffman — $3,000 — paid I.C.G. — $3,000

F. Schuchard — $500 — Scrip & cash — $500

J. Kirkpatrick — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Burlington County.

J. B. Parker — $11,850 — Scrip & mortgage — $11,850

Page 107 — Burlington County continued (numbered “69”)

T. B. Woolman — $1,250 — Scrip & mortgage for $2,500 transferred — $1,250

E. B. Grubb — $1,000 — Scrip — $1,000

W. Case — $1,000 — Scrip transferred — $1,000

H. C. Cary — $1,500

H. Beckett — $1,000 — paid I.C.G. Jan 23 — $1,000

F. Woolman — $750 — Scrip — $750

Thos. Milnor — $500 — Scrip transferred — $500

I. I. Spencer M.D. — $500 — " " $250

John G. Clark — $300 — Scrip — $300

J. Dobbins — $250 — do — $250

W. A. Rogers — $250 — do — $250

I. A. Shreve — $300 — Scrip transferred for $500 — $300

W. Stone — $175 — " " — $175

G. P. Mitchell — $300 — " " — $300

A. A. Swan — $199.50

W. J. Hall — $500 — " " — $500

W. C. Myers — $100

F. Roth — $175 — " " — $175

Michael Hays — $1,000 — Scrip for $3,000 transferred — $1,000

T. Dugdale — $1,200 — " for $1,000 (judgment $2,201) — $1,200

C. Bispham — $1,500 — Scrip for $1,000 transferred, cash $500 — $1,500

I. McKnight — $500 — Scrip transferred — $500

Wm McIlvaine — $500 — do — $500

Wm J. Watson — $500 — do — $500

Ed. Morris — $500 — Scrip $500 transferred — $500

Saml. Rogers — $500 — " " " — $500

A. B. Engstrom — $500 — " $1,000 " — $400

I. C. Robardet — $500 — do — $500

T. A. Haven — $500 — " $500 " — $500

J. W. Wall — $500 — note $520 " — $500

Ed Harris — $500

W. Brown — $500 — Scrip transferred $500 — $500

Taylor & Dugdale — $250 — " " — $300

John Quick — $250 — " " — $250

John Black — $250 — " " — $250

David Harmer — $300 — " " — $300

Page 108 — Burlington County concluded; Gloucester, Mercer, Cumberland, Monmouth Counties (numbered “70”)

C. H. Fenimore — $175 — Scrip transferred — $175

T. Hopkins & Son — $150 — do — $150

John Mitchell — $133 — do — $133

G. H. & W. C. Doane — $5,000 — mortgage — $5,000

Mr Van Renssalaer — $50 — paid I.C.G. — $50

J. L. N. Stratton — $250 — note Jan 6, 90 day — $250

G. S. Cannon — $250 — note Oct 4 mo — $250

J. M. Hugg — $100

W. J. Hall add'l — $100 — Judgment assigned $2,145.00 — $100

Mr I. C. Ten Eyck — $50 — paid I.C.G. — $200

Gloucester County.

Ch. C. Stratton — $1,000 — note 1854, 4 mo — $1,000

Saml. Whitney — $500 — Cash — $500

I. H. Whitney & Bro — $1,000 — notes — $1,000

Mercer County.

James Potter — $8,200 — Judgment & note — $8,200

Cooper & Hewitt — $500

A. L. Livingston — $50 — paid I.C.G. — $50

E. H. Grandion — $25 — do — $25

T. W. Wilson — $100

W. A. Norcross — $100 — do — $100

M. Perdicaris — $100 — do — $100

Capt. W. E. Hunt — $500

E. M. Wild — $100

Mrs. McIntosh — $50 — paid I.C.G. — $50

Mr Simons — $50 — do — $50

P. Dickerson — $50 — do — $50

M. Stockton — $50 — do — $50

Cumberland County.

R. C. Nichols — $100

Monmouth County.

J. B. Ryall — $500 — Cash — $500

others — $500 — rec'd on acct — $70

Page 109 — Salem, Camden Counties; New York City (numbered “71”)

Salem County.

R. P. Thompson — $500 — paid R.B.A. Dec 21 — $500

Dr. J. H. Thompson — $500 — " " Dec 21 — $300

Jas. W. Mecum — $400 — note $400, Jan 4 mo — $400

Mrs Prescott — $200 — paid R.B.A. Dec 21 — $200

Jos Kille — $100 — " " " — $100

Mrs Burroughs — $100 — " " " — $100

Josiah Harrison — $100 — " " Jan 3 — $100

Dr. Thos. Rowan — $100 — note Dec 21, 4 mo — $100

Fenwick Archer — $100 — paid R.B.A. Dec 21 — $100

Rev. W. B. Otis — $50 — " " check Feb — $50

Rev. A. B. Patterson — $50

Jon'n Ingraham — $50 — paid R.B.A. check Feb'y — $50

Ben Acton — $25 — " " Dec 21 — $25

Camden County.

A. Browning — $1,000 — note — $1,000

Ed. Browning — $500 — Cash — $500

T. P. Carpenter — $200 — note Dec 1, 1854, 4 mo — $200

Mr Crispen & others by A. Browning — $300 — paid $220

New York City.

A. B. — $1,000 — Cash — $1,000

Thomas Hunt — $500 — paid I.C.G. — $500

Rev. Dr. Berrien — $100 — do — $100

" Dr. Higbee — $100

" Dr. Creighton — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Cyrus Curtis — $100 — " " Jan 4/55 — $100

Jno Caswell — $250 — " " " — $250

Jas Warner — $100 — do — $100

W. Moon — $100 — do — $100

Lloyd Wells — $100 — do — $100

A. T. Anderson — $100 — note $155.25 — $100

Sherman & Collins — $100 — paid I.C.G. Jan 4/55 — $100

Chas. E. Milnor — $100 — do — $100

Page 110 — New York City concluded

I. I. Post — $250 — paid I.C.S. Jan 4/55 — $250

C. L. Bourne — $50

W. B. Douglass — $50 — paid I.C.S. Jan 4/55 — $50

J. Rimmele — $50 — " " " — $50

I. J. E. R. Van Bokelin — $25 — " " " — $25

Daniel Berrien — $25

W. A. Duncan — $25 — " " " — $25

John B. Lewis — $25 — " " " — $25

Isaac Fryer — $25

W. B. Scott — $25 — paid I.C.G. Jan 4/55 — $25

John E. Earle — $25 — do — $25

Burr Griffith — $25 — do — $25

Walter R. Jones — $100 — do — $100

Spalding I. Vail — $100 — do — $100

B. Jackson — $100 — do — $100

H. Suydam — $100 — do — $100

Judge Hoffman — $500 — Cash & note — $500

A. B. Sands — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

D. Hadden — $25 — " " Jan 4/55 — $25

John Alstyne — $25 — " " " — $25

W. W. Clay — $25 — " " " — $25

L. Chapman — $25

Ed. Haight — $50 — paid I.C.G. — $50

Babcock & Brown — $100

E. B. Sutton — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Saml. Holmes — $100 — do — $100

I. P. P. & W. I. Pierson — $25 — do — $25

John W. Mitchell — $25 — do Feb 18, 1856 — $25

H. C. Hobart — $25 — do May 20, '56 — $20

Henry Parish — $250 — paid I.C.G. — $250

A young man by Dr. Vinton — $5 — " " Jan 4/55 — $5

E. Windenst — $10

Henry D. Freeman — $25 — paid I.C.G. — $25

Judson Fowler & Co — $25 — do — $25

Wm Martin — $25 — do — $25

E. G. Cunningham — $25 — do — $25

Editorial note: The New York City subscriber list continues beyond this page; the remaining counties and cities in this financial exhibit, together with its final totals, continue in the following pages of the manuscript.

Page 111 — New York City Subscribers concluded; Future Pledges; Washington City, Albany, Troy & Lansingburgh (numbered “73”)

Satter Lord & Co. — $25 — paid I.C.G. — $25

E. C. Fisher — $50 — do — $50

Geo Opdyke — $100 — do — $100

W. H. Knapp — $25

T. S. Winston — $25 — paid I.C.G — $25

Taylor Richard & Co. — $25 — “ do — $25

C. B. Hatch — $25 — do — $25

I. Smith Sons & Co. — $25 — do — $25

A. Collins & Co. — $100 — do — $100

R. J. Wicks — $100 — do — $100

Harrison Jones & Co. — $25 — do — $25

N. Thorp — $250 — paid $125

Isaac V. Barker — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Rev. J. J. Robertson D.D., Fishkill Landing — $25 — Cash when subscribed — $25

Editorial note: A heading in the manuscript introduces the following group: “The following Subscribers have each pledged themselves to procure future subscriptions in New York City, for the amount opposite their names, viz.”

H. McFarlan — $1,300 — notes — $1,300

Charles King — $1,300

I. Swift — $1,000 — cash — $1,000

E. B. D. Ogden — $300 — note — $300

J. W. Condit — $1,300 — cash — $1,300

J. C. Garthwaite — $1,300 — do — $1,300

Col. J. W. Webb — $1,300 — notes — $1,300

Washington City

Rev. J. Pyne — $100

A. O. Dayton — $100 — paid I.C.G. — $100

Albany

settled by W. C. Bleeker — $1,500 — $1,500

Troy & Lansingburgh

$2,000 — paid $1,925 *[table continues on next page]*

Page 112 — Philadelphia, Connecticut, Boston, Ohio Subscribers (numbered “74”)

Philadelphia

John R. Wilmer — $1,000 — paid R.B.A. — $1,000

Jas R. Farnham — $200 — “ “ 1855 — $200

Henry Farnum — $250 — do — $250

Rev. W. P. Hine[s] — $750 — Cash when subscribed — $750

Jas Devereux — $200 — paid R.B.A. Dec 18 — $200

Tobias Wagner — $200 — do Jan 1855 — $200

Jos D. Brown — $100 — do Dec 18 — $100

Caleb Jones — $100 — do — $100

Osman Reed — $100 — do — $100

R. B. Hancock — $100 — do — $100

Price Butler — $100 — do Jan 2/55 — $100

Fred Brown — $100 — do Dec 18 — $100

John B. Meyers — $100

M. B. Mahoney — $100 — paid R.B.A. Dec 18 — $100

Wm H. Newbold — $100 — cash paid Dec 1/54 — $100

John S. Newbold — $100 — do do — $100

Jos B. Meyers — $100 — do — $100

Jesper Harding — $100

T. Srinicksow — $50 — paid R.B.A. Mar 14/55 — $50

Saml Buck — $25 — “ “ Dec 18 — $25

Robert Burton — $100 — “ “ Jan 2 55 — $100

Cash. J. S. Newbold — $100 — Cash when subscribed — $100

Gideon Scull — $100 — paid R.B.A. Mar 14 — $100

Wright Pike & Co. — $100

Connecticut

Fitch Smith — $737 — bond for $2100 surrendered — $737

Boston

E. N. Perkins by J. H. & W. C. Doane — $5,000 — paid — $5,000

Rev E. M. P. Wells D.D., pledged for — $2,600 — paid I.C.G. on Jan 4 — $1,000; “ — $1,000

Ohio

Rev Lawson Carter — $5,000 — paid Scrip — $5,000 *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Several proper names on this page are faintly written or partly obscured by the gutter of the binding. “Hine[s]” remains an uncertain reading, bracketed as such. Two other names first transcribed with bracketed guesses — “Osman Reed” and “J. H. & W. C. Doane” — were confirmed on QA review: comparison of individual letterforms elsewhere on this page (the capital R of “R. B. Hancock,” the looped d of “Newbold”) supports “Reed,” and a matching entry four pages earlier (“G. H. & W. C. Doane — mortgage,” page 108) in the same Relief Fund campaign, together with a clean reference signature of “G. W. Doane” on page 116, confirms the Boston contributor's name as Doane — almost certainly William Croswell Doane, son of the College's founding Bishop.*

Page 113 — Recapitulation of the Relief Fund; Committee Certificate and Circular Letter (numbered “75”)

Recapitulation.

In New Jersey — $106,732.50

“ Philadelphia — $4,375.00

“ Boston — $7,600.00

“ Connecticut — $737.00

“ Troy & Lansingburgh — $2,000.00

“ Albany — $1,500.00

“ New York City — $14,165.00

“ Cleveland, Ohio — $5,000.00

“ Washington City — $200.00

Total — $142,309.50

From the above it will be seen that the demand required in liberating the Institutions & Riverside from indebtedness, amounted to One Hundred & Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred & Forty Six Dollars, & that the Sum promised for that object amounted to One Hundred & Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred & Nine $^{50}/_{100}$ Dollars. The last named amount embraced some assurances, which had been given to your Committee, not then, obtained in writing; and a few hundred dollars, which they then confidently expected to receive from particular sources.

Those Gentlemen certify under their hand, that they had examined the state of the Incumbrances, upon the properties, & also the lists of the Contributors, pledged for their relief — & thereupon in writing, they authorized your Committee, to collect & receive the sums subscribed. Your Committee make the original subscription book & the said original Certificate, attached thereto, with their authority, & this printed copy thereof a part of their Report —

“We, the subscribers, named in an Address to the Patrons of St Mary's Hall & Burlington College, & to the friends of Christian Education, made by the Trustees of the College on the first day of July, 1850, & in the caption to the subscription paper put in circulation for the relief of said College, Riverside & of St Mary's Hall, do hereby certify — That we have examined a statement of the incumbrances on the said properties, & also the list of Contributors pledged for said relief — & further that the whole sum of money required to meet the object mentioned in the Address, has been duly subscribed, & that the obligations entered into by the Contributors are binding upon them. And we do hereby authorize E. B. D. Ogden, Joel W. Condit, & J. C. Garthwaite, to collect & receive the several sums of money subscribed.”

Signed: Daniel Haines, Charles C. Stratton, William Wright.

Trenton, Nov 30th 1854.

“Dear Sir, The subscription which you kindly made for the above object will be called for at an early day, by one of us personally, or by some friend duly authorized to receive it, or if quite convenient to yourself it would still further oblige the Committee if you would enclose your check for the amount — to the order, & address of either of us, at Newark, New Jersey. Yours very truly — E. B. D. Ogden, Joel W. Condit, J. C. Garthwaite.”

December 1st 1854.

It is proper here to say that no demands against Bishop Doane or Burlington College have been taken in payment of subscriptions, nor paid out of the Relief Fund, that were not Incumbrances when your Committee were appointed, or have become such, in conducting the Institutions, since the Bishop made an assignment.

Upon the authority thus given them, your Committee proceeded to make collections, & to realize the Contributions & with the cash received & the Incumbrances transferred, upon subscriptions they have thus far been able to retire the Note set out, in the statement made by them; & also to obtain in their hands all the liens, upon the three properties, excepting $12,850. Those consist of a mortgage upon St Mary's Hall, given to Mr Deacon for $8,800, a mortgage upon the farm, given to Mrs W. S. C. Robardet for $3,000, and a scrip of the mortgage loan of May 1848, amounting to $1,050 — to the following named persons & held by them:

Edward Harris, Moorestown — $500 — since transferred, $500

Jonathan Spencer M.D., do — $250 — since transferred, $250

Hiram Hutchinson, France — $500

A. A. Sloan, Burlington — $300 — since transferred, $200

W. C. Myers, do — $300 — since transferred, $100

Total — $1,850 — since transferred, $1,050

Of this last item, $1,050 are promised to be surrendered, which will leave $800 of that loan still unprovided for; making $13,650 of outstanding Incumbrances. The interest upon the mortgages of $8,800 & $3,000 has been duly paid out of the receipts of St Mary's Hall.

There is on hand in Cash — $1,475.34

by W. C. Bleeker's, in Bills Receivable — $295.47

“ “ Albany note — $295.47

“ E. B. D Ogden “ — $300.00

Total — $870.94 *[figures continue on next page]*

Editorial note: This page is a dense financial exhibit combining a recapitulation table, a certificate signed by Daniel Haines, Charles C. Stratton and William Wright (former Governors of New Jersey, consistent with the reference on page 101 to Governors Stratton, Haines, and Hon. William Wright), and a circular collection letter. The mortgage holder first transcribed here as “Mrs [Reeder?]” was confirmed on QA review as “Mrs W. S. C. Robardet”: the $3,000 figure exactly matches a “Bond & Mortgage to W. S. C. Robardet — $3,000” payment recorded in the Relief Fund ledger at page 154, where the surname is written more clearly. “Hiram Hutchinson, France” is legible as written, though it is unclear whether “France” denotes a place, as the other entries in this list do (Moorestown, Burlington), or

something else — the corroborating incumbrance list at page 154 gives only “H. Hutchinson” with no such qualifier.

Page 114 — Unrealized Subscriptions and Assurances; Committee's Concluding Report, Signed (numbered “76”)

The subscriptions and assurances not realized, exclusive of those made by the Bond holders above referred to at $1,050, are as follows.

John O. Stearns, Essex — $50 — by J. W. Condit, declines paying

W. Thomas, Hudson — $10 — good — $10

Thos Harrison, do — $5

Rev J. J. Bowden, do — $25 — good — $25

Bertram Howell, Somerset — $5

Stephen Vail, Morris — $5 — declines paying

J. W. Miller, do balance — $3 — declines paying

W. Watson, Middlesex — $10

Monmouth County pledge — $4[3]0

W. E. Hunt, Mercer — $5 — good — $5

Carpenter & Hewitt, do — $5 — good — $5

Edward D. Wild, do — $10

Theo R. Wilson, do — $100 — insolvent

H. E. Carey, Burlington — $150 — declines paying

Jonathan Spencer, do — $250

J. C. Ten Eyck, do — $50 — good — $50

Wm Ashen, Camden — $8 — good — $8

R. C. Nichol, Cumberland — $100

Jos Thompson, Salem M.D. — $100 — good — $100

Rev. A. B. Paterson, Phila. — $5

John D. Myers, do — $10

Jesper Harding, do — $10

Wright Pike & Co., do — $10 — withdrawn

Rev J. Pyne D.D., Washington City — $100

“ E. M. P. Wells, Boston — $4

“ Dr Higbe, N. York — $100 — error

Babcock & Brown, do — $100 — insolvent

C. L. Bourne, do — $50

L. Chapman, do — $5

Saml Berrien, do — $25

Isaac Fryer, do — $25

W. H. Knapp, do — $25

E. Windevol[t], do — $10

Chas King, do — pledged $1,300 — good $1,300

N. Thorp, do — $75

Subtotal — $7,650; further sums — $2,655; grand figures — $2,346.28, $2,655.00, $5,021.28

Subtotal of estimated good — $4,995

Remaining indebtedness as shown above — $11,800

Estimated good towards paying same — $5,021.28

— $6,778.72

Editorial note: The arithmetic on this page (several partial totals in the right-hand margin) is transcribed as legible; the underlying ledger addition is the clerk's own and is not independently verified here.

In adjusting the subscriptions of some of the creditors who held mortgages, your Committee were required to allow for Interest, which had accrued before the subscriptions were made & for other items, $1,503.50 — It is proper to state that when your Committee visited Salem they were so strongly encouraged to expect that $250 would be provided there, that they included that sum in their statement to the Commissioners, but that the actual subscriptions have amounted to only $2,275; leaving a deficiency of $825; The total expenses which have been charged against the fund are $40.

It will be seen from the foregoing that of the unpaid amount, one subscriber for $150, & one for $50, absolutely refuse to redeem their pledges; another for $500, for himself & others having paid $200, deems his individual liability for the $300 maintained the promise was conditional, & based upon his ability to obtain aid from others, which he has failed to accomplish, and that there are several pledges by parties in this State & others not estimated, which your Committee trust will be redeemed.

Your Committee in conclusion beg leave to state, that they were greatly assisted in the performance of their duties by the active co-operation of Bishop Doane, Jno. Wm Wright & R. B. Austen in N. Jersey, of the Rev Dr Wells of Boston, and of valued friends in the Cities of New York, Albany and Troy — The combination of their counsel, service & material aid, greatly facilitated, and we may add under God, secured the result which has been obtained.

Burlington, Sept 20th 1857.

(Signed) E. B. Dayton Ogden

Joel W. Condit

J. C. Garthwaite

Editorial note: This concludes the long financial exhibit — “List of Incumbrances” and “List of Subscribers to the Relief Fund” — that has run continuously since manuscript page 102 (orig. “64”). It is the Provisional/Relief Committee's final report, signed and dated September 20, 1857, nearly three years after the underlying fundraising campaign of 1854. The Minutes of the Board resume immediately on the following page.

Page 115 — Annual Meeting, Sept. 1858; President's Annual Report (numbered “77”)

Burlington College, Sept. 22 AD 1858

This being the day appointed for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled at the College, at 11 Am; His Excellency Wm A. Newell President ex officio, The Rt Rev the President of the College, the Rev Geo. Y. Morehouse; & Messrs J. C. Garthwaite, J. W. Condit, James Potter & T. B. Parker.

The President having taken the chair, there being no quorum present, the Board proceeded to the informal transaction of business.

After the usual religious services, the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane B.D. was re-elected Secretary.

Thos Milnor Esq was re-elected Treasurer.

The President of the College submitted his Annual Report, as follows.

“The President in his last annual Report to the Trustees stated his conviction that with the endowment of three Professorships, & one hundred paying pupils, the College might be regarded as humanly speaking safely established. The disasters which fell on the Country made the attempt to obtain an endowment hopeless. And the number of paying pupils has materially fallen off. The general condition of the College financially regarded & especially the diminution of the College Classes should receive the careful attention of the Board. To that end the President advises that the whole subject should be referred to the Provisional Committee to report as to the causes of the present state of things, & as to the best remedy, to an adjourned meeting of the Board, to be held in Newark on Monday 4 October.

The number of Students on the Register is seventy three.

The Faculty by the President unanimously *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The Provisional Committee referenced here (and again below) is the same body — formed of Ogden, Condit, and Garthwaite among others — whose long relief-fund campaign concluded on the preceding pages.*

Page 116 — Degrees Recommended; President's Report Accepted; Board to Meet in Newark (numbered “78”)

recommend

Frederick Engle Jr.

William Butler Tiffany

James Alfred Rowland &

Henry Clay Russell

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

They also recommend that

Peter V. Finch A.B.

Hugh L. M. Clarke A.B.

George S. Lewis A.B. &

T. Gardiner Littell A.B.

alumni of the College, be advanced to the degree of Master of Arts.

The President commends the College to the thoughtful regard of the Board & to their earnest prayers.”

Signed, G. W. Doane, President.

Riverside, 22 Sept. 1858.

The President's report was informally accepted & the degrees of Bachelor & Master of Arts conferred upon the young gentlemen therein recommended; & the President was requested to deliver to each of them, the proper diploma with the seal of the Corporation attached.

On motion, it was resolved to refer the present state of the College to the Provisional Committee, & that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the house of J. W. Condit Esq in Newark, at 3 P.M., on Monday 4 October, to receive the Report of the Provisional Committee.

On motion of the Rt Rev the President the degree of Master of Arts was then conferred honoris causa, upon the Rev William Murphy & upon Joseph Dean Phillips Esq.

On motion Resolved, to adjourn *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This is the last Annual Report the Board would receive from Bishop George Washington Doane as President of the College; his death is recorded at the adjourned meeting on page 118, below.*

Page 117 — Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 1859: Death of Bishop Doane Announced (numbered “79”)

…til tomorrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

On motion adjourned.

Approved Oct 1 AD 1859. Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary

Burlington College, Oct 1st AD 1859.

This being the day appointed for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College building, at 12 M. His Excellency Wm A. Newell, President ex officio; the Rev Dr Mahan & Messrs James Potter, J. J. Chetwood, J. C. Garthwaite, D. B. Ryall, T. P. Carpenter, A. Browning, & J. W. Condit.

The President having taken the chair, there being a quorum present, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

After the usual religious services the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane B.D. was reelected Secretary.

A letter from Isaac B. Parker Esq, tendering his resignation as a Trustee of the College was laid on the table.

On motion, the Rev Dr Mahan & Messrs J. J. Chetwood & T. P. Carpenter were appointed a Committee, to prepare resolutions expressive of the great loss sustained in the death of the Rt Rev the President of the College.

The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

> *Editorial note: The gap between this meeting (October 1, 1859) and the adjourned meeting called for on page 116 (originally to reconvene in Newark on Monday, October 4, 1858) reflects an intervening year; as with the earlier pattern noted at page 95, the record moves from one Annual Meeting date directly into the approval, roughly a year later, of the minutes standing at its close. The College's President and founding Bishop, the Rt Rev George Washington Doane, died between these two meetings — on April 27, 1859, according to published Diocesan histories, though that date is not itself stated in the manuscript.*

Page 118 — Memorial Resolutions on the Death of Bishop George Washington Doane (numbered “80”)

“Whereas, Since the last meeting of this Board it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take unto His Rest, the honored Bishop of this Diocese, and President of this College, the Rt Rev George Washington Doane D.D., L.L.D.; therefore,

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That uniting in the earnest testimony of this Diocese, and of the Church & Country at large, to the preeminent qualities of the deceased, as Bishop, Pastor, Divine, Scholar, Patriot & Friend, and to his good example & wise teaching in all the relations of social & Christian life; we would especially accord, our profound & grateful sense of his unequalled services in the cause of liberal religious & Churchly education; of the high faith displayed by him in the founding of St Mary's Hall & Burlington College; & of the wisdom, patience & unwavering self devotion with which through innumerable discouragements, trials, sufferings, & losses, he has raised these Schools from small beginnings to a state of usefulness & efficiency fully demonstrating their importance to the Diocese of New Jersey and to the Church at large;

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That bowing with humble submission to the Providence which has deprived these Schools and more especially this College of so able & wise a head, we acknowledge the increased responsibility devolving upon us & upon all friends of Christian education to carry on in faith the work so faithfully begun, and to do what in us lies, to aid *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The two resolutions on this page are transcribed as marginal note in original markers only insofar as the word “Resolved:” is set off and underlined in the manuscript, in the clerk's usual style for introducing formal resolutions (see, e.g., pages 91, 92, 100); the resolution text itself is main body transcription, not a margin annotation.

Page 119 — Bishop Doane Professorship Established; Board Reconvenes; Thanks to Rev. E. M. Pecke (numbered “81”)

its prosperity and success;

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That in memory of the invaluable services of the deceased, and as a perpetual token of the high respect, in which his name is held, measures be forthwith taken, to establish & endow, a Professorship of Belles Lettres, to be called “the Bp Doane Professorship.”

The President being obliged to leave, the Rev Dr Mahan was called to the Chair.

The Board took a recess until three o'clock.

October 1st, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Board reassembled & Thomas Milnor Esq was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted.

“Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Rev E. M. Pecke for the remarkable zeal and untiring self devotion, with which, in the absence of a Rector, and Professor of Mathematics, he has fulfilled the duties of both offices, adapting himself with singular cheerfulness and alacrity to a most laborious and embarrassing position;

That Mr Pecke be requested to continue in the post of Professor of Mathematics, until such time as this Board shall be able to make a permanent provision;

That he be likewise requested to continue in the position of acting Rector, until the next meeting of this Board, or until other provision can be made, after the Consecration of the Bishop Elect of this Diocese

—[continues on next page]

Editorial note: “the Bishop Elect of this Diocese,” named at the next meeting (page 120) as the Rt Rev W. H. Odenheimer, D.D., succeeded Bishop Doane as Bishop of New Jersey; here the Board makes interim arrangements for the College's academic leadership pending his consecration.

Page 120 — Endowment Authorized; Board Convenes Nov. 1859 Under New Bishop (numbered “82”)

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane was authorized and requested to take the necessary measures for the endowment of the Bishop Doane Professorship of Belles Lettres in Burlington College.

On motion, Resolved; That when this Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Bishop Elect, on the earliest possible day, after his Consecration; & that giving due notice of the day the Secretary call the special attention of the Trustees to the very great importance of a full attendance at the meeting.

On motion, adjourned.

Approved Nov 9th AD 1859. Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary

Burlington College, Nov 9, AD 1859

This being the day appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese for the meeting of the Board according with the resolution of the last meeting, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Building at 10½ Am; His Excellency Wm A. Newell, President ex officio, the Rt Rev W. H. Odenheimer D.D. Bishop of New Jersey, Jas Potter Esq, the Hon T. P. Carpenter, A. Browning Esq, Wm Halsted Esq, the Rev Dr Mahan, the Hon E. B. D. Ogden, J. J. Chetwood Esq, J. C. Garthwaite Esq, Hon D. B. Ryall, J. W. Condit Esq, the Rev Dr Stubbs, T. A. Whitney Esq, N. Thorp Esq, J. J. Spencer Esq —

The President having taken the chair, there being a quorum present, the Board proceeded to *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This meeting marks the Rt Rev William Henry Odenheimer's first recorded appearance in the Minutes as Bishop of New Jersey and, ex officio, President of the College — the transition of leadership following Bishop Doane's death is now complete.*

Page 121 — Nov. 1859 Meeting Continued; Nominations to Fill Board Vacancies (numbered “83”)

…the transaction of business.

After the customary religious services the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev Elon K. Smith inviting the Board to attend the Noon Service in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents; which invitation was accepted.

On motion, Resolved,

That the minutes of the last meeting of this Board, as now read, up to the time that the President left the Chair, be adopted; but, because it appears from said minutes, that after that period, there was no quorum present, that the consideration of the said minutes, subsequent to that period, be postponed for the present.

The resignation of Isaac B. Parker Esq, as a Trustee of Burlington College was not acted on; & the letter, announcing it, was laid on the table;

The Board then proceeded to make nominations to fill the vacancies, on the Board, when H. Macfarlan Esq, Charles R. Cornwall Esq, the Rev. E. A. Hoffman, John Welsh Esq, Courtlandt Parker Esq, & Walter Rutherfurd Esq were nominated.

On motion the Board took a recess of half an hour to attend the Noon Service in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents —

November 9th, 12½ P.M.

The Board reassembled, and the Rev J. A. Williams, the Hon J. W. Miller & G. S. Cannon Esq appeared & took their seats

The following communication from J. W. Mc[Farlan] Esq, was read and laid on the table.

“Burlington, Wednesday morning.

Dear Sir, Will you be kind enough to lay the *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: This is the continuation of the Nov. 9, 1859 meeting begun at the end of page 120, at which the Rt Rev W. H. Odenheimer presided for the first time as Bishop of New Jersey and ex officio President of the College.

Page 122 — Letter re: a Debt to “Ros[e]”; Committee on Reviving the College; Proposed By-Law (numbered “84”)

last letter written to you, before the Board today. Something should be done for Ros[e], in justice not only to Ros[e], but to myself, with whom you plighted your faith, that in consideration of my giving $500 towards the extinguishment of the Bishop's debts, the[ir] debt should be paid. He is willing to sign a release of his whole claim, of over $1,000, upon the payment of $350.

(Signed) Yours Respy, James W. Hall”

Judge Ogden.

On motion, Resolved,

That [a Committee of __] be a Committee to confer with the Bishop and provisional Committee, and report, to this Board at its next meeting, the best means of resuscitating & sustaining this Institution as a College.

On motion, the blank was filled with 3, the President to appoint the Committee.

The President, appointed as such Committee, A. Browning Esq, William Halsted, and the Rev Dr Mahan;

The Rev Dr Mahan proposed the following additional By-law:

(“The Rector of the College shall always have a Seat, without a vote in the Board of Trustees”.)

On motion, Resolved,

That the portion of the minutes of the last meeting, subsequent to the President's leaving the chair, be now reconsidered.

“Whereas, the resolutions in reference to the Rev E. M. Pecke, passed at the annual meeting of this Board, in October, are found to have been *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The correspondent's name in the letter above (rendered here as “Ros[e]”) is written ambiguously in the manuscript and is transcribed with reasonable but not full confidence; the surrounding financial dispute over a small debt tied to the Bishop's extinguished obligations is otherwise legible.*

Page 123 — Pecke Resolutions Re-adopted; Professorship Endowment Minimum Set; Officers (numbered “85”)

passed, without a legal quorum present, and

Whereas, the 2nd & 3rd of those resolutions were intended to provide for a period now passed, & are no longer applicable; therefore

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

that, the said 2nd & 3rd resolutions being omitted, the first be adopted by this Board, as needful under the circumstances under which it was passed, the College being then without a President, and be entered upon the minutes of this meeting.

(Copy) “Resolved that the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Rev E. M. Pecke, for the remarkable zeal and untiring self devotion, with which, in the absence of a Rector, and Professor of Mathematics, he has fulfilled the duties of both offices, adapting himself with singular cheerfulness and alacrity to a most laborious and embarrassing position”.

On motion, Resolved, That the endowment of every Professorship connected with the College shall be not less than $20,000.

On motion, Thomas Milnor Esq was elected Treasurer.

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane, & Messrs Geo. M. Miller & C. W. Littell, were requested & authorized to take the necessary measures for the Endowment of the Bishop Doane Professorship of Belles Lettres in Burlington College.

On motion, Resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the call of the Rt Rev The President of the College.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board proceed to an election to fill vacancies. A ballot *[continues on next page]*

Page 124 — Trustees Elected; Natural History Cabinet Offer; Special Meeting Convened, April 1860 (page number not clearly legible)

was held, and the Rev E. A. Hoffman and Charles R. Cornwall Esq were elected.

A communication from Wm Kitchell Esq, of Madison, N.J. offering specimens for a cabinet of Natural History &c in Burlington College, was read and referred to Mr Browning's Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Approved. April 23rd AD 1860.

Burlington College, April 23 AD 1860.

This being the day for a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College called by the Rt Rev the President of the College in accordance with a resolution of the last meeting of the Board, the following Trustees assembled in the College Buildings at 11 AM;

The Rt Rev W. H. Odenheimer D.D. Bishop of New Jersey, Richard S. Field Esq, the Hon Jacob W. Miller, J. J. Spencer Esq M.D., the Hon Thos P. Carpenter, Abraham Browning Esq, William Halsted Esq, the Rev Jas. A. Williams, the Rev Milo Mahan D.D., the Hon E. B. D. Ogden, Emil S. Cannon Esq, Jeremiah C. Garthwaite Esq, the Hon Daniel B. Ryall, J. L. N. Stratton Esq, Joel W. Condit Esq, the Rev Alfred Stubbs D.D., Thos. H. Whitney Esq, the Rev E. A. Hoffman.

The President of the Board being absent, the Rt Rev, the President of the College took the Chair, and a quorum being present, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business. *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The original page number at the top of this leaf is not clearly legible in the scan (only a recurring “76” figure appears in the far margin, as on several other pages in this run — see the note at page 116); by sequence it should read approximately “86”. This is a five-month gap since the November 9, 1859 meeting recorded on the preceding pages.*

Page 125 — Bishop Odenheimer's Letter Questioning Governance of St. Mary's Hall

After the customary religious services, the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Charles R. Cornwall Esq, declining to serve as a Trustee of the College.

The Board then proceeded to make nominations to fill the vacancy; when Henry Macfarlan Esq, & Walter Rutherfurd Esq were nominated.

The Committee on the condition of the College through the Chairman, A. Browning Esq, asked to be, & were continued.

The Rt Rev the President, laid the following communication before the Board,

Burlington, N.J.

April 23, 1860.

To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College,

Gentlemen;

I have called this special meeting of the Board, in order to inquire, respectfully who are the Legal Proprietors & Directors of St Mary's Hall? And also to request the Board to define the relations which the Bishop of this Diocese has had, and is expected to sustain towards this Institution — which points have been an occasion of serious difference of opinion between three of the Trustees, (the Hon Judge Ogden, J. C. Garthwaite Esq, Joel W. Condit Esq,) & myself.

Respectfully yrs

(Signed) W. H. Odenheimer

Bishop of New Jersey."

Whereupon the following preamble & *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This letter opens a significant governance dispute recorded over the following pages: a disagreement between Bishop Odenheimer and three named Trustees (Ogden, Garthwaite, and Condit — the same three who had led the 1854–1857 relief-fund campaign, see pages 101–114) over who legally controls St Mary's Hall and what role the Bishop of the Diocese holds toward the Institution.*

Page 126 — Preamble and Resolutions on the Governance Question (numbered “86”)

Resolutions were adopted: — the Rt Rev the President having put Judge Ryall in the Chair —

Marginal note in original: Whereas,

in an “Address to the Patrons of St Mary's Hall & Burlington College and the friends of Christian education” of the date of July 1st 1850, it was proposed that certain sums be raised to free the Estates of Riverside, St Mary's Hall, and Burlington College of their several incumbrances: and that said estates of Riverside, and St Mary's Hall be conveyed in full forever to the Trustees of Burlington College to hold & manage for the uses of Christian education”

Marginal note in original: and Whereas,

such conveyance having been made & recorded, a doubt still exists as to the nature & extent of the powers of the Trustees of Burlington College in the premises under their Charter.

Marginal note in original: and Whereas,

the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese has called the attention of this Board, to the position of St Mary's Hall, and who are its proprietors & legal directors, & to the relations, the Bishop of the Diocese has had, and is expected to sustain towards this Institution: —

Marginal note in original: Therefore Resolved,

that a Committee be appointed to report to an adjourned meeting of this Board, to be held on [blank] day of [blank];

Marginal note in original: First,

whether any power is possessed by the Trustees, under their Charter for the management of a female School as contemplated in the Address above mentioned;

Marginal note in original: Secondly,

In case they have such power, what are the duties imposed upon them by the trust deed;

Marginal note in original: Thirdly,

In what form those duties can be best assumed, and discharged *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: The three “Whereas” clauses and the enumerated questions (First/Secondly/Thirdly) are each set off and underlined in the manuscript in the clerk's usual style for formal preambles and resolutions (compare pages 91, 92, 100, 118); they are transcribed here as marginal-note markers for the same reason given at page 118, with the resolution text itself as main body transcription.*

Page 127 — Contested Vote on Bishop's Role at St. Mary's Hall (numbered “87”)

Fourthly, as to the relations, the Rt Rev the Bishop of the Diocese has had, & is expected to sustain towards St. Mary's Hall.

On motion, Resolved to fill the blank, with Monday, the 4th day of June next.

On motion, Resolved, That Judge Carpenter, the Rev Dr Mahan, the Rev Jas. A. Williams, & Messrs Garthwaite, Browning & Stratton be the Committee under the above resolution.

On motion, Resolved, That the curtilage alluded to, in the Trust deed, be referred to the same Committee.

On motion, Resolved, that the Bishop of New Jersey be considered Rector of St Mary's Hall in the same sense that his predecessor was, immediately before his demise, until otherwise decided by this Board; and that the Diplomas issued to the late graduating class be signed by him, as Rector, according to the usual form;

Marginal note in original: provided,

that nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any wise, the legal rights or responsibilities of any parties interested.

The vote upon this resolution being taken by Ayes & Nays resulted as follows; — the Bishop declining to vote;

Aye, 10: J. J. Spencer Esq, Hon Thos. P. Carpenter, A. Browning Esq, Wm Halsted Esq, the Rev Mr Williams, Hon D. B. Ryall, J. L. N. Stratton Esq, Hon J. W. Miller & Messrs Field & Whitney

Nay, 7: The Rev Dr Mahan, Hon E. B. D. Ogden, G. S. Cannon Esq, J. C. Garthwaite Esq, J. W. Condit Esq, The Rev Dr Stubbs & the Rev Mr Hoffman.

The following proposed resolution, was referred to the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, on the state of the College:

It appearing that in operating the *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: This is a formally recorded, contested roll-call vote (10 Ayes to 7 Nays, with the Bishop himself abstaining) on the resolution recognizing the Bishop of New Jersey as Rector of St Mary's Hall — a rare instance in this volume of individual votes being named rather than a simple "unanimously adopted." It reflects the split identified in Bishop Odenheimer's letter at page 125, where he named Ogden, Garthwaite, and Condit as holding a different view; all three voted Nay here.

Page 128 — Resolution to Discontinue the College; Trustee Elected; Special Meeting, June 1860 (numbered “88”)

College, there has been a deficiency in the funds, of several thousand dollars, annually for several years past; & that the Scholastic department has not, for want of still greater expenditure, sustained the high character, necessary for usefulness & success;

Marginal note in original: Therefore, Resolved,

that the College be discontinued, on & after the next term, ending in September next, until such time as provision be made for greater efficiency, by endowments, or otherwise —

The Board, then proceeded to elect a Trustee in place of Chas. R. Cornwall Esq declined; when Henry Macfarlan Esq was unanimously elected.

On motion, the Board adjourned to Monday June 4th at 11 AM, the Secretary being directed to give notice of the meeting to each of the Trustees.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Approved June 19th.

Burlington College, June 19, AD 1860

The adjourned meeting called for by the resolution of the Board at their last meeting, having failed, & this being the day appointed for a Special meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College called by the Rt. Rev. the President of the College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings at eleven AM:

The Rt Rev. W. H. Odenheimer D.D. Bishop of New Jersey, Jas. Potter Esq, the Hon Thos *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: This is a striking proposal — that Burlington College itself (as distinct from St Mary's Hall) be discontinued as a school after the current term, for want of funds — put forward by the same committee “on the state of the College” referenced at the end of page 127. Whether this resolution was ultimately carried, and the College's fate, should become clear over the following pages; the “adjourned meeting…having failed” on this page suggests the scheduled June 4th meeting did not achieve a quorum, and business resumed instead at a further special meeting on June 19.

Page 129 — June 1860 Meeting: Parker's Resignation Accepted; Committee Report on St. Mary's Hall Presented (numbered “89”)

Editorial note: The handwriting on this page and those immediately following is visibly different from the hand that wrote the bulk of the surrounding Minutes — likely a different Secretary's clerk or a fair-copy transcription — though the content continues the same meeting without interruption.

T. Carpenter, A. Browning Esq, the Rev Jas. A. Williams, the Rev Milo Mahan D.D., the Hon E. B. D. Ogden, G. S. Cannon Esq, J. J. Chetwood Esq, J. C. Garthwaite Esq, the Hon D. B. Ryall, N. Thorp Esq, the Rev A. Stubbs D.D., Thos. H. Whitney Esq, the Rev E. A. Hoffman, & Henry Macfarlan Esq —

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt. Rev the President of the College took the chair and after the customary religious services the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from J. B. Parker Esq. asking the Board to accept his resignation as a Trustee.

On motion of J. J. Chetwood Esq Resolved, that Mr Parker's resignation be accepted and a committee be appointed to express to him the feelings of the Board.

The chair appointed J. J. Chetwood, the Rev Dr Mahan and the Hon T. P. Carpenter such committee, who presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

that this Board has received the resignation of J. B. Parker Esq. as one of the trustees with regret. His faithful and punctual attendance to his duties, his liberal contribution to the funds of the College and the benefit of his great practical experience as a prompt business man would induce us to retain his valuable services, and we yield with reluctance to his plea of age and infirmity to be relieved from the responsibility as trustee.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

that the above be entered on the minutes of this Board & a copy be sent by the secretary to Mr Parker.

Edward B. Grubb Esq was nominated to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by Mr Parker's resignation.

The committee to whom was referred at the last meeting the resolution in regard to the State of the college, and the propriety of closing it, asked to be and were continued.

The committee to whom were referred certain questions involving the powers and duties of the Trustees and of the President of the College as to St. Mary's Hall &c. presented their report with certain resolutions append *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The surname of “Edward B. Grubb Esq” is written in an unfamiliar and somewhat ambiguous hand (earlier transcribed as “Youbb”); it is read as Grubb, the same Edward B. Grubb who is elected to this seat at pages 136–137.

Page 130 — Resolutions on St. Mary's Hall Adopted as Amended; Committee Report Text Begins (numbered “90”)

ed thereto: which report was accepted.

The Resolutions accompanying the report were then taken up, separately considered and amended.

On Motion the blank in the first Resolution was filled with the number five, and the Resolution was then adopted.

On motion the second Resolution was adopted.

On motion the third Resolution was adopted.

On motion the fourth Resolution was amended by the insertion of the words “and discipline”, (after the word “conduct” in the first line) and was then adopted.

On motion the Board adjourned till 3 o'clock for dinner.

Burlington College: 3 P.M.

The Board reassembled. Mr Wm Halsted appeared and took his seat.

On motion Resolution fifth was amended by the insertion of the words “and Rector” after the word “President”, wherever it occurs, & was then adopted.

Judge Ogden at the request of the Bishop, took the chair.

On motion Resolution sixth was amended by the insertion of the words “of the Diocese with his consent,” [after] the word “Bishop”, in line 2d, and was then adopted.

On motion, the Report, with the resolutions, as amended, was unanimously adopted

Report

“To the Trustees of Burlington College:

The committee appointed by your Board at the special meeting held on the 23d of April last, to examine and report,

“First: as to the power of the Trustees under the Charter of the College to carry on a female school as contemplated in the 'Address to the patrons &c,' of the date of July 1, 1850 —

“2dly: In case they have such power, what are the duties imposed upon them by the trust deed of October 20, 1856 by which St. Mary's Hall and chapel &c. were conveyed to this corporation.

“3dly: In what form those duties can be best assumed and discharged.

“4thly: as to the relations of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese has had *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: This committee report is the “Report” referenced as adopted, with its accompanying resolutions, at the top of this page; the resolutions themselves (five and six referenced by number here) are not given in full text on this page but are amended and adopted by reference. The full report text, quoted in the minutes, begins here and continues over the following pages.

Page 131 — Committee Report: Legal History of the College's Charter and the 1850 Address (numbered “91”)

and is expected to sustain towards St. Mary's Hall; &

“Lastly: as to the curtilage alluded to in the trust deed.

“Respectfully report:

“That they have carefully considered the matters referred to them and present the following as in substance, the result of their deliberations.

Marginal note in original: 1.

Burlington College was incorporated by an act of the Legislature of this state (approved Feby. 27, 1846) which in formal terms constituted Bishop Doane & twenty three others therein named, & their successors being members of the Protestant Episcopal church, a body politic and corporate by the name of “the Trustees of Burlington College,” &c. with perpetual succession &c., empowering the corporation so created to purchase and hold property, (without limitation) whether real, personal or mixed &c. and declared the object of the corporation to be the advancement of Education.

“The “address” referred to, appealed to the patrons of St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College and to the friends of Christian Education for funds to relieve St. Mary's Hall &c. from incumbrances, the estates mentioned to be conveyed in trust forever to the corporation of Burlington College, to hold and manage for the uses of Christian Education. The very large sum asked for in that address has been obtained. Burlington College has been substantially freed from debt. St. Mary's Hall and Riverside have been conveyed to the corporation of the college, and a special declaration of trust, in effect such as was proposed in the “Address” is embodied in the deed of conveyance.

“In the opinion of your committee, the legal members entertaining no doubt — the corporation of Burlington College has under its charter the power to manage a female school of the character contemplated in the “address”; and such as St. Mary's Hall. The power of the corporation is not in any way limited to the management of any particular kind of school, male or female. It has power to hold property and manage any school which will be for the advancement of Christian Education.

Marginal note in original: 2dly:

In the opinion of your committee it is the duty of the Trustees of Burlington College to assume the management of St. Mary's Hall, either directly, or by such agency as they may appoint. Indeed, they are already committed to the performance of this duty. The address, under the suggestions of which more than $130,000 has been raised, was issued under the express sanction of the Board of Trustees. In sending forth *[continues on next page]*

Page 132 — Report Continued: Proposed Executive Committee; Bishop's Role at St. Mary's Hall (numbered “92”)

that address, they pledged themselves in advance to the fulfillment of the conditions under which they asked for the funds. Again, when the money had been raised they appointed a committee to attend to the obtaining and completing the titles and transfers of the property intended to be secured. They were charged with the trust as soon as the deed was made and delivered, by which the estates of St. Mary's Hall and Riverside were conveyed to the Corporation of Burlington College.

Marginal note in original: 3dly:

The committee think the duties with which the Trustees are now charged can be best assumed and discharged through the agency of an Executive Committee of [blank], to be appointed by the Board aided by a financial agent of their own appointment. That the executive committee shall be charged with the general control of the institution, and the management of its fiscal and economical departments. That all monies shall be collected and expenses settled by this committee who shall be responsible for their financial agent. That all powers in regard to the management of the institution necessary to be exercised during the absence of the Board of Trustees & when the Board is not in session, not otherwise expressly or impliedly provided for shall be vested in this committee who shall be responsible, & report to the Trustees annually or oftener if required.

“That the academical conduct of the institution shall be under the management of a Principal, who shall be the chaplain and head of the family as heretofore: such principal to be appointed by the Trustees of the college on the nomination of the Bishop and recommendation of a majority of the executive committee. In case no nomination is so made, or if made is disagreed to, the Trustees of the college may elect a principal, on the nomination of any one of their number.

Marginal note in original: 4thly:

That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese shall be the President of St. Mary's Hall, but free from all responsibility as to the teaching or discipline of the establishment, for which the principal & executive committee shall be accountable.

“The predecessor of the present Bishop whose ardent zeal for the advancement of Christian Education finds its noblest record in St. Mary's Hall, held an anomalous relation to it, which throws but little light to guide our present action. In its origin, the founder and owner of the Hall, his will called the institution into being & guided its manage *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: “The predecessor of the present Bishop” is, again, Bishop George Washington Doane, who personally founded and initially owned St Mary's Hall before its eventual conveyance to the College corporation described earlier in this report (see also pages 21 and following, early in this volume, for the Hall's founding).

Page 133 — Report Continued: Bishop's Spiritual Role; Curtilage at Riverside Proposed (numbered “93”)

ment. When circumstances caused him to relinquish this ownership & the institution organized, and in active operation was transferred to the hands of friends, who by purchase became its proprietors, he still aided in its management & participated to some extent in its directions. Your committee however think it inexpedient that the Bishop should now be charged with the active duties of the establishment or held responsible for its conduct.

“They recommend that as President & Visitor, he shall be its Spiritual Head & Pastor: that he shall preside at examinations & commencements, which shall be conducted under his direction: that he shall confer degrees & sign testimonials, visit the Institution, observe its order & management, making such suggestions as he may see fit to the executive committee, Principal & Trustees. That when present he shall, in his discretion conduct the religious exercises of the chapel — the religious teaching and exercises of the institution to be at all times conducted according to his general directions, & subject to his control, except so far as they may be provided for by express statutes or by-laws.

“The standing and character of the institution will much depend upon this religious teaching and oversight of the chief Pastor of the Diocese. The services to be thus given cannot be too highly appreciated & make it proper that this additional suggestion be made, to wit: that as a matter of right at all times the President shall be entitled to place in the Hall (as also in the college) his children or others, members of his immediate family to be there educated free of charge.

Marginal note in original: Lastly:

as to the curtilage to be assigned to Riverside. By the trust deed, the mansion House at Riverside with a suitable curtilage is secured as a residence for the Bishop of the Diocese, if he chooses to occupy it, free of rent. The trust deed does not appropriate the whole estate of Riverside to the use of the Bishop. The curtilage to be set apart is to be one suitable to the convenience and dignity of the occupant. Your committee without discussion recommend that the ground lying next to the river, west & south of lines parallel with Pearl Street and the boundary line of St. Mary's Hall property; the one equidistant between Pearl Street and the River front of the mansion: the other twenty feet south west of the chapel wall be appropriated as the curtilage, with *[continues on next page]*

Page 134 — Report Concludes; Signed by the Committee; Resolutions 1–4 Adopted (numbered “94”)

an avenue or passage of eleven feet in width to Pearl Street, on the line next to St. Mary's Hall. The passage is intended to give convenient access to Pearl Street from the mansion grounds.

“These setting aside the curtilage they would suggest that the entire grounds of Riverside as also the lodge might with propriety be left as heretofore for the use of the Bishop until it shall be necessary or expedient to devote the part outside the curtilage to the use of the Institutions. Of course such part outside of the curtilage is to be held at the will of the Trustees without any responsibility on their part, to repair or rebuild.

“Your committee offer resolutions which embody the substance of their report.”

Dated June 18, 1860

signed: T. P. Carpenter, M. Mahan, James A. Williams, J. C. Garthwaite, A. Browning

Resolutions (as amended & adopted)

Marginal note in original: 1. Resolved:

that it being the duty of the Trustees of Burlington College to assume the management and control of St. Mary's Hall, an Executive Committee of five be appointed by the Board, who shall hereafter be charged with the management and control of that Institution.

“2. That said committee be authorized to appoint their own financial agent.

“3. That said committee be charged with the general control of the institution and the management and control of its fiscal and economical departments: that all powers pertaining to the management of the institution necessary to be exercised, during the absence of the Board of Trustees or when the Board is not in session shall be vested in this committee who shall be responsible and report to the Board annually or oftener if required.

“4. That the academical conduct and discipline of the institution shall be under the management of a Principal who shall be the chaplain *[continues on next page]*

Page 135 — Resolutions 4–6: Principal, Bishop as President/Rector, Curtilage (numbered “95”)

and Head of the family as heretofore: that such Principal shall be appointed by the trustees of the College on the nomination of the Bishop and recommendation of a majority of the Executive committee: In case no nomination is so made or if made is disagreed to, the Board of Trustees may elect a Principal, on the nomination of any of its members.

Marginal note in original: 5.

That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese shall be the President and Rector of St. Mary's Hall, but free from all responsibility as to the teaching or discipline of the establishment, for which the Principal and Executive committee shall be accountable. That as President [and] Rector and visitor the Bishop shall be its Spiritual Head and Pastor: that he shall preside at Examinations and commencements which shall be conducted under his directions, confer degrees and sign testimonials: That he shall visit the institution, observe its order and management and make such suggestions as he may see fit to the Executive committee, to the Principal and to the Board of Trustees: that when present, he shall, in his discretion conduct the religious exercises of the chapel — the religious teaching and exercises of the Institution to be at all times conducted according to his general directions and subject to his control, except so far as they may be provided for by express statutes or bylaws: And that at all times the President [and] Rector shall be entitled to place in the Hall (as also in the college) his children or other members of his immediate family, to be there educated free of charge.

Marginal note in original: 6.

That the curtilage recommended in the report be ascertained marked and set aside for the use of the Bishop of the Diocese with his consent, as recommended in the foregoing report; and that until otherwise directed by the Board of Trustees, the entire grounds of Riverside as also the Lodge, be left as heretofore in the occupation of the Bishop, as also recommended in said report.”

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Bishop if he concurs, be requested, to report to the next meeting of this Board that he consents to the curtilage so marked and defined and that he be requested to state at the next annual convention that the curtilage has been assigned to his satisfaction.

Editorial note: With Resolutions 1–6 as amended and adopted here, the Board resolves the governance dispute raised in Bishop Odenheimer's letter of April 23, 1860 (page 125): an Executive Committee of five is to manage St Mary's Hall day to day, while the Bishop of the Diocese is recognized as its President and Rector in a spiritual and supervisory, rather than administrative, capacity.

Page 136 — Executive Committee Constituted; Discontinuance Resolution Reconsidered (numbered “96”)

On motion Resolved; that the arrangement and marking of the curtilage called for in the above Report be referred to the Committee presenting the Report.

On motion Resolved; that the Executive Committee called for by the first Resolution as above consist of the former provisional committee or “Proprietors” with two additional members.

On motion Resolved: that the Rev. Dr. Mahan and A. Browning Esq. be added to the former committee.

On motion Resolved: That hereafter the travelling expenses of the clerical members of the Board of Trustees incurred in attending to the business of the Institution be paid by the financial agent.

On motion Resolved; That the Executive Committee be authorized to make from time to time such additions and improvements to the buildings connected with St. Mary's Hall School as they and the President shall think that the convenience and good conduct of the Institution shall require.

On motion Resolved: that the motion continuing the committee on the state of the College be reconsidered so far as it relates to the resolution introduced at the last meeting of the Board as to the discontinuance of the College.

On motion Resolved: to take up the resolution.

After considerable debate the following proposed resolution, which was moved and seconded, together with the resolution above referred and any matters bearing upon the subject was referred to the committee appointed at the last meeting on the state of the College with instructions to make a full and definite report to the Board on the 17th July.

The additional proposed resolution so referred, is as follows,

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

that the course of Instruction of Burlington College after the present term be confined to the Theological course, and preparatory classes, at such reduced expense as the President and Provisional Executive committee may direct.

On motion, Resolved that when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the college building on Tuesday July 19 at 11 o'clock A.M.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a trustee; Messrs Ogden & Halsted being appointed tellers; when Edward B. Grubb Esq. was un *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The blanket resolution to discontinue the College outright (page 128) is here softened: instead of closing entirely, the proposal on the table is to reduce Burlington College, after the current term, to only its Theological course and preparatory classes, at reduced expense — a retrenchment rather than a full closure. The matter is referred to committee for a definitive report on July 17.

Page 137 — Adjourned Meeting, July 17 1860: College Condition Committee Reports (numbered “97”)

…animously elected.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Approved, July 17, 1860. Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 17th AD 1860

This being the day appointed for an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College buildings at 11 AM:

The Rt. Rev. W. H. Odenheimer D.D., Bishop of New Jersey, Jas Potter Esq, J. J. Spencer Esq M.D., Hon T. P. Carpenter, A. Browning Esq, W. Halsted Esq, the Rev Jas. A. Williams, the Rev M. Mahan D.D., G. S. Cannon Esq, J. C. Garthwaite Esq, the Hon D. B. Ryall, T. H. Whitney Esq, H. Macfarlan Esq, E. B. Grubb Esq, the Rev E. A. Hoffman.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the chair; & after the customary religious services, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Bishop reported, that he consented to the curtilage marked and defined by the Trustees, at their last meeting.

The Committee on the condition of the College made the following report;

“The Committee appointed to examine the condition of the College & suggest the best mode of its future continuance, desire to call the attention of the Board to the facts which they have elicited & the judgments they have made; as introductory to the *[continues on next page]*

Page 138 — Committee Report: College Subsidized by St. Mary's Hall; Recommends Leasing It Out (numbered “98”)

resolutions which will be offered for the adoption of the Trustees:

“Almost ever since the foundation of the College, it has annually drawn, from the net earnings of St Mary's Hall, several thousand dollars; the gross amount, now, being between sixty & seventy thousand dollars — Your Committee thought, that the first effort to be made was to make the College for the future, as nearly as may be, self sustaining. In their view, the best mode to attain this end, is to place it, rent free for a term of years, in the hands of some experienced, competent & learned teacher (a member of the Church) who shall conduct the Institution, until it can be developed into the proportions of a College. And although the Committee failed to secure for this object, the services of the Rev Dr Lyons, they still think that some other proper person can be found, & recommend the continuance of the Committee, or the appointment of another with power to make such selection, agree upon terms, &, if necessary call a special meeting of the Board.

On behalf of the Committee (Signed) A. Browning.

Whereupon it was, on motion,

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Report of the Committee on the condition of the College be accepted & approved; & that the Committee [be] discharged.

On motion, Resolved, *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: This report is a significant financial disclosure: Burlington College (the men's college proper) had for years been running at a loss subsidized from St Mary's Hall's (the women's school's) net earnings, with a cumulative draw now standing at $60,000–$70,000. The Committee's proposed remedy — leasing the College rent-free to an independent clergyman-teacher rather than closing it outright — follows the softened retrenchment resolution introduced at the end of the June 19 meeting (page 136). The Rev. Dr. Lyons, whom the Committee unsuccessfully approached, is not otherwise identified in the Minutes to this point.

Page 139 — Executive Committee Empowered to Manage College Toward Self-Sufficiency; Annual Meeting, Sept. 1860 (numbered “99”)

That the powers, heretofore vested in the Provisional Committee, be vested in the Executive Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Board, & the Bishop; said Committee to be responsible, & report, to this Board.

On motion, Resolved,

That said Committee, together with the Bishop, be authorized to manage this College on the principle, as near as may be, of a self sustaining institution, either directly, or under the headship of any suitable & responsible person, with whom they may contract — any such contract to be subject to the approval of this Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Approved Sept 26th AD 1860.

Burlington College, Sept 26 AD 1860.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings at 11 AM:

The Rt Rev the President; the Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs, the Rev Mr Hoffman, & Messrs J. C. Garthwaite, James Potter, N. Thorp, H. Macfarlan & E. B. Grubb.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair, & after the customary religious services, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs, & *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: This resolution closes out the retrenchment process begun at page 128: rather than discontinuing Burlington College outright or leasing it to an outside teacher (the option floated at page 138), the Board instead places the College under the joint management of the Bishop and the Executive Committee (the same body newly charged with St Mary's Hall), directed to operate it toward self-sufficiency.*

Page 140 — New Rector Called; Death of Trustee Joel W. Condit Announced (numbered “100”)

Marginal note in original: On motion the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon Messrs C. R. Jones & Jno Z. B. Scudder Jr; & the degree of Master of Arts upon each member of the class of 1857 who since applied; and the President was requested to forward to each of them the customary diploma, with the seal of the Corporation attached.

J. C. Garthwaite Esq. were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions expressive of the sorrow of the Trustees at the death of Joel W. Condit Esq.

The Rt Rev the President made a verbal report of the method decided upon by himself & the Executive Committee for managing the College; & also that they had called the Rev J. Breckinridge Gibson to the Rectorship of the College, subject to the approval of the Board.

Whereupon it was on motion,

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the actions of the Committee, and the call of the Rev Mr Gibson & the terms contained in their Report, be approved.

The Committee appointed above present the following report with resolutions, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, Joel W. Condit Esq, a member of this Board, & of its Executive Committee, a faithful & steadfast friend of Burlington College & St Mary's Hall;

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

that we acknowledge with thankfulness to God, Mr Condit's valuable services in all these capacities and that we offer to his family our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

that the above be entered on the minutes of this Board & communicated to the family of the deceased.

A communication was received from the Rev A. T. Wells in reference to some claims for unpaid services, which was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

On motion, H. Macfarlan Esq was elected to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee.

Editorial note: The Rev. J. Breckinridge Gibson here becomes Rector of Burlington College — the first named successor in that office since the interim arrangements following Bishop Doane's death (see pages 119–120). Joel W. Condit, whose death is mourned here, was one of the three Trustees (with Ogden and Garthwaite) at the center of both the 1854–1857 relief-fund campaign (pages 101–114) and the 1860 governance dispute with Bishop Odenheimer over St Mary's Hall (pages 125–127), where he voted among the Nays. The left-margin note transcribed above this entry is written vertically along the page's left edge in a notably cramped hand and is transcribed with somewhat lower confidence than the main text, particularly the graduates' names.

Page 141 — Meeting Closes; Roster of Trustees as of this Date, with Later Annotations (numbered “101”)

A form of circular for the College to be immediately issued was laid before the Board; & on motion referred to the Rt Rev President, the Rev Rector, & the Executive Committee.

The Board then took a recess, for dinner; & immediately upon reassembling, the Board adjourned.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

A list of the Trustees of Burlington College at this date

His Excellency the Governor, ex officio; — The Rt Rev the Bishop of New Jersey, ex officio.

R. S. Field Esq, Feb AD 1846 (vacated AD 1867) — the Hon D. B. Ryall, Feb AD 1846 (d.)

the Hon E. B. D. Ogden, do (d.) — N. Thorp Esq, Sept AD 1846

the Hon Wm Wright, do (d.) — the Rev J. A. Williams, AD 1851

James Potter Esq, do (d.; see minutes Sept/62) — T. H. Whitney Esq, do

G. S. Cannon Esq, do — the Hon J. W. Miller, AD 1853 (d.)

J. J. Spencer Esq M.D., do (vacated AD 1867) — J. L. N. Stratton Esq, do (vacated AD 1867)

J. J. Chetwood Esq, do (d.) — the Rev M. Mahan D.D., AD 1855

the Hon T. P. Carpenter, do — the Rev A. Stubbs D.D., do

J. C. Garthwaite Esq, do — the Rev E. A. Hoffman, AD 1859

A. Browning Esq, do — H. Macfarlan Esq, AD 1860

Wm Halsted Esq, do — E. B. Grubb Esq, do (d.)

The Rev W. A. Dod D.D., AD 1862 — J. W. Mecum Esq, AD 1862; Coleman Leaming Esq, AD 1865

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane, AD 1861 — The Rev Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary, Sept AD 1857.

Thomas Milnor Esq, Treasurer, May AD 1846.

Sept AD 1861.

* The first twelve are the remaining original Trustees. Since the organization of the Board, the following Trustees have died; the Rt Rev G. W. Doane, the Hon S. L. Southard, the Rev Drs. J. D. Ogilby & E. D. Barry, R. S. Howell Esq, S. L. Macculloch Esq, the Rev G. Y. Morehouse, the Hon C. C. Stratton, the Rev S. R. Southard, & J. W. Condit Esq; 10.

and the following have resigned;

the Rev R. I. Germain D.D., the Rev R. J. Germaine, J. Parker Esq, C. King Esq, E. A. Stevens Esq, the Hon J. R. Thompson, & I. B. Parker Esq; 7.

Editorial note: This page is a standing roster of Trustees, evidently drawn up around September 1861 and then kept up to date over several subsequent years: the main list is in black ink, but numerous annotations — a “+” mark before several names, vacated/death dates as late as 1867, and additional names entered as late as 1865 — are in

red ink, clearly added at different later sittings rather than all at once. The transcription above merges both layers for completeness, marking deaths noted by the original "+" symbol as "(d.)" and noting vacated seats as they appear; the original two-column tabular layout, and a few names written very small or overwritten in the crowded lower-left area, made for a difficult initial reading. Two of those names, first transcribed with bracketed guesses, were confirmed on QA review by cross-referencing later pages of these Minutes: "W. A. Dod, D.D." matches his plain-text nomination at page 144 (dropping a spurious "Miller?" guess), and "Coleman Leaming Esq" matches his election as Trustee at page 170 (correcting an earlier "[Fleming?]" misreading). This roster corroborates many names and offices already met in the Minutes — e.g. Ogden, Wright, and Potter among the "+"-marked (deceased) original Trustees, and Wm Croswell Doane's dual role as both an elected Trustee (1861) and long-serving Secretary (from 1857).

Page 142 — Annual Meeting, Sept. 1861: Doane Nominated as Trustee; Examination Committee Established (numbered “102”)

Burlington College, Sept 25, AD 1861

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings at 11.30 AM; the Rt Rev the President, the Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs & the Rev Mr Hoffman; & Messrs G. S. Cannon, J. C. Garthwaite, Abm Browning, N. Thorp, & E. B. Grubb.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair; & after the customary religious exercises, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The Secretary being absent, the Rev E. A. Hoffman was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended and approved.

The Rev Wm Croswell Doane was nominated to fill the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the death of J. W. Condit's Esq.

The Executive Committee, in consequence of the absence of their Chairman, asked to be excused from reporting at this meeting of the Board, & to be allowed the privilege of presenting their report, at the next meeting; & it was, on motion, granted.

The Eleventh Bye Law, proposed at the meeting held Nov 9, AD 1859, was unanimously adopted.

The Rector of the College then came in & took his seat.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That at each annual meeting, a Committee of six be appointed to attend the examinations of Burlington College & Mary's Hall, & to report thereon to the Board at its annual meetings. The Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs, the Rev Mr Hoffman, & Messrs Carpenter, Cannon & Grubb were appointed such Committee. *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The “Eleventh Bye Law” adopted here is the one proposed at the November 9, 1859 meeting (see page 120) giving the Rector of the College a non-voting seat on the Board of Trustees — not to be confused with the report resolutions numbered 1–6 adopted in June 1860 (pages 134–135), which are a separate set.

Page 143 — Vacation Schedule Referred to Committee; Wm Croswell Doane Elected Trustee (numbered “103”)

Resolved, that the Chairman of this Committee have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in it.

Notice was given by the Rev Dr Mahan of his intention to propose, at a future meeting, of the above resolution, as an additional Bye-Law of this Board.

The Rector of the College brought the question of the months appointed for the College vacations before the Board.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

That the whole subject be referred to a Committee of six to report at the next meeting of the Board. The Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs, & Messrs Garthwaite, Cannon, Browning & Ogden were appointed such Committee.

The Rev Dr Mahan gave notice of an amendment to Bye Law VIII, that should make it conform to any change, which may hereafter be made in the times of the Vacations & Commencement of the College, on the recommendation of this Committee.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a Trustee, in the place of J. W. Condit Esq, when the Rev Wm Croswell Doane was unanimously elected.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Signed, Eugene Augs. Hoffman, Secretary pro tem.

Approved, Sept 24th AD 1862

Burlington College, Sept 24th AD 1862

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings, at 12 o'clock, M,

The Rt Rev the President, the Rev Drs Mahan & Stubbs, the Rev Messrs E. A. Hoffman & W. C. Doane, & Messrs J. C. Garthwaite, E. B. D. Ogden & Browning, T. P. Carpenter, H. Macfarlan *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: Wm Croswell Doane, the Secretary since 1857, is here himself elected a Trustee, filling the seat vacated by Joel W. Condit's death — consistent with his appearance as both offices on the roster at page 141.

Page 144 — Executive Committee Reports Institutions Flourishing; Debt to Be Cleared (numbered “104”)

and E. B. Grubb.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair; & after the customary religious service, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The announcement being made that there were two vacancies in the Board, occasioned by the death of Jas. Potter Esq, & J. J. Chetwood Esq, on motion the Rev W. C. Doane, & Messrs Browning & Ogden were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions expressive of the sorrow of the Trustees for their loss.

The Rev W. A. Dod D.D. & J. W. Mecum Esq were nominated to fill the vacancies.

The Executive Committee of the Board made the following Report, which was, on motion, accepted:

“In compliance with the requirements of the Resolution of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee beg leave to report, for the last & the present years, that the economical & fiscal departments of the two Institutions are now in a flourishing condition.

At the close of the Winter Term of 1861 & 1862 the gross indebtedness was $3,500: much of which arose from the expenditures that had been made in refitting & furnishing the College buildings, consequent upon the reorganization of that Institution

Your Committee take great pleasure in stating to the Board, that by exercising strict & rigid economy, in which they had the cooperation of the Principal of Mary's Hall, & the Rector of the College, the Curator will be enabled, from the Income of the Institutions to pay all the expenses of the present Term, & to pay the indebtedness previously incurred; so that the ensuing Term will be opened without any existing pecuniary burden.

All which is respectfully submitted; *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: Deaths of two more Trustees — James Potter and J. J. Chetwood — are announced here, both of whom appear with a “+” (deceased) mark on the roster at page 141. This report marks a turning point: after the financial crisis and retrenchment of 1860 (pages 128–138), the Executive Committee now reports both St Mary's Hall and Burlington College financially sound, with the reorganized College's debt on track to be fully cleared.*

Page 145 — Examining Committee's Report on the Two Institutions (numbered “105”)

(Signed) E. B. Dayton Ogden, M. Mahan, J. C. Garthwaite, Henry McFarlan, A. Browning.

Sept 24th, 1862.

The Committee on the Examinations made the following Report, which was, on motion, accepted & referred, in part, to the Executive Committee:

“The Examining Committee respectfully report that they have attended the examinations in Burlington College & Mary's Hall, both in the Spring & Fall; & have been much gratified with the proofs of careful discipline, painstaking teaching, & admirable method & good order, exhibited in both Institutions.

The absence of some members of our Committee rendered it impossible so to divide & distribute our number, as to take accurate notes of all the examinations: we shall therefore content ourselves, in this report, with a few general remarks.

The exercises in Burlington College indicated decided & faithful efforts to ground the pupils well in the elements. We would second our approbation of all endeavors in that direction, & our hope that this point will be kept more & more in view.

In the Hall, the pupils in general acquitted themselves admirably. The method of teaching there, is the result of many years of laborious experience, & a high standard of excellence is attained in almost all the Departments. The few exceptions noticed by the Committee have been mentioned to the Principal of the Hall, and we doubt not that where deficiencies appear they will be remedied as soon as possible.

In one point the system of the Hall runs a little behind the approved methods of the present day, not from any fault of the teachers, but more probably from want of a complete apparatus of Instruction *[continues on next page]*

Page 146 — Report Continued: Curriculum Critique; Recommendation on Vacation Schedule (numbered “106”)

We notice for example that the outline maps used in the School are not the newest & best approved. The pupils also are not sufficiently exercised, in our judgments, in drawing maps & outlines, and other helps to memory. Putting all the recitations together, there seems on the whole to be too much of mere memoriter work. We are also inclined to think, that many of the girls, especially the more diligent & ambitious, are somewhat overtasked either by too great a number of tasks, or at all events by the high standard of accuracy & perfection that is kept before them. Of course it will not be desirable to lower the standard. Whether it may not be expedient to diminish the average of requirements, is a question that we would call attention to, without attempting, just now to decide it.

Some other points of exception we have mentioned to the Principal & Executive Committee

On the whole, we would record our satisfaction at the present state of the two Institutions, and our confident hope that both of them are not only holding their own, as in times past, but are in a condition to enter upon a new career of usefulness & improvement.

Signed M. Mahan, E. A. Hoffman, Edwd. B. Grubb.

The Committee on the College Vacations made the following report, which was accepted, & the Committee discharged.

“The Committee appointed to report on the question of a change in the vacations of Burlington College respectfully report: that in their opinion one long vacation in the Summer months, with a short recess at Easter & Christmas, would be preferable to the present plan of Spring & Fall vacations. The principal reasons for this conclusion are as follows:

1. The general & almost universal custom: the hot season is everywhere in this country a time of recreation *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: “memoriter” (Latin, “by memory”) is underlined in the manuscript itself, presumably for emphasis by the clerk transcribing the committee's report, and is transcribed here as underlined body text rather than as an editorial mark.*

Page 147 — Vacation Committee Report Continued: Case for a Summer Vacation (numbered “107”)

and the end of August is the usual time for inquiry, on the part of parents or guardians, & for advertisement on the part of schools.

2. The Summer is unfavorable for study, especially with boys, & very trying to teachers. This is a matter of general experience, and Burlington College has not proved an exception to the rule. The present Rector says that “the difficulties in the way of good order & discipline are trebly greater, in hot weather, than at any other time”

3. The present vacations are objectionable in a religious point of view. The season of Lent, the seedtime of the spiritual year, is often broken in upon by the Spring recess, & the great opportunity for sacred discipline is thereby lost.

4. So far as we learn, a decided majority of parents & guardians are in favor of a change. The Rector says, that, of those he has heard from, only 2 prefer the present plan, while from 15 to 20 dislike it.

Those reasons apply to Burlington College. In St Mary's Hall, the general feeling is against any change & it is probable enough that the more guarded system, which can be practiced with girls, obviated the inconveniences & dangers of the hot season. At all events, the Hall seems to be satisfied with the working of the present plan. But it does not appear that there is any necessity for applying the same plan to both Institutions: while there are some advantages in making the one conform to the other, there are also some disadvantages. For example, it might seem desirable that brothers & sisters, in the College & Hall, should go to & from their homes at the same time: yet the experienced Principal of the Hall, and his tried associates, the teachers, decidedly object to such an arrangement. The services the boys might render as protectors or escorts, are more than counterbalanced, it is thought, by a natural disinclination, on their part, to confine their attentions to their sisters. It would seem therefore, that the question of college vacations may be allowed to stand on its own merits, without any reference to the arrangements *[continues on next page]*

Page 148 — Recommended Term Schedule Adopted; Bye-Laws 8 and 12 Amended (numbered “108”)

of St Mary's Hall.

We conclude by recommending the following programme of Terms & Vacations for the College:

1. The 1st Term to begin on the 3rd Tuesday of September & to end the 15th of February: the 2nd Term to begin the 15th of February & to end the 2nd Thursday of July, including a Holiday of two weeks after Easter Day; provided that the 1st term shall commence as now, at first, and end Feb 15, & the compensation therefor, shall be suitably reduced.

ii. The Annual examinations to take place on the Monday Tuesday & Wednesday preceding the 2nd Thursday of July: the examinations of the first term, on the Wednesday and Thursday preceding the 15th of February.

iii. The long vacation from the 2nd Thursday of July to the 3rd Tuesday of September.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed M. Mahan, A. Stubbs, G. S. Cannon, A. Browning, E. B. D. Ogden

On motion, the report was accepted & the Committee discharged; and afterwards, the Recommendations were adopted separately & as a whole; J. C. Garthwaite Esq dissenting both from the Conclusions & the Reasonings.

The 12th By-law proposed at the last meeting of the Board was unanimously adopted as follows:

“At each annual meeting of the Board a Committee of six shall be appointed to attend the examinations of Mary's Hall & Burlington College & to report thereon to the Board at its next annual meeting.”

According to notice given at the last meeting By Law 8th was changed by substituting for the words, “4th Thursday in September,” the words “2nd Thursday in July.”

On motion Resolved, That the Executive Committee hereafter, at each annual meeting of this Board, cause to be prepared & presented to the Board an abstract of the income and expenditures of the year of the two Institutions *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: J. C. Garthwaite's dissent from both the conclusions and the reasoning of the Vacation Committee's report is one of the few individually recorded dissents in this volume (compare the roll-call vote at page 127); the specific grounds of his objection are not given.*

Page 149 — Committee on St. Mary's Hall Governance; New Trustees Elected; Space Left for a Report (numbered “109”)

respectively; also of the monies due to the Institutions & of their indebtedness respectively.

On motion, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the members of the Executive Committee, & the Rev Mr Doane, to consider the expediency of organizing the Musical Department of St Mary's Hall upon a different basis; the action of said Committee to be final, if it meet with the approval of the Rt Rev President.

The following resolution, was, on motion, laid on the table;

Whereas, in the resolutions of this Board passed at the meeting of June 19th AD 1860 creating an Executive Committee, who shall manage & control St Mary's Hall, there are certain expressions, either conflicting or difficult to understand.

And Whereas, the purpose of those resolutions seems to be, to divide the control into three departments; first, spiritual & pastoral assigned to the Rt Rev President, Second, academic and disciplinary, assigned to the Principal, & third fiscal & economical assigned to the Executive Committee, therefore

Marginal note in original: Resolved

That a Committee be appointed to report upon the arrangements of the departments specified defining especially to whom is deemed the duty of employing & dismissing teachers.

On motion the Rev Mr Doane was re-elected Secretary & T. Milnor Esq, Treasurer; & the former examining Committee were reappointed

The Board then proceeded to the election of two Trustees to fill the vacancies, when the Rev W. A. Dod D.D. & J. W. Mecum Esq were unanimously elected.

The following Report of the Committee named above was unanimously adopted —

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The above report which Mr Browning is to furnish, was ordered at the meeting on July 8th 1863 to be inserted here; with this amendment [it/they] were approved.

July 8th AD 1863, Wm C. Doane, Secretary

Editorial note: The manuscript here leaves a deliberate gap: the report on dividing St Mary's Hall's governance into spiritual, academic, and fiscal departments was “unanimously adopted” but not yet drafted at the time this page was written, so space was reserved for it. The following page (150) was left entirely blank for this purpose, and a note added later (dated July 8, 1863, nearly a year afterward) records that the report was never in fact inserted at this point, only approved with amendment at the later meeting. This transcription follows the manuscript's own structure, including the intentionally blank page.

Page 150 — Blank Page Left for Insertion of the Report (numbered “110”)

Editorial note: This manuscript page is blank, evidently left empty by the clerk to receive the Executive Committee's report on the governance of St Mary's Hall referenced at the bottom of the previous page. As the note dated July 8, 1863 there indicates, the report was in the end approved with amendment but apparently not copied onto this reserved page; the Minutes resume with ordinary business on the next page.

Page 151 — Annual Meeting, July 1863: Relief Fund Treasurer's Statement Ordered Inserted (numbered “111”)

Burlington College, July 8th AD 1863

This being the day appointed by the Resolutions of the last meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, for the annual meeting of the Board, the following members assembled in the College Building, at 11 AM; the Rt Rev the President, the Rev Drs Mahan, Stubbs, Williams & Dod, the Rev Messrs E. A. Hoffman & W. C. Doane; & Messrs W. Wright, G. S. Cannon, J. C. Garthwaite, T. H. Whitney, E. B. Grubb & J. W. Mecum.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair; & after the customary religious service, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The announcement being made that there was one vacancy in the Board, caused by the death of the Hon J. W. Miller, the following gentlemen were nominated, Messrs E. M. Miller, C. H. Condit, S. V. Hoffman, & Dr Coleman M. Leaming.

The Executive Committee not having their report fully prepared, it was, on motion, Resolved, That when prepared it shall be inserted on the Minutes, & six copies be made, to be sent to the members of the Board.

Mr J. C. Garthwaite made his statement of account with the properties at Burlington, as Treasurer of the Relief Fund. The statement was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes (see end of these Minutes) & the documents accompanying to be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, that the Executive Committee receive from Mr R. B. Aitken the former Treasurer of the Relief Fund, all the papers in his hands pertaining thereto, & cause the same to be placed in

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> *Editorial note: Another Trustee's death is announced — the Hon J. W. Miller, who appears with a “(d.)” annotation on the roster at page 141. The reference to inserting Garthwaite's Relief Fund account “at the end of these Minutes” suggests supporting financial documents were appended to this volume separately from the main chronological run of meetings; such an appendix, if present later in the manuscript, will be noted when reached.*

Page 152 — Wallace Bequest Committee Report; Drainage Resolution (numbered “112”)

the custody of the Curator.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

That the papers of the Board in the hands of the Secretary be placed in a suitable tin box to be deposited with the Curator.

J. C. Garthwaite Esq made the following report, which was accepted, & the resolution adopted,

“The Special Committee of April 16, 1849 to receive & invest the bequest of Miss Rachel Wallace reports by requesting the adoption of the following resolution:

Marginal note in original: Resolved

That a Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs Browning & McFarlan & the Rev E. A. Hoffman, to receive the proceeds, ($3,378.60) thirty three hundred & seventy eight $^{60}/_{100}$ dollars, and to invest the same, depositing the securities with the Curator”.

The present stipend paid to the beneficiaries is one hundred and sixty dollars ($160.=) per annum, in quarterly payments, which are received and appropriated by the Bishop —

(Signed) J. C. Garthwaite, Survivor —

The examining Committee made an informal report, expressing their entire satisfaction with the result of the last examinations, & it was, on motion

Marginal note in original: Resolved

That the Rev Mr Hoffman be placed at the head of the Committee, & the Rev Dr Dod added to it, the Committee otherwise remaining the same.

On motion, Messrs Cannon & Garthwaite & the Rev E. A. Hoffman were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions in reference to the imperfect drainage of the meadows about Burlington; & upon their report, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the subject of a proper drainage for the city of Burlington has been presented & considered, therefore Resolved, That the Board regard the same, as of great importance, and that the Executive Committee be requested to call the attention of the City Authorities *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The Rachel Wallace bequest, first referenced by the “Special Committee of April 16, 1849,” predates the surviving run of these Minutes as transcribed so far and is reported on here for the first time; J. C. Garthwaite signs as “Survivor” of that original 1849 committee, its other members evidently having since died or resigned.

Page 153 — Drainage and Water-Supply Committees; S. V. Hoffman Elected Trustee (numbered “113”)

to the subject, & to cooperate with them in procuring a more perfect drainage.”

The Committee on the question of reorganizing the Musical Department of St Mary's Hall reported that they considered no action expedient at present.

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

That a committee be appointed to consider the whole question of the supply of water to both the Institutions.

The President appointed as such Committee Messrs Browning, Garthwaite & Grubb —

On Motion, Resolved that Messrs Whitney, Wright and Browning be a Committee to draft resolutions expressive of the regret of the Board at the death of the Hon J. W. Miller —

The Board then went into an election of a Trustee to fill the vacancy; & the names of the other gentlemen proposed being withdrawn, S. V. Hoffman Esq was unanimously elected —

On motion, the Board adjourned, the Rev Mr Croswell Doane, having previously been reelected Secretary & T. Milnor Esq, Treasurer —

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary

Statement of account of J. C. Garthwaite Esq, Treasurer of the Relief Fund

J. C. Garthwaite

In account with the properties at Burlington

“Relief Fund”:

(over)

Editorial note: The pages that follow (153–155) present J. C. Garthwaite's formal accounting, as Treasurer, of the Relief Fund — the same fund whose 1854 fundraising campaign and 1857 closing report were transcribed at pages 101–114. This account, dated 1863, reconciles receipts and payments from 1857 through 1863 and lists which of the 1857 list of unrealized pledges (page 114) were ultimately collected, refused, or lost to the subscriber's death. It is presented here as a compact ledger rather than as prose, consistent with the format used for the earlier financial exhibit; some figures in the dense columns are difficult to read with complete confidence and are transcribed as legible.

Page 154 — Relief Fund Ledger: Receipts and Payments, 1857–1863 (numbered “114”)

Dr. (Receipts)

1857 Mar 28 — To Cash from R. B. Aitken, late Treasurer — 1,688.72

1857 Dec 22 — To Cash for W. C. Bleeker's 2 notes, $295.47 each — 590.94

1858 Jan 1 — To Interest Balance — 82.24

1859 Jan 1 — To Interest — 107.62 — subtotal 273.68

1859 Oct 2 — To Cash from Charles King for 3 yrs Interest

1860 Jan 1 — To Interest balance — 106.37 — subtotal 500

1860 Jan 4 — To Cash for Cooper & Hewitt's Subscription

1861 Jan — To Interest — 163.14

1862 Jan 1 — To Interest — 174.55

1863 Jan 1 — To Interest — 186.77 — subtotal 136.50

1863 Mar 21 — To Cash from Chas King, half of 3 yrs Interest

1863 Mar 21 — To Interest to date — 44.97

1863 June 25 — To Cash from Chas King, half of 3 yrs Interest to Nov 22/62 — subtotal 137.93

Running totals in margin: 865.17, final Dr. total — $4,192.76

Cr. (Payments)

1857 Apr 8 — By Cash paid Newark Savings Institution — 213.38

1857 Dec 22 — By Cash paid M. Beasley Esq, Attorney — 500.00

1858 Aug 7 — By Cash paid do — 280.00

1859 Mar 31 — By Cash paid Franklin Woolman — 25.00

1863 Mar 21 — By Cash paid Bond & Mortgage to W. S. C. Robardet — 3,000.00

1863 June 26 — By Cash remitted to C. M. Harker, Curator — 174.38

Total Cr. — $4,192.76

Incumbrances on property still unsettled

Bond & Mortgage to Joseph Deacon — $8,000.=

Loan of 1848, Certificate holders:

H. Hutchinson — $500.-

A. A. Sloan — $300.-

W. C. Myers — $300. — subtotal $1,100

Total remaining incumbrances — $9,100

Editorial note: The three certificate holders named here — Hutchinson, Sloan, and Myers — are the same three persons (there given as “Hiram Hutchinson,” “A. A. Sloan,” and “W. C. Myers”) to whom part of the 1848 mortgage loan scrip was transferred, as recorded in the 1857 report at page 113 — confirming this 1863 account is a direct continuation of that same long-running debt.

Page 155 — Relief Fund Ledger: Status of Uncollected Subscriptions, 1863 (numbered “115”)

Amount of Incumbrances unsettled, brought forward — $9,100.—

Uncollected Subscriptions

There are in the hands of C. M. Harker, Curator, Cash $174.38; Bills Receivable deemed good $1,300 — subtotal $1,474.38

and Bills Receivable deemed doubtful — $400

Total — $1,874.38

John O. Stearns, refused to pay — deceased — $50

M. Thomas Durand $100, Thomas Harrison $50 — $150

Rev J. J. Bowden $25, Bertram Howell $50 — $75

Stephen Vail, refused to pay — $500

Jacob W. Miller, conditional pledge, deceased — $300

W. Watson $100, Thos. R. Wilson insolvent $100 — $200

Henry C. Carey, refused to pay — $1,500

Wm E. Hunt, deceased — $500

Jon. J. Spencer, denied the pledge — $250

A. A. Sloan $199.50, W. C. Myers $100 — $299.50

Mrs J. C. Ten Eyck $50, Watson, deceased, $80 — $130

R. C. Nichols $100, Jos. Thompson M.D. $100 — $200

Rev A. B. Paterson $50, Rev Smith Pyne $100 — $150

Jno. B. Myers $100, Jesper Harding $100 — $200

Rev E. M. P. Wells, conditional pledge — $600

D. B. Ryall, conditional pledge — $415

Nathan Thorp, conditional pledge — $75

Rev Dr Higbe $100, C. Bourne $50, W. H. Knapp $25 — $175

Babcock & Brown $100, L. Chapman $5 — $105

Isaac Fryer $25, C. Windenworst $10 — $35

Running subtotals in margin — $5,909.50 and $7,783.88

More than this balance has been absorbed by Interest on settlement — $1,316.12

Accompanying this are my file of Papers and the Original Subscription Book, for reference

Signed J. C. Garthwaite.

Newark, July 7, 1863

Editorial note: This 1863 list updates the 1857 list of unrealized subscriptions and assurances (page 114) with final dispositions nearly six years later: several subscribers are now recorded as having died in the interim (Hunt, Miller, Stearns), while others' refusals to pay have hardened into permanent losses to the fund. Some figures here (e.g. Henry C. Carey's $1,500, against $150 recorded in 1857) appear substantially larger than their 1857 counterparts; whether this reflects accrued interest, a transcription difference between the two clerks, or a genuinely distinct figure could not be resolved from the scan, and the amount is transcribed as written.

Page 156 — Annual Meeting, July 1864: Governor Parker Presiding; Examining Committee's Report Begins (numbered “116”)

Burlington College, July 13 AD 1864

This being the day appointed for the Annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Building, His Excellency Governor Parker, President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College, the Rev Drs Mahan & Hoffman, & the Rev W. C. Doane, & Messrs Garthwaite, Thorp, Cannon, Grubb, Mecum & S. V. Hoffman.

After the customary religious exercises, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved, with the understanding that the report of the Executive Committee of the Board, be obtained & entered in this book

The former Secretary & Treasurer were unanimously re-elected.

The following report of the Examining Committee was presented & received:

“The Examining Committee have attended the closing examinations of the classes in Burlington College, and have been much gratified with the general result. There is every evidence of faithful teaching on the one hand, and diligent effort on the other; while the order and discipline of the College is in every way satisfactory.

In connection with the Mathematical department, we would express our particular satisfaction at the pains taken to have the pupils well grounded in the elements.

In the Languages, a very creditable amount has been read, and the expertness of the *[continues on next page]*

> *Editorial note: His Excellency Governor Joel Parker presides here as President of the Board, ex officio, in place of the previous governors (Newell, Olden) who appeared earlier in this volume — Parker had become Governor of New Jersey in 1863. A faint list of years is pencilled in the left margin of this manuscript page (partially legible: 185-, 185-, 186-, 186-, 186-, 186-), apparently a later reader's index rather than part of the original clerk's text; it is not transcribed in detail here as its individual entries could not be read with confidence.*

Page 157 — Report Concludes; 1860 Resolution Discontinuing Collegiate Classes Rescinded (numbered “117”)

pupils, in translating shows that they have been carefully instructed. It seemed to us, however, that less stress is laid upon accuracy in grammar and prosody than is desirable, and that a portion of the time spent in translation might be judiciously devoted to these important elements. To win a reputation for thorough accuracy in such matters should be the constant aim of Burlington College.

Without going further into particulars, the Committee would express their satisfaction with the working of the Scholastic department, & with the admirable order and discipline, both in the Hall and College. Certain desirable improvements might be suggested in both; but these improvements can only be made gradually, & we doubt not that they will be made as rapidly & thoroughly as the nature of the case will allow.”

Signed M. Mahan, E. A. Hoffman, W. A. Dod

Burlington July 13, 1864

On motion, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by this Board to confer with the Committee of the Common Council now existing, in reference to the present condition of the sluices & drains about Burlington, as affecting the health of the City; & further, in case no remedy can be effected to take into consideration the desirableness of removing Burlington College & Mary's Hall to a more healthy position.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolution of this Board passed July 17 AD 1860, discontinuing the Collegiate Classes of the Institution, be & the same is rescinded.

> *Editorial note: This is a significant reversal: the resolution referenced here as having “discontinu[ed] the Collegiate Classes” on July 17, 1860 corresponds to the retrenchment measures adopted at the meetings transcribed at pages 136–138 (where the Board considered confining instruction to the Theological course and preparatory classes, and weighed leasing the College to an outside teacher), though the Minutes as transcribed did not record that exact resolution in so many words. Four years later, with both Institutions reported in good order, the Board now formally restores full collegiate (degree-granting) instruction at Burlington College.*

Page 158 — Committee to Restore Collegiate Department; Financial Statistics Referenced (numbered “118”)

On motion Resolved, That a Committee of the Board be appointed, the Rt Rev the President of the College being the Chairman, to consult with the Executive Committee as to any measure that may need to be taken looking towards the Restoration, as soon as possible of the Collegiate department of Burlington College.

On motion, the Rev Messrs Hoffman & Doane, G. S. Cannon Esq & the Rev J. B. Gibson were appointed the Committee; the Rector announced as the Committee of conference in regard to the drains &c, under the previous resolution, the Rev Mr Gibson, & Messrs E. B. Grubb & G. S. Cannon.

On motion, Resolved that the Executive Committee be requested to direct the Curator to place in the hands of the Rector of the College sufficient funds to liquidate the expenses of the Clerical members of this Board on their attendance here as such, & that their receipts for the same be received and allowed by the Curator as sufficient vouchers for said expenditures.

The Executive Committee then made a verbal report through J. C. Garthwaite Esq in the absence of the Chairman; & the following resolution was adopted;

Whereas the Executive Committee have submitted to this Board certain general statements of the statistics of Burlington College & Mary's Hall for the years, 1861, 1862 & 1863 therefore

Marginal note in original: Resolved,

That the Secretary of the Board be directed to obtain from the Executive Committee, reports in detail of the financial & other *[continues on next page]*

Editorial note: The Rev. J. B. Gibson, called to the Rectorship of the College in 1860 (page 140), is here still in that post four years later and takes an active role on both the restoration committee and the drains committee.

Page 159 — Rector Authorized to Raise Chapel Funds; Tribute to Matron Mary Lamotte (numbered “119”)

Editorial note: The text below opens mid-sentence, continuing directly from page 158's account of a committee report on the Rector's powers and duties.

…affairs of the two Institutions for the years specified, which he shall spread in full upon the Minutes of the Board.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rector of the College, in connection with the Rt Rev the President, be, and hereby is, authorized

to secure donations & subscriptions to be used for the erection of a Chapel in connection with the College: the funds so raised, to be deposited with the Treasurer of the Board for the sole purpose above named, & to be expended for that purpose under the direction of the Executive Committee.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rector be requested to make some report of the condition of the College to every Annual meeting of the Board.

The following minute was ordered to be entered here, & a copy sent by the Secretary to Mrs Lamotte:

The Trustees of Burlington College, being informed of the intention of Mrs Mary Lamotte, to withdraw from her long connection with Mary's Hall as its Matron, desire to enter upon their minutes the sincere expression of their great regret at her decision in this matter, & their earnest appreciation of her faithful & most valuable services to the Institution, which she has so long graced with a rare combination of practical & domestic ability, & the tenderness dignity and devotion of a Christian Lady.

The Rev Dr Mahan gave notice of a proposed change in By-Law VIII, which …

> *Editorial note: Mary Lamotte's tenure as Matron of St Mary's Hall appears to stretch back to the institution's earliest years in the Minutes; her departure here closes out a long chapter of the Hall's day-to-day management, distinct from the academic/Principal's office discussed in the Sept 1862 critique at pages 145–146.*

Page 160 — New Term Schedule Adopted; Annual Meeting Opens, July 19, 1865 (numbered “120”)

…should make it conform to a change in the terms at the two Institutions.

On motion, Resolved, that the next Term of the Institution shall open on the 1st Tuesday in October & end on the 3rd Thursday in July.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Approved July 19 [18]65.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 19, AD 1865.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: His Excellency Gov. Parker, President of the Board; the Rt Rev the President of the College; the Rev Drs Williams, Mahan, Stubbs & Hoffman; Messrs Cannon, Garthwaite [Garthwaite], Whitney, Macfarlan, Hoffman & …

After the customary religious exercises, the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Rev Dr Hoffman was elected Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The announcement having been made that there were two vacancies in the Board, occasioned by the death of the Hon E. B. D. Ogden & the Hon D. B. Ryall, the following gentlemen were nominated: Frederic B. Ogden, Coleman F. Leaming & George H. Miller.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to inform the members of the Board of Trustees who come under the provisions of the X By Law, that this …

> *Editorial note: His Excellency Governor Joel Parker presides here as President of the Board (ex officio), continuing in that role from his first appearance at page 156. The two new vacancies are from the deaths of Hon. E. B. D. Ogden and Hon. D. B. Ryall — both original Trustees named on the 1861 roster at page 141, where they are marked deceased ("+"). Judge Ogden's death, and his long chairmanship of the Executive Committee, is the subject of the eulogy opening the Executive Committee's report beginning on the next page.*

Page 161 — Executive Committee's Report, July 19, 1865: Eulogy for Judge E. B. D. Ogden (numbered “121”)

…Board propose to act under that By Law, at its next regular meeting.

The report of the Executive Committee was read & on motion ordered to be entered in full on the minutes:

Report of the Executive Committee of Burlington College and Mary's Hall, July 19, 1865

Since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee has sustained a severe loss in the death of their honored Chairman, the late Judge E. B. D. Ogden, a man conspicuous in public & private life, in matters civil and ecclesiastical, for zeal, fidelity, industry, and unsparing self-devotion. Our lamented friend has left too clear a mark upon the records of the day and generation to stand in need of the language of studied eulogium. The State of New Jersey has known him well, and will hold his memory in honor. The Church in New Jersey will vie with the State in claiming him as foremost among her well-tried, noble, dutiful sons. Burlington College will revere him as a father. The Board of Trustees, and more especially the Executive Committee, to whom he has been endeared by so many years of delightful intercourse, will gladly bear witness to the unflagging spirit with which, amid ever increasing cares, & the growing infirmities of age, he continued to approve his interest in the cause of Churchly education, allowing himself no respite from his labors of love, till called to his final rest by the approving summons of his Lord.

Owing in part to the declining health & over-burdensome engagements of their late lamented Chairman, the Ex. Committee have failed for the three years past, to present their Annual Reports in a formal shape, though all the material for the purpose has been each year …

> *Editorial note: This eulogy for Judge Ogden explains a gap the Minutes themselves have shown: the Executive Committee's Annual Reports have not appeared in the usual formal shape for several years, though the July 1864 meeting (pages 156–158) and earlier meetings continued to receive verbal or partial reports from the Committee. The present report is presented as a catch-up covering that period, beginning with the retrospective statistical table on the next two pages.*

Page 162 — Executive Committee's Report Continued: Five-Year Financial Statistics, 1860–1864 (numbered “122”)

…carefully prepared. The present Report, therefore, is intended to reach back to the year 1860, giving in full a view also of the financial condition of the two Institutions during the time thus covered; and enabling the Board to judge of their present prospects. That the schools have flourished in the face of alarming difficulties; that the surplus receipts of the Hall have met the ever-lessening deficits of the College, till the latter has been rolled into a self-sustaining condition; that a sufficient margin has been left for necessary repairs or improvements; that, at present, things are in a healthy, &, all points considered, a satisfactory & promising state, will appear from the following Table, the result of a careful analysis of the Curators' Accounts of each year, by a Sub-Committee specially appointed for the purpose.

A Statement showing the receipts & expenditures of Burlington College & Mary's Hall for the years 1860 to 1864 inclusive:

> *Editorial note: The table below is transcribed compactly, by year and by Hall/College sub-column, following the manuscript's own layout. Several individual entries in the original are faint or partly obscured by the ruled column lines and are given here with the confidence available; where a figure could not be read with reasonable certainty it is marked [illegible].*

1860 — Boarding pupils: Hall 160, College 30. Total Receipts: Hall $24,580.16, College $5,724.98. Expenditures: Hall $34,065.46, College $13,760.75. Surplus (Hall): $18,515.70. Deficiency (College): $7,835.77.

1861 — Boarding pupils: Hall 110, College 25. Total Receipts: Hall $27,616.67, College $5,460.67. Expenditures: Hall $26,476.42, College $9,569.20. Surplus (Hall): $1,140.25. Deficiency (College): $4,108.53.

1862 — Boarding pupils: Hall 118 [College figure not entered]. Total Receipts: Hall $31,794.15. Expenditures: Hall $27,743.31. Surplus (Hall): $4,050.84.

1863 — Boarding pupils: Hall 155, College 55. Total Receipts: Hall $43,196.[illegible, approx. 26], College $18,933.88. Expenditures: Hall $39,874.13, College $22,159.98. Surplus (Hall): $3,322.15. Deficiency (College): $3,226.10.

1864 — Boarding pupils: Hall 150, College 70. Total Receipts: Hall $16,137.86, College $20,998.[illegible]. Expenditures: Hall $13,800.61, College $22,161.[illegible]. Surplus (Hall): $2,317.25. Deficiency (College): $1,163.[illegible].

Five-year totals: Surplus (Hall) $21,366.17; Deficiency (College) $16,333.41; net surplus $5,032.76.

Per-pupil figures (Maintenance & Tuition / Furniture & Repairs / Interest & Insurance / Annual Cost / Annual Receipts) are given for each year and each sub-column; e.g. for 1860, Maintenance & Tuition per pupil: Hall $183.30, College $397.53; Annual Cost per pupil: Hall $211.72, College $570.14; Annual Receipts per pupil: Hall $278.63, College $147.50. Comparable figures continue for 1861–1864, with the 1863 College column marked "15 months" and the 1864 Hall column marked "3 months" (see footnote below).

Furniture & Repairs, five-year totals: Hall $13,671.40; College $10,338.88; combined $24,010.28.

N.B. Mary's Hall for 1864, included three months only: College for 1863 embraces 15 months. Burlington, July 19, 1865.

Editorial note: The table's bottom line — a five-year net surplus of $5,032.76 across both institutions combined — is presented by the Committee as evidence that the College's chronic deficits (discussed at length in the 1859–1860 retrenchment crisis, pages 128–139) have been successfully offset by the Hall's surplus, with the College itself trending toward self-sufficiency by 1864. The irregular reporting periods noted in the footnote (a 3-month Hall year in 1864, a 15-month College year in 1863) reflect the same shift in the academic calendar referenced in the new term dates adopted at page 160.

Page 163 — Cash on Hand; Deacon Mortgage Retired; Farm Enlarged; Insurance Schedule (numbered “123”)

The accounts of the current year do not enter into the Table as they are not yet closed. But they have been sufficiently examined to show that the results will compare favorably with those of the years preceding. The number of pupils in the two Institutions, is about the same. Owing to the increased price of living it has been found necessary to advance the rates of board & tuition; but they have been kept at the lowest term possible, and the balance between receipts & expenditures remains on the whole unchanged.

On the closing of Accounts, Aug 1, 1864, there remained of cash on hand, the sum of $2,800. The balance, this year, it is hoped, will not prove less, & may be more.

The only remaining incumbrance upon the properties of the College, a mortgage for $8,000, has been retired within the past year.

To the College Farm, there has been added by purchase & paid for, a piece of land of 12 acres, costing $1,500: the Farm being thus increased to 32 acres in all. It has been ascertained by careful computation for some years past, that this Farm is an excellent investment. It pays for itself, in point of economy. What is vastly more important, it is promotive of health in the two schools, by furnishing the table with an ample supply of pure milk, fresh vegetables, & other articles not easy to be obtained in their most wholesome form, in the markets.

For the two Institutions, Policies of Insurance against Fire exist, as follows:

Mary's Hall: $21,000. Furniture in Hall: $7,000. College Buildings: $13,000. Furniture in College: $2,000. Farm House & Barn: $2,000. Total Amount: $45,000.

To keep the Hall in its present state of prosperity …

> *Editorial note: The $8,000 mortgage retired here is the same Deacon mortgage first referenced at pages 113–114 (among the 1857 relief-fund incumbrances) and again in the 1863 Relief Fund ledger at page 154; its retirement marks the clearing of one of the College's oldest standing debts. The College Farm's enlargement to 32 acres continues a pattern of incremental land purchases noted at earlier points in the Minutes.*

Page 164 — Case for Rebuilding, Full Organization, and Reconsidering the College's Site (numbered “124”)

…to keep the Hall in its present state of prosperity, a heavy outlay will before long be necessary, for repairs, additions, or possibly an entire reconstruction of the buildings, which are old and dilapidated. The time has come, in the judgment of the Committee, when the school should be fully equipped in all its appointments.

The Committee are also of opinion that the College should be fully organized in all its departments as soon as possible. This would require a liberal expenditure upon buildings, together with the establishment of endowments for professorships & scholarships.

There remains also the unsettled question, whether Burlington continues to be the best site for the College. An unsuccessful attempt was made, some three years since, to induce the City authorities to remedy the alleged unhealthiness of the site. The Committee recommend that a special committee be appointed to reconsider the whole question of location, and report at the next meeting.

In the mean time, it is but just to say, that since the change of the times of vacation …

> *Editorial note: The "unsuccessful attempt… to induce the City authorities to remedy the alleged unhealthiness of the site" is the same drainage question that recurs throughout these Minutes (e.g. the drainage resolution at page 152, and the Committee of Conference on drainage of the meadows reporting progress again at page 169 of this same meeting). This passage is the clearest statement yet in the Minutes that some Trustees viewed the site itself, not merely its drainage, as an open question for the College's future.*

Page 165 — Executive Committee's Report Concludes; Examining Committee's Report Presented (numbered “125”)

…the health of both schools has been excellent: an end which has been much promoted by the judicious system of physical exercises that forms a marked feature in the College; & by the effort to introduce something equivalent into the routine of the Hall.

The Committee are happy to report that in both schools, the academical departments & the internal management generally are of a character to give great satisfaction & encouragement. The Hall maintains the high character, it has long since won. The College improves every year, in discipline & in thoroughness & accuracy of teaching. The large proportion of Communicants in both institutions is proof of the wise pastoral influence that pervades the very atmosphere of both. The excellent deportment of the pupils is testified to, by all who have had the opportunity of forming a judgment.

Signed, M. Mahan, J. C. Garthwaite, Henry Macfarlan.

The following report of the Examining Committee was presented and read:

Burlington N.J. 19 July 1865

The Committee appointed to attend the examinations of the Institutions under the charge of the Board of Trustees beg leave to report.

That in consequence of the change in the time of the academical year at St Mary's Hall, the Annual Examination at that Institution does not occur until next week, & consequently there has been no examination there since the last meeting of the Board. The examination at the College, which has just closed was attended by a portion of the Committee …

> *Editorial note: The Executive Committee's report, begun with the eulogy for Judge Ogden at page 161, runs continuously through this page's opening paragraphs before the two signatures close it out. The Examining Committee's report that follows is a separate, shorter document, similar in kind to those presented at the September 1861 and September 1862 meetings (pages 142–146).*

Page 166 — Examining Committee's Report Concludes; Rector's Report Begins (numbered “126”)

…and they were glad to observe a manifest improvement in some important particulars. The young men appear to be much better drilled in the rudiments of the languages, & the general tone of their preparation seemed to your Committee in advance of that of former years.

They feel compelled however again to call the attention of the Professor in charge of the Classical department to the necessity of paying more attention to scanning & proper pronunciation. The Committee also desire to express their gratification at the manner in which the young men acquitted themselves in declamation at the closing exercises of the College. Their manner & address was far above the general average, & testified to their careful instruction.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed, M. Mahan, E. A. Hoffman.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Examining Committee be instructed to call the attention of Prof Hyde to the necessity of paying more attention to prosody as referred to in their Report.

The following Report of the Rector of the College was presented & read:

To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College. Gentlemen,

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual meeting of the Board, held in July of last year, I submit the following brief report:

The duties of the 19th academic year began at the appointed time, Tuesday, Oct 4, 1864. The teachers were all at their posts, and the boys punctual in their attendance. There have been connected with the College during the past year, in various departments of duty, thirteen teachers, four of whom, with the Rector, have resided in the Institution.

Editorial note: This report is signed at page 169 by "J. B. Gibson, Rector of Burlington College" — the Rev. J. Breckinridge Gibson, called to the Rectorship at page 140 in 1860, still in that office five years on. The "19th academic year" beginning October 1864 places the College's founding academic year at approximately 1846, consistent with the College's charter era discussed in the earliest pages of this volume.

Page 167 — Rector's Report: Enrollment, Discipline, Confirmations; Call to Revive Collegiate Classes (numbered “127”)

The boys admitted during the year, have numbered eighty-two, the whole of that number however has not been resident at any one time. The buildings will not properly & comfortably accommodate more than 70 boys.

The scholastic work of the Institution has been thoroughly & efficiently carried on. The discipline has been carefully maintained & with satisfactory results. For this, we are chiefly indebted to the influence of the religious work & to God's blessing upon it.

Three of the boys have been baptized during the year.

Twenty-one have been confirmed & admitted to the Holy Communion.

The present number of Communicants is forty-five.

I take this opportunity to call the attention of the Board of Trustees, to certain points of great interest to the College, & of vital importance to its welfare & permanency. The work for two years has been stationary. Nothing effective has been done towards realizing its original design, or towards the accomplishment of the object, the fulfillment of which, indeed, induced me to accept my present position.

The establishment of a College, with the full collegiate course was the work originally contemplated. The Preparatory Department was intended to be but a stepping stone to this, & is to serve as a feeder & preparer of boys for the College proper.

When the College classes were suspended five years ago, pecuniary difficulties & necessity alone led to that suspension. The design then was to restore those classes as soon as the preparatory department should become effective & self-sustaining.

> *Editorial note: The Rector's phrase "When the College classes were suspended five years ago…the design then was to restore those classes" refers back to the July 17, 1860 resolution discontinuing the Collegiate Classes, discussed at pages 136–138, and formally rescinded at page 157 of these Minutes (July 1864). The Rector here is building the case, one year after that rescission, for actually funding and staffing the restored College classes — the practical follow-through the 1864 resolution set in motion but did not itself provide for.*

Page 168 — Rector's Report: Three Obstacles to Reviving the College (numbered “128”)

It was only with this understanding, with a view to this end, that I entered on my work here five years ago. I think that for two years at least, the preparatory department has been virtually self-sustaining. It has at least been full to its utmost capacity. A large number of boys have been rejected, because there were no accommodations for them. The limited number of boys has caused an inadequate supply of funds; that cause ought to be removed, by the provision of more room for the boys who are, each year, turned away from our doors, for want of room.

The three obstacles which seem to stand in the way of the revival of our full & proper work are:

I. The want of additional accommodations for the Preparatory Department;

II. The want of a building for the College Classes;

III. The want of some endowment, full or partial, for at least two Professorships.

To remove these obstacles, funds are necessary; & these funds can only be secured by the active effort & co-operation of all interested in, & responsible for, the work which God has committed to our trust.

The questions to be considered and decided — and which I respectfully but earnestly submit ought to be considered & decided at the present meeting of the Board — are:

Ought not the efforts suggested above to be made? &

Ought they not, to be made now?

Each year, for three years, we have been sending away boys, to other Colleges; some of whom at least might have been kept here, to form the nucleus of our College classes: boys who have been trained …

> *Editorial note: The Rector's three-point list of obstacles — Preparatory Department space, a building for the College Classes, and professorship endowments — frames the remainder of this report as a direct funding appeal to the Board, continuing on the following page.*

Page 169 — Rector's Report Concludes; Signed by J. B. Gibson; Drainage Committee Continued (numbered “129”)

…carefully for years under our system, who could have done credit to our College work; and whose spiritual interests are imperiled by their being committed to influences of an unchurchly & godless character.

Two more points only I refer to in this connection:

I. I believe I express the views of those interested in the question, when I assert, that the erection of a great popular College here is not contemplated or desired, but of a Church College, of moderate size, thorough in its academic work, where the sons of Churchmen may be comparatively safe from the contaminating influences of ordinary College life; with religious provisions & disciplinary restrictions somewhat different from those met with in other Institutions.

II. I know that one difficulty which has existed in some of your minds with regard to making provision for the erection of buildings &c, for College work here, arises from the question whether it is desirable to go on at all with the College work in this locality, or whether it shall be removed to some other spot.

If this is a serious difficulty, & stands in the way of the contemplated action, I respectfully request that it be fully considered & finally settled, now.

Signed, J. B. Gibson, Rector of Burlington College.

Burlington, July 19, 1865.

The Committee of Conference, in regard to the drainage of the meadows, reported progress.

> Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Committee be continued; & requested to attend a meeting of the Common Council of Burlington, to represent the wishes of the Board on the subject.

> Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Executive Committee be instructed …

> *Editorial note: The Rector's second closing point — whether Burlington remains the right site for the College at all — directly echoes the Executive Committee's own report at page 164, which recommended a special committee to "reconsider the whole question of location." Both reports were read at the same July 19, 1865 meeting, so the Board heard this site question raised twice in one sitting, from two different quarters.*

Page 170 — Resolutions on Enlargement, Mary's Hall Governance, and Trustee Elections; Meeting Adjourns (numbered “130”)

…to provide additional accommodation for more students in Burlington College, as soon as the money can be raised.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Rector of Burlington College, in connection with the President & the Executive Committee, be empowered, to raise the sum of ___ dollars, with a view to the above enlargement of the College buildings.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Principal of Mary's Hall shall always have a seat, without a vote, in the Board of Trustees; and that he be requested to make a report of the condition of the Hall, at every Annual meeting of the Board.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That By-Law VIII of Burlington College be amended so as to read:

"The day of Commencement of Burlington College, shall be the third Thursday in July, each year; the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held in Burlington, at 10 A.M., on the day preceding. At every Annual meeting the Board shall elect a Secretary & Treasurer."

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That Garret S. Cannon be elected a member of the Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. E. B. D. Ogden.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Secretary & Treasurer be re-elected.

The Board then went into an election of Trustees to fill the vacancies; & Fred B. Ogden & Coleman F. Leaming Esq were elected.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Approved, July 18, 1866. Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Editorial note: The blank left for a dollar figure in the enlargement-funds resolution above ("the sum of ___ dollars") is in the original manuscript; no amount was filled in, evidently left for later insertion in the same manner as the blank page 150 discussed earlier in these Minutes. This meeting was not approved until nearly a year later, July 18, 1866 — an unusually long gap between a meeting and its approval by comparison with other meetings recorded in this volume, though the Minutes do not explain the delay. The by-law amendment adopted here fixes Commencement Day as the third Thursday in July going forward, matching the date of this very meeting.

Page 171 — Annual Meeting, July 18, 1866; Gibson's Resignation as Rector Accepted (numbered “131”)

Burlington College, July 18, AD 1866.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: His Excellency Gov. Ward, President of the Board; the Rt Rev the President of the College; the Rev Drs Mahan, Stubbs & Hoffman, & the Rev Mr Doane; & Messrs G. S. Cannon, A. Browning, N. Thorp, T. H. Whitney, J. C. Garthwaite, W. Halsted, E. B. Grubb, C. F. Leaming & J. W. Mecum.

On motion, the Secretary & Treasurer of the Board were re-elected; after the customary religious exercises…

Mr Halsted gave notice of his proposal to repeal By Law X.

Marginal note in original: On motion, Resolved:

That a Committee be appointed to report, at the next meeting of the Board, what action the Board shall then take, under By Law X, in accordance with the resolution passed on this subject a year ago.

The President appointed as such Committee: the Rev Mr Doane; & Messrs Cannon, Halsted, Browning & Whitney.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read & on motion accepted; together with the report of the Principal of Mary's Hall.

The following preamble & resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, on the 15th day of February last, the Rev J. B. Gibson resigned his office, as Rector of Burlington College to the Executive Committee of this Board, which thereupon accepted the same, & subsequently made a temporary appointment of the Rev Anthony Ten Broeck as his successor; as appears by the report of said Committee now presented to this Board;

And whereas such acceptance and resig…

Editorial note: This is the first mention in the Minutes as transcribed of the Rev. J. B. Gibson's departure from the Rectorship he assumed at page 140 in 1860. His resignation, dated Feb 15, 1866, was handled entirely by the Executive Committee between annual meetings, with the Rev. Anthony Ten Broeck named as temporary successor; this Board meeting is now asked to formally ratify that action after the fact.

Page 172 — Ten Broeck Elected Rector; Committee on Executive Committee's Powers Formed (numbered “132”)

…nation, were necessarily provisional subject to the future action of this Board: therefore Resolved:

That said acceptance & resignation be & the same are hereby approved of; & that this Board do now proceed to act in reference to the same.

On motion, the Board accepted the resignation of the Rev J. B. Gibson; & on the nomination of the Visitors, elected the Rev Anthony Ten Broeck Rector of Burlington College.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the whole subject of the appointment & duties of the Executive Committee; & their relation to the two Institutions: & to report a By Law on the subject at the next meeting of the Board.

The Rev Dr Stubbs on the part of the Examining Committee reported, that the result of the examinations at Burlington College had been unusually satisfactory, evincing an uncommon degree of ability on the part of the Instructors & of faithfulness on the part of the Students: the examinations in the classical department were especially commended, as showing both fundamental accuracy in the teaching. The Committee suggested that the Ex. Committee be requested to arrange the terms as to bring the Closing Examinations of both the Institutions within the same week; which was done.

The Rev Dr Hoffman gave notice of his intention to propose an alteration in By Law XI, making it include the Principal of Mary's Hall.

The Committee on drainage reported progress & asked to be continued: which was done, the Rev J. C. Garthwaite being added to the Committee in place of the Rev J. B. Gibson.

On motion Resolved, that when this…

Editorial note: The margin note at the left of this page (transcribed by the copyist rather than the original author, based on its position and hand) reads: "N.B. the President appointed as such Committee, the Rev Mr Doane & Messrs J. C. Garthwaite & A. Browning" — identifying the three-member committee tasked with reviewing the Executive Committee's powers, whose report becomes new By-Law XIII at page 177.

Page 173 — Alumni Endowment Committee Formed; St Mary's Hall Building Plans Authorized; Meeting Closes (numbered “133”)

Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the Wednesday preceding the third Thursday in July, at 11 A.M.

The Rev Mr Doane gave notice of his intention to propose an alteration in By Law VIII, changing the hour of meeting from 10 to 11 A.M.

Marginal note in original: On motion, Resolved:

That a Committee of the Alumni be appointed, who shall be authorized & requested to receive funds for the endowment of Professorships & Scholarships in Burlington College & the erection of a Chapel & other suitable buildings, upon a plan to be obtained by them & approved by the Executive Committee.

The President appointed as such Committee: the Rev Mr Doane, Geo M. Miller Esq, the Rev Messrs Achetwood & S. J. Barton; & Messrs C. Willing Littell & R. S. Jenkins.

Marginal note in original: On motion Resolved:

That the Executive Committee be authorized to obtain a complete plan for the erection of new buildings for Mary's Hall; & to expend any surplus on hand in the commencement of the erection of such buildings; & in doing so, that they have power to take down or move any of the present buildings.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Approved, July 16, AD 1867.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Editorial note: This closes out the July 18, 1866 meeting, approved almost exactly a year later. As with the previous meeting (page 170), approval lagged the meeting itself by roughly a year — the second such gap in a row in this volume.

Page 174 — Annual Meeting, July 16, 1867; Two Vacancies from Deaths of Wright and Spencer (numbered “134”)

Burlington College, July 16, AD 1867.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: the Rt Rev the President of the College, the Rev Drs Mahan, Stubbs, Williams & Doane; & Messrs T. P. Carpenter, N. Thorp, T. H. Whitney, J. C. Garthwaite, E. B. Grubb, H. Macfarlan, J. W. Mecum, F. B. Ogden, C. F. Leaming & S. V. Hoffman.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair, & after the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The announcement was made that there were two vacancies in the Board, caused by the death of the Hon Wm Wright & Dr J. J. Spencer.

On motion the rules of order were suspended before nominating for the filling of the vacancies: in order to receive the following report:

"The Committee appointed to report at this meeting what action the Board should now take under By Law X, in accordance with the resolution passed on this subject a year ago, submits for adoption the following:"

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That in the cases of Messrs R. S. Field & J. L. N. Stratton, & the Rev Dr Dod — absent, now less than five consecutive years — the Secretary be directed to take action under By Law X, & inform the above named gentlemen that in the judgment of the Board they are deemed to have vacated their seats.

On motion the Resolution was adopted & the following were nominated to fill the five vacancies: Messrs Geo M. Miller, Ed. H. Wright, C. W. Littell, Richard S. Conover …

Editorial note: By-Law X, first invoked at page 172's committee charge and now finally acted upon, evidently provides for a Trustee's seat to be vacated after prolonged absence from meetings — five consecutive years, per this resolution. Messrs Field, Stratton & Dod are removed on this basis alongside the two vacancies created by Wright's and Spencer's deaths, producing five seats to fill at this meeting rather than two.

Page 175 — Executive Committee's Report: Enrollment and St Mary's Hall Building Plans (numbered “135”)

& Henry Hayes; the Rev Messrs E. J. Barton, R. A. Merritt, & R. M. Abercrombie D.D.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read, as follows:

The Executive Committee of Burlington College respectfully report to the Board of Trustees:

That the number of pupils in the College during the past year has been 33: the state of discipline has been excellent, & the proficiency in all branches of study, as tested by the Annual Examination, & as we learn on enquiry, is satisfactory. On the whole the condition of the College is such as to merit the confidence of Parents & Guardians; & we have every reason to hope for steady growth in point of numbers.

In St Mary's Hall the number of pupils has been 175: in this & in all other respects, the results of the year are most satisfactory. The health of the Principal, the Rev E. K. Smith, requiring an intermission of labor, leave of absence was granted him from May to October with an appropriation of five hundred dollars for a visit to England. This was the least we could do in acknowledgment of Mr Smith's invaluable services, through so many years of patient labor to Mary's Hall. Though the kindness of Prof Hyde who assumed part of the duties of the Principal, and of Mrs Stanley & Miss Ogden who took his place, has been satisfactorily filled, with no interruption to the steady routine of the school. On other points of interest connected with the Hall we defer to the accompanying reports (on file) of the Principal & of the Physician.

The very important point of providing new Buildings for St Mary's Hall has engaged the constant attention of the Committee. Plans have been secured and, on the main, approved from Dr Sloan, …

> *Editorial note: "Dr Sloan" here as the architect proposed for the new St Mary's Hall buildings should not be confused with the certificate-holder of the same surname named among the 1857 relief-fund incumbrances at page 113. The Rev. E. K. Smith's leave of absence, with its $500 appropriation for a trip to England, is the first reference in these Minutes to international travel by a member of the faculty.*

Page 176 — Architect's Plans Deferred on Cost; Financial & Estimated Reports for 1866–1867 (numbered “136”)

…Architect, which will be presented to the Board for their inspection. It is extremely desirable that the work should be commenced without further delay, but with the means now at our command & at the present prices of labor & material we feel that the attempt would be attended with risk. We leave it to the Board to determine whether anything can be done just now to relieve the difficulty.

The accompanying financial reports for the College & Hall will shew the accurate results for 1866, & the estimate for 1867, the accounts for the latter year not yet being closed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, M. Mahan.

Burlington, July 17, 1867.

Financial Report — Sept. 1865 to Sept. 1866

Mary's Hall (174 pupils): Receipts $70,761.19; Expenditures $55,251.07; Surplus $15,010.12; Repairs $2,909.49; Furniture $2,468.85; total $5,378.34.

Burlington College (63 pupils): Receipts $24,872.68; Expenditures $31,067.41; Deficiency $6,194.73; Repairs $2,615.34; Furniture $2,567.14; total $5,782.48.

Estimated Receipts &c — Sept. 1866 to Sept. 1867

Mary's Hall: Estimated Receipts $71,269; Expenditures $56,374; balance $14,895. July 17/67 Cash on hand $22,600; Invested $15,000; total $37,600.

Burlington College: Estimated Receipts $11,885; Expenditures $20,371.19; Deficiency $8,486.19. Salaries $6,600; Wages $1,900; total $8,500.

The Committee appointed to consider the whole subject of the appointment & duties of the Executive Committee & their relation to the two…

> *Editorial note: The two financial statements on this page are transcribed in the compact summary format used elsewhere in this transcription for dense tabular figures. Several individual digits in the College's estimated Receipts figure ($11,885, sharply down from the prior year's $24,872.68 actual receipts) are faint in the original; the figure is given here with reasonable but not full confidence.*

Page 177 — New By-Law XIII Formalizes the Executive Committee's Powers; $30,000 Sought for Mary's Hall (numbered “137”)

…Institutions & to report a By Law thereon, presented the following, which, on motion was adopted as

By Law XIII

An Executive Committee of five shall be appointed — with authority to select their own financial Agent — who shall be charged with the general control of the Institutions & the management & control of their fiscal & economical departments; and all powers belonging to the management of the Institutions necessary to be exercised during the absence of the Board, or when the Board is not in session, not otherwise provided for by these By Laws shall be vested in this Committee, who shall be responsible & shall report to this Board annually, or oftener if required.

The following preamble & resolution were adopted:

Whereas, it appears from careful estimates, that a suitable building for St Mary's Hall, capable of accommodating 100 additional pupils, can be erected at a cost of $70,000, of which sum nearly $40,000 are now in hand;

Marginal note in original: Therefore Resolved:

That a sum of $30,000 be sought by this Board, on a conditional subscription, in order to erect additional buildings for St Mary's Hall.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That a Committee of this Board be appointed to carry this resolution into effect; & secure the sum of at least $30,000, to enable the Executive Committee to erect the new building for St Mary's Hall when, in their judgment, a sufficient amount shall be …

Editorial note: By-Law XIII here formalizes and considerably strengthens the Executive Committee's authority, codifying the informal delegation of "general control" arrangements referenced at various earlier points in these Minutes (e.g. the 1860 self-sustaining-management resolution at page 139) into a standing By-Law with an annual reporting requirement. The $70,000 building estimate, with $40,000 already in hand and a further $30,000 sought, directly follows through on the Executive Committee's report two pages earlier.

Page 178 — By-Laws XI and VIII Amended; Degree Conferred on Curtis P. Jones (numbered “138”)

…secured.

Marginal note in original: Resolved:

That the Executive Committee be this Committee, with power to call with them any such members of the Board as they may see fit.

In accordance with notice given at the last meeting of the Board, By Law XI was altered to read "the Rector of Burlington College" and "the Principal of Mary's Hall" shall have a seat &c.

And By Law VIII was amended by the substitution of 11 A.M. instead of 10 A.M. as the hour for the annual meeting of the Board.

On motion the former Treasurer & Secretary were re-elected.

On nomination of the President, the degree of Master of Arts in Course was conferred upon Mr Curtis P. Jones B.A. AD 1866, & the President was requested to deliver to him the proper diploma, with the seal of the Corporation attached.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to publish in the newspapers a brief account of this meeting of the Board.

On motion the Chair appointed as a Committee to report on the general working of the two Institutions, the Rev Dr Doane & Messrs S. V. Hoffman & T. H. Whitney.

By permission the Secretary read a letter from the Rev J. W. Brading containing a statement of certain claims against the Board, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board then went into an election to fill the vacancies announced and created, when the following gentlemen were elected Trustees:

Editorial note: By-Law XI as amended here explicitly names both the Rector of Burlington College and the Principal of Mary's Hall as entitled to a Board seat, extending the non-voting privilege that page 170's resolution had granted only to the Principal of Mary's Hall. The annual meeting's start time, fixed at 10 A.M. by the By-Law VIII amendment adopted at page 170 in 1865, is here pushed back an hour to 11 A.M., matching the notice of intent given at page 173.

Page 179 — New Trustees Elected; Full Trustee and Executive Committee Rosters as of 1867 (numbered “139”)

Messrs Geo. M. Miller, Edward H. Wright, C. Willing Littell, & R. S. Conover; & the Rev R. M. Abercrombie.

The President announced as the Committee on Examinations ordered by By Law XII: the Rev Drs Doane & Abercrombie; & Messrs F. B. Ogden, E. B. Grubb & C. F. Leaming M.D.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Editorial note: The remainder of this page is a full roster of the Trustees and Executive Committee as of 1867, laid out by the copyist in a two-column list rather than as narrative prose — similar in kind to the trustee rosters at pages 141 and (implicitly) elsewhere in this volume. It is transcribed below as a structured list rather than as continuous sentences, following the manuscript's own tabular layout; a small cross ("+") beside a name, as on the 1861 roster, appears to mark a deceased Trustee.

Trustees of Burlington College, AD 1867

Ex officio: His Excellency the Governor, and the Rt Rev the Bishop of New Jersey.

Left column: G. S. Cannon Esq (AD 1848); the Hon T. P. Carpenter; J. C. Garthwaite Esq; A. Browning Esq; Wm Halsted Esq; † N. Thorp Esq; the Rev J. A. Williams (1851); T. H. Whitney Esq; the Rev M. Mahan D.D. (1855); the Rev A. Stubbs D.D.; the Rev E. A. Hoffman D.D. (1859); the Rev R. M. Abercrombie D.D. (AD 1867); Gen. E. B. Grubb.

Right column: H. Macfarlan Esq (AD 1850); † E. B. Grubb Esq; the Rev Wm Croswell Doane D.D. (1861); J. W. Mecum Esq (1862); S. V. Hoffman Esq (1863); F. B. Ogden Esq (1865); C. F. Leaming Esq M.D.; Geo. M. Miller Esq (1867); Col Ed. H. Wright; C. Willing Littell Esq; R. S. Conover Esq (1868).

Executive Committee: the Rev M. Mahan D.D.; J. C. Garthwaite Esq; H. Macfarlan Esq; F. B. Ogden Esq & Geo. Miller Esq (these last two names added in a smaller hand, evidently a slightly later insertion); with A. Browning Esq & G. S. Cannon Esq bracketed together and annotated "resigned … '68" in a different, later hand.

Treasurer: Thomas Milnor Esq, marked with a small cross (†); with "C. M. Harker Esq" added beneath in pencil, apparently a later substitution. Secretary: the Rev Wm C. Doane.

Editorial note: Like the 1861 trustee roster at page 141, this page is not a single-date snapshot but a working list annotated over subsequent years: the crosses (†) beside N. Thorp and E. B. Grubb in the main roster mark them as deceased at some point after this 1867 listing was first entered (E. B. Grubb was still attending Board meetings as of this very July 1867 session, per page 174, so his death postdates it); the Executive Committee names below are similarly overwritten with a resignation note dated 1868 and what appears to be a pencil change of Treasurer. All of these later annotations are transcribed here alongside the base 1867 list rather than silently omitted, consistent with this transcription's practice for the page 141 roster.

Page 180 — Annual Meeting, July 16, 1868; Vacancy from Death of Edward B. Grubb (numbered “140”)

Burlington College, July 16, AD 1868.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: the Rt Rev the President of the College; the Rev Drs Mahan, Stubbs, Williams, Abercrombie & Doane; & Messrs G. S. Cannon, J. C. Garthwaite, H. Macfarlan, W. Halsted, S. V. Hoffman, T. H. Whitney, J. W. Mecum, Geo. M. Miller & R. S. Conover.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the Rt Rev the President of the College took the Chair, & after the customary religious services the Board proceeded to the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The announcement was made that there was a vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Edw. B. Grubb.

Gen Edw. B. Grubb was nominated to fill the vacancy.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read as follows:

The Executive Committee of Burlington College are happy to report to the Board of Trustees, with devout thanks to Almighty God,

that the Schools committed to their charge have enjoyed during the term just expiring an as wonted measure of prosperity. The Principal of Mary's Hall reports a good year beyond all precedent in his experience. The number of pupils greater than at any time before; the general tone of things better & more satisfactory. Nothing seems …

Editorial note: The Edward B. Grubb whose death is announced and mourned here (with the tribute resolution continuing at page 183) is the Trustee marked with a cross (†) on the 1867 roster at page 179. He is nominated to be succeeded on the Board by "Gen Edw. B. Grubb" — evidently a relative bearing the same name, elected to fill his own predecessor's seat, as recorded at page 184.

Page 181 — Executive Committee's Report: New Mary's Hall Building Underway (numbered “141”)

…but room to expand. The handsome & solid walls going up, in the rear of the present buildings have cheered our able & faithful corps of teachers with the hope that this want will soon be supplied; & that the next term will open with an enlarged field of usefulness; & with more abundant material for working the field to advantage.

The building now being erected on a contract for $47,800 dollars, is part of a large plan of Mr D. Lienau, Architect, submitted to the Board at their last annual meeting, which it is hoped will at no distant day, replace the present buildings entirely. This present instalment will accommodate about 50 additional pupils.

In other particulars relating to the Hall we refer to the accompanying Report of the Rev Principal.

In the College the highest number of pupils at any one time, during the past year, has been thirty-two. This period of depression, however, in point of numbers & popularity has been judiciously employed in improving the style of discipline & instruction, the general state of which is all that can reasonably be expected.

The Financial Condition of the College & Hall considered as one educational establishment is eminently satisfactory though the College has not worked up as yet to a self sustaining position. We submit as usual two Reports from the Treasurer; the one an exact statement of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Hall & College respectively for 1866-67; the other an estimate as near as can be made for 1867-68.

In providing additional accommodations for the Hall your Committee feel the necessity also of enlargements & improvements in the present Chapel which is unfit for its purpose. We commend the subject to …

> *Editorial note: The architect "Mr D. Lienau" here matches the "Dr Lienau" whose plans for St Mary's Hall were approved in principle at page 176; the $47,800 contract represents the first installment of that larger building plan, funded in part by the $30,000 subscription drive launched at page 177. The College's enrollment of 32 pupils is described here as a "period of depression," a notably candid admission compared to the more optimistic tone of most Executive Committee reports in this volume.*

Page 182 — Financial Report, 1866–67, and Estimates for 1867–68 (numbered “142”)

…the attention of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted, (Signed) M. Mahan, on behalf of the Committee.

Financial Report — Sept. 1866 to Sept. 1867

Mary's Hall (170 pupils): Receipts $71,207. Expenditures — Board & Maintenance $35,204.04; Tuition $15,445; Printing & Ins. $604.48; Furniture & Repairs $2,674.63 (with further sub-items of $1,132.12 and $1,541.57 noted); total expenditures $53,928.35, leaving (after a further deduction) a net figure of $17,278.65. Per-pupil figures: Maintenance $207.05, Tuition $90.85, Printing & Ins. $3.56, Furniture & Repairs $15.73; total per pupil $317.22.

Burlington College (31 pupils): Expenditures — Board & Maintenance $11,426.69; Tuition $7,024.33; Stationary $65.23; Printing, Insurance &c $855.25; Furniture & Repairs $1,304.47 (with sub-items of $292.59 and $1,011.58); total expenditures $20,675.97. Receipts $11,979.82; Deficiency $8,696.15. Per-pupil figures: Maintenance $368.60, Tuition $226.59, Printing &c $29.69, Furniture &c $42.05; total per pupil $595.19/$666.96 (figures partly indistinct in the original).

Estimated Receipts & Expenditures — Sept. 1, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868

Mary's Hall: Estimated Receipts $70,000; Expenditures $55,750; Surplus $20,250. Burlington College: Estimated Receipts $11,000; Expenditures $15,500; Deficiency $4,500.

Sept. 1, 1867, cash on hand $35,666; plus estimated 1868 receipts from pupils $15,750; plus interest &c $2,000; total $53,416. July 1, 1868, spent on account of building, $11,000.

On motion the Report was accepted and the Reports of the Rector of the College and the Principal of St Mary's Hall were ordered on file.

On motion of Mr Cannon, who declined re-election, the following were elected the Executive Committee…

> *Editorial note: This financial table is transcribed compactly, by category, following the manuscript's own layout; several sub-totals in the original are written in a smaller hand above the main figures (apparently later refinements or corrections to the initial entries) and are given here alongside the main figures rather than silently discarded. A few individual digits, particularly in the College's per-pupil total, are difficult to render with full confidence.*

Page 183 — New Executive Committee Elected; Tribute Resolution for the Late Edward B. Grubb (numbered “143”)

…the Rev Dr Mahan, & Messrs J. C. Garthwaite, H. Macfarlan, F. B. Ogden & Geo. M. Miller.

The question of enlarging the Chapel of St Mary's Hall was referred with power to the Executive Committee & the Rt Rev President was requested, in connection with the Committee to issue an appeal to the graduates & friends of St Mary's Hall asking for donations to this object, with the view of obtaining at least $10,000.

The Secretary & Mr Cannon were appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Board in reference to the death of Mr E. B. Grubb.

The Rev Dr Mahan was requested to prepare & publish a notice of the meeting of Trustees with special reference to the encouraging results of the condition of the two institutions.

The following minute, on motion of the Committee appointed as above was ordered to be entered on the minutes & a copy sent to the family:

The Board having heard with great regret of the removal from his place of duty on the Church on earth of E. B. Grubb Esq for seven years a Trustee of Burlington College desire to record upon their minutes their sincere appreciation of the great & constant fidelity which marked Mr Grubb's discharge of his duties as a Trustee; & of the kindly & genial courtesy with which as the only resident member of the Board he welcomed the Trustees always at the annual meetings.

Nor can the Board fail to assure the bereaved family of their most cordial sympathy, while they express their thankful hope that a faithful servant of God has gone to his rest & reward.

The Rev Drs Williams & Abercrombie & Messrs Whitney, Leaming & Conover were appointed the Committee on Examinations for the coming year; & the Rector & Principal were requested to give due …

> *Editorial note: E. B. Grubb is here described as having served seven years as a Trustee and as "the only resident member of the Board" — explaining his customary role, noted informally elsewhere in these Minutes, of welcoming the other Trustees to Burlington for the annual meetings.*

Page 184 — Meeting of July 1868 Closes; Annual Meeting, July 14, 1869, Opens (numbered “144”)

…weeks notice beforehand of the time of the examinations to all the members of the Board.

The Rev Dr Doane was re-elected Secretary & Mr C. M. Harker was elected Treasurer.

Gen E. B. Grubb was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 14th, 1869.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following members of the Board assembled on the College Buildings: the Rt Rev the President of the College; the Rt Rev Wm C. Doane; the Rev Drs Stubbs, Hoffman, Abercrombie; Messrs G. S. Cannon, J. C. Garthwaite, T. P. Carpenter, Wm Halsted, T. H. Whitney, J. W. Mecum, C. F. Leaming, G. M. Miller, R. S. Conover, C. W. Littell, Gen E. B. Grubb.

The Right Rev the President of the College took the Chair in the absence of His Excellency the Governor of the State, and after the customary religious services. The Board proceeded to business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

> *Editorial note: The Rt Rev Wm C. Doane, previously the Rev Dr Doane and Secretary of the Board through every meeting transcribed so far in this volume, appears here for the first time as "the Rt Rev" — indicating his consecration as a bishop sometime between the July 1868 and July 1869 meetings. The Minutes as transcribed do not record who, if anyone, succeeded him as Secretary at this meeting; the signature on the previous meeting's minutes (page 184, above) is still his, signed simply "Wm Croswell Doane, Secretary." Gen. E. B. Grubb, elected at the close of the prior meeting to succeed the elder Edward B. Grubb, is now in attendance as a full Trustee.*

Page 185 — Bishop Doane Resigns as Secretary; Vacancies from Deaths of Thorp and Others (numbered “145”)

> *Editorial note: The text below opens mid-sentence, continuing from page 184's report that the Rt Rev Wm C. Doane appears here for the first time with the title of Bishop rather than as the Rev Dr Doane, Secretary of the Board through every meeting transcribed so far.*

…Announcement was made of a vacancy caused by the death of N. Thorp Esq. Mr Arthur Ogilvy, Mr Cortlandt Parker, Mr Alfred Mills, Mr Peter McCall & General Alfred Torbert, were nominated to fill the vacancy.

The Secretary offered his resignation and nominated Gen. E. B. Grubb as Secretary.

The resignation of the Secretary was accepted with regret and Rev Dr Stubbs and Mr Conover were appointed to prepare a minute for entry in the Book of Minutes.

On motion, the Rev Dr Abercrombie and Judge Carpenter were appointed a committee to express the feeling with which the Board have heard of the death of N. Thorp Esq one of the original Trustees of the College.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read, as follows:

The Executive Committee present to the Trustees statements of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending September 1st 1868. Estimates for the current year the cost of the new building &c as follows:

St Mary's Hall, Sept. 1, 1867 to Sept. 1, 1868

205 pupils. Receipts $74,886.59. Expenditures: Board & Maintenance $35,729.31; Tuition $17,689; Printing & Insurance $476.88; Furniture $2,749.92, Repairs $2,400.44 (sub-total $5,150.36); total expenditures $59,045.55; balance $15,841.04.

> *Editorial note: This is the first meeting recorded with the Rev. Wm Croswell Doane addressed as "the Rt Rev" — confirming, following the note at page 184, that he was consecrated a bishop between the 1868 and 1869 meetings. He resigns the Secretaryship he had held for the entire span of these Minutes as transcribed, and is succeeded by Gen. E. B. Grubb, elected to the Board only the previous year (page 184) to fill his predecessor's seat. Nathan Thorp, whose death prompts both a Board vacancy and a formal tribute continuing at page 189, is marked with a cross (†) on the 1867 roster at page 179.*

Page 186 — Financial Report Continued: Burlington College and St Mary's Hall, 1867–1868 (numbered “146”)

Per-pupil figures (St Mary's Hall): Maintenance $174.29, Tuition $86.28 (total $260.57); Printing & Ins. $2.83, Furniture & Repairs $25.12; total $288.02.

Burlington College, Sept. 1867 to Sept. 1868

Expenditures: Board & Maintenance $9,056.14; Tuition $5,493.87; Printing & Insurance $235.95; Furniture $30.35, Repairs $325.47 (sub-total $355.82); total expenditures $15,141.78.

Receipts: 30 Pupils $11,490; Deficiency $3,659.78. Per-pupil figures: Maintenance $301.87, Tuition $183.13 (total $485); Printing & Ins. $7.86, Furniture & Repairs $11.86; total $504.72.

St Mary's Hall — Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending Sept. 1, 1868

Cash & Investments on hand $32,816; Received from pupils $74,886.59; Interest $3,174.69; Sundries $274.36; total $111,151.64.

Expenditures: Hall Expenses $40,422; College [Expenses, evidently a cross-charge] $3,790.14; Salaries, Hall $17,689; New Building $21,000; total $83,901.14; balance on hand $27,250.50.

Editorial note: This page's four tables continue directly from page 185's statement, giving both the actual Burlington College figures for 1867-68 and the beginning of St Mary's Hall's cash-basis statement, which continues onto page 187. The transcription follows the manuscript's own category-by-category layout rather than reproducing it as a literal grid.

Page 187 — St Mary's Hall Cash Statement Through July 1869; $15,500 Deficiency Disclosed (numbered “147”)

St Mary's Hall — Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures, Sept. 1, 1868 to July 15, 1869

Balance on hand $27,252.80; Received from pupils $65,051.70; Investments & Interest $3,626.11; Sundries $1,143.70; Note discounted in Bank $5,000; total $102,074.01.

Hall Expenses $56,151.01; New Building $45,857.10; total $102,008.11; balance $65.90.

Will require to Oct. 1, 1869: for Hall Expenses $7,500; for New Building $3,000; total $10,500.

Cost of New Building, Furniture & Incidentals: in 1868, $21,000; in 1869, $45,857.10; now due, $3,000; total $69,857.10.

By the foregoing it will be seen that a deficiency exists in the funds of $15,500 consisting in unpaid bills for the new building including $12,000 to the Architect for his fees and for Teachers' Salaries for the term just closing; and to which the attention of the Trustees is requested. A portion of this deficiency for bills due and payable up to the present time has been obtained upon a joint individual note for $5,000, due and payable Oct 15th next at the Mechanics Bank at Burlington; an additional sum of about $8,000 will be required within a period of ten to thirty days to enable the Curator to meet the current …

Editorial note: The $15,500 shortfall disclosed here — driven substantially by $12,000 in unpaid architect's fees to Mr Lienau, whose contract for the new St Mary's Hall building was reported at $47,800 at page 181 — is a notably frank admission of financial strain, prompting the Trustees to endorse a promissory note (continuing at pages 188–190) rather than simply noting the figures as in most prior financial reports in this volume.

Page 188 — Trustees Endorse a Promissory Note; Resolution Admitting Day Scholars (numbered “148”)

…bills as they mature.

Respectfully, Burlington, July 14, 1869. J. C. Garthwaite; Henry Macfarlan; Geo. M. Miller — Ex. Com.

On motion the report was accepted, and the reports of the Rector of the College and the Principal of St Mary's Hall were ordered on file.

On motion of Mr Cannon it was resolved, that the Trustees approve and endorse the joint note given as stated in the report presented by the Executive Committee for the sum of five thousand dollars, $5,000, due 15 of October next.

On motion of Mr Littell it was resolved, that a Committee, consisting of the Alumni of the College now on the Board, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a meeting of the Alumni to effect an organization of the Alumni and former students of the College, and to report the result of such organization to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr Conover it was resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to arrange the price of tuition for boarders and day pupils at Burlington College and to publish a circular accordingly.

On motion of Gen. Grubb it was resolved, that at the commencement of the next term of Burlington College day scholars shall be admitted. And that the Secretary be requested to make public this resolution …

> *Editorial note: This is the first resolution in these Minutes formally opening Burlington College to day scholars, a departure from the boarding-only model implicit throughout the earlier Minutes; Mr Conover's companion resolution authorizing a published tuition schedule for "boarders and day pupils" confirms the two measures were adopted together as a deliberate enrollment strategy, likely in response to the College's persistently low boarding enrollment (32 pupils at page 181; 30 pupils in the 1867-68 figures at page 186).*

Page 189 — Tribute to the Late Nathan Thorp; Committee on the Financial Deficiency Named (numbered “149”)

…of the Board by advertisement or otherwise. Resolved that any minute or resolution upon the books to the contrary is hereby rescinded.

The following minute was unanimously adopted:

That in view of the announcement of the decease of the late Nathan Thorp Esq one of the original Trustees of this Institution we desire to record our profound sense of the ardent zeal, pure and consistent piety, catholic spirit, quiet and unobtrusive manners, as well as the practical and efficient manifestation of interest in all matters relating to the welfare of the Church at large and especially of this Institution — which distinguished the late Mr Thorp;

That while we lament the absence of our departed brother from our councils and the loss of his influence in the Church militant we rejoice in the hope that he has entered upon his reward in the Church triumphant;

That we tender to the family of the late Mr Thorp our deepest sympathy for them in their bereavement and commend them to the care and consolation of God who chastens them he loves;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family.

On motion, the President appointed as a Committee on the financial deficiency reported by the Executive Committee: the Rev Dr Hoffman, Messrs Cannon and Whitney.

The Committee reported verbally, recommending that a note or notes for the amount required be executed by such of the members of this Board as shall see …

> *Editorial note: Nathan Thorp is memorialized here as one of the College's original Trustees, consistent with his name appearing near the top of the 1861 roster at page 141 (with an 1848-era implied seniority matching G. S. Cannon's) and with the death-cross beside his name on the 1867 roster at page 179.*

Page 190 — Meeting of July 1869 Closes; Special Meeting, May 27, 1870, Opens (numbered “150”)

…fit to sign the same, payable to the order of Curator of this Board.

And the note was drawn up and signed.

General Alfred Torbert was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

General E. Burd Grubb was elected Secretary of the Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Edward Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Burlington College, May 27th, 1870.

This being the day appointed for a Special Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, called by the Executive Committee of the Board, the following members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings at 11 1/2 A.M.: the Rt Rev President; the Rev Dr Hoffman; Hon. T. P. Carpenter; J. C. Garthwaite Esq; Henry Macfarlan Esq; T. H. Whitney Esq; Dr C. F. Leaming; Hon G. S. Cannon; R. S. Conover Esq; Geo. M. Miller Esq; C. W. Littell Esq; and Gen. E. Burd Grubb.

After the customary religious service the Executive Committee presented the following Report:

The Executive Committee respectfully report to the Board of Trustees of Burlington College, that during the past year the financial condition of the two Institutions has engaged their particular attention; and that [Vacan…]

> *Editorial note: General Alfred Torbert — a Civil War cavalry general, elected here to the Board — is one of the five candidates nominated at page 185 following Nathan Thorp's death. General E. Burd Grubb, who succeeded to the elder Edward B. Grubb's Trustee seat in 1868 (page 184) and to Wm Croswell Doane's Secretaryship earlier in this same meeting, signs the minutes for the first time here. This special meeting, called outside the normal July annual-meeting cycle, is the first such special session recorded in this transcription and evidently continues the financial-deficiency discussion begun at the July 1869 meeting.*

Page 191 — Special Meeting, May 1870: Committee Warns College and Hall Must Be Separated Financially (numbered “151”)

Tables of the income and expenses of each have been made out, which are herewith submitted to the Board.

From these tables it is manifest that we are approaching a time when the interests of St Mary's Hall demand the whole of its income, and the College must be expected to support itself.

The accounts of the Curator show, that there will be needed to pay the expenses of St Mary's Hall, until the first of October next, about $20,000, and to pay the expenses of Burlington College, until the same time, about $5,000; of which there is now in hand, or to be received before that date, about $7,000, making the probable deficiency to be provided for, about $18,000.

Such a state of things counsels, in the first place, retrenchment of expenses in every practicable way; in the second place, it calls for such relief in the present necessity, as the Board, in its wisdom may

devise. With regard to both points, the Committee would respectfully, but confidently, appeal to the counsel and assistance of the Board, the difficulty having been brought upon us, partly by improvements in the Hall, admitted to be necessary, partly by the long continued inability of the College to meet its share of the expenses, and partly by the rapid growth of rival Institutions more liberally endowed, and more zealously sustained, which deprives both Institutions, in a measure, of the patronage, upon which they reasonably counted for support.

With regard to necessary retrenchments, it appears from the Curator's accounts, that the College has been conducted, the past year, and …

> *Editorial note: This report marks a sharp turn from the cautious optimism of most prior Executive Committee reports in this volume. The $18,000 combined deficiency projected here is separate from, and in addition to, the $15,500 shortfall already disclosed the previous summer at page 187; the two crises appear to be continuous rather than sequential.*

Page 192 — Committee Recommends Suspending the College (numbered “152”)

…for many previous years, at an average cost of about $4,000 per annum above its receipts; from which, however, a deduction of — may be made for an outlay that benefits both Institutions, and consequently, cannot be avoided in any case. The question for the Board to determine is, whether so small an amount to be saved will warrant so serious a measure as the suspension of the College, or, as an alternative, its commitment to private hands.

In view of the whole subject and its difficulty your Committee would respectfully advise, the suspension of the College for the present, unless it can be committed to some trustworthy person, who will undertake it at his private risk.

In addition to the saving that might be effected by discontinuing or suspending the College, a few retrenchments are possible, but not altogether desirable, in the expenses of the Hall. The staff of teachers, and other employees, might be somewhat reduced. The cost of house keeping in its various departments might be lessened a little. But any marked reduction, in items of this kind, might seriously endanger the high character of the Hall, as a comfortable and well provided home, so that what might be gained in one way, might as easily be lost in another. On the whole, your Committee, after many years of experience, are doubtful, whether the Hall can be kept up to the high reputation it has hitherto maintained, at any rate of cost much lower than custom has established. On the contrary, there may be room for the …

> *Editorial note: This is the second time in these Minutes that suspension of Burlington College's operations has been proposed as a response to financial strain, following the actual 1860 discontinuance of its Collegiate Classes (referenced at pages 136–139 and rescinded at page 157) and the Rector's 1865 appeal to fund their permanent revival (pages 167–169). The alternative floated here — "commitment to private hands" — echoes the leasing option considered but rejected during the 1860 retrenchment (page 138).*

Page 193 — Report Concludes with $18,000 Appeal; Bishop Doane Departs Early (numbered “153”)

…question, whether it may not be necessary, in order to keep pace with the public demand, to increase rather than diminish, expenses by yielding a little more to the popular taste for special accomplishments.

On the whole, your Committee feel justified in appealing to the Board for some special effort equal to the present emergency. Some $18,000 will be needed by October next; a sum not at all formidable, if it can be put in a shape to be met gradually by the slow accumulation of surplus income from the Hall, but if not put in some such shape, truly alarming to all friends of Church Education.

We therefore submit the whole subject, with the accompanying document and financial tables, to the wisdom and liberality of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted, M. Mahan, J. C. Garthwaite, George M. Miller, Henry McFarlan.

On motion the Report was accepted, and the accompanying statements were ordered on file.

At this juncture the Rt Rev President was obliged to absent, having to fulfil an Episcopal engagement, and the Board proceeded with the Rev Mr Hoffman in the Chair.

Mr Cannon presented the following Resolved: that it is apparent to this Board from the report of its Executive Committee …

> *Editorial note: "The Rt Rev President" who departs early here to fulfil an Episcopal engagement is the President of the College (the diocesan bishop, ex officio President per the College's charter arrangements described early in this volume) rather than Bishop Doane, who by this point holds the separate office of Secretary; the Minutes' use of "Rt Rev President" for the College's presiding bishop and "the Rt Rev Wm C. Doane" for the Secretary can be easily conflated, and this transcription follows the manuscript's own wording without attempting to resolve which individual diocesan bishop is meant.*

Page 194 — Resolution Suspending the College; $20,000 in Bonds Authorized (numbered “154”)

…this day submitted that Burlington College cannot be carried on in the present mode without involving both itself, and St Mary's Hall in further liabilities.

Marginal note in original: II Resolved:

That, in this view, it is expedient and necessary that the operations of Burlington College be temporarily suspended at the close of the present term.

This resolution being voted upon in sections, the vote upon each section was as follows:

Ayes: Dr Hoffman, Messrs Garthwaite, Carpenter, MacFarlan, Cannon, Whitney, Conover, Miller, Littell, Grubb — 10. Dr Leaming voted No — 1.

Mr Littell then offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that a Special Committee, consisting of the following members of the Board, is hereby constituted with instructions to report to the Trustees at their next regular meeting a system for the reorganization and future conduct of the College. Committee: Rt Rev President, Rev Dr Hoffman, J. C. Garthwaite, C. W. Littell, G. M. Miller, E. Burd Grubb.

A recess for 10 minutes was then taken, and upon reassembling, Rev Dr Hoffman in the Chair, Mr G. M. Miller offered the following which was adopted:

Whereas, to meet the present inadequateness and the financial requirements of the two Institutions during this year it will be necessary to borrow about the sum of twenty thousand dollars, therefore Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and that for such purpose …

Editorial note: This is the second formal suspension of Burlington College's regular operations recorded in this volume, following the 1860 discontinuance of its Collegiate Classes and their 1864 restoration (pages 136–139, 157). Unlike the earlier crisis, this vote is contested: Dr Leaming casts the lone dissenting vote among an eleven-member roll call, the first recorded divided vote of this magnitude in the Minutes as transcribed.

Page 195 — Bonds and Mortgage Authorized on the Christie Property; Special Meeting Closes; Annual Meeting, July 20, 1870, Opens (numbered “155”)

…the bonds of this Corporation be issued for an amount not to exceed in the aggregate $20,000 — twenty thousand dollars — payable in five (5) years from their date with interest at seven (7) per cent per annum payable half yearly and secured by a mortgage to be made for said purpose on the premises purchased from Rebecca Christie and now occupied by the College — and the President and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to said bonds and mortgage for the purpose aforesaid.

The following notice was then given:

In accordance with the Constitution and by laws, notice is hereby given that a resolution to change the by laws will be offered, rescinding those clauses which give the Rectors of these Institutions seats on this Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

E. Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 20th, 1870.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: the Rt Rev President; the Rev Dr Williams; Hon T. P. Carpenter …

> *Editorial note: The mortgaged property here, "purchased from Rebecca Christie and now occupied by the College," is the first specific reference in these Minutes to the land under the College buildings by a named prior owner; it is not clear from the transcribed Minutes when this purchase occurred. The notice of intent to strip the Rectors of Burlington College and St Mary's Hall of their Board seats directly reverses the By-Law XI amendment adopted at page 178 in 1867, which had explicitly granted both officers a (non-voting) seat — a reversal that follows closely on the heels of the College's financial crisis and its second suspension in this volume's history.*

Page 196 — Annual Meeting, July 20, 1870, Continued; Executive Committee Reports Improved Outlook (numbered “156”)

> *Editorial note: This page continues the attendee list for the July 20, 1870 annual meeting opened at the end of page 195.*

…Abraham Browning Esq, J. C. Garthwaite, Henry McFarlan Esq, Thos H. Whitney Esq, Hon G. S. Cannon, E. P. Wright Esq, R. Conover Esq, G. M. Miller Esq, C. W. Littell and Mr Leaming.

After the customary religious services the Board proceeded to business. The Executive Committee presented the following Report:

The Executive Committee beg leave to report by submitting a condensed statement of the accounts for the year 1868 & 1869 and an estimate for the current year ending September 1st ensuing.

It will be seen that upon a closer examination of figures the balance is more favorable and the entire aspect more encouraging than at the time of our last report in May. We venture to hope. At a time when

it was necessary to be more than ordinarily careful of every thing involving expense while on the other hand some pecuniary risk seemed to be importantly demanded. We have reason to be thankful that the good hand of the Lord has been with us to bless and to restrain thus far and we confidently rely on the same Divine help and blessing to bring the whole enterprise in which the Board is now embarked to an abundantly successful issue.

The accompanying statement made by the Curator and signed by him contains the figures upon which the present report is based. Your Committee: St M. Mahan, Henry McFarlan, J. C. Garthwaite, Gen. M. Miller.

Editorial note: This report's markedly more hopeful tone, delivered only two months after the May 1870 special meeting's alarming $18,000 appeal and vote to suspend the College (pages 191–194), foreshadows the repeal of that suspension recorded later in this same meeting, at page 200.

Page 197 — Curator's Statement: General Balances, 1868–1869; Rachel Wallace Fund Report (numbered “157”)

Curator's Statement — General Balances, St Mary's Hall & Burlington College

1868: Sept. 1, to Cash balance $51,102.50; by New Buildings $21,000, Balance $31,102.50; total $51,102.50.

1869: Sept. 1, to Balance $31,102.50; St Mary's Hall $3,452.75; total $16,321.03 [figures partly indistinct]; grand total $49,876.28.

The report of the Principal of St Mary's Hall was then read and ordered on file.

That part of the report which concerns the Chapel was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on the Wallace Fund presented the following Report:

The Special Committee appointed to invest the Miss Eliza Wallace Legacy Fund report as follows: by report July 1863 the Fund was $2,000; augmented $1,298.60 (total $3,298.60); accumulated interest $524.25; premium on Bonds $400; total $4,222.85.

> *Editorial note: This "Miss Eliza Wallace Legacy Fund" committee report appears to concern the same bequest discussed at page 152 under the name "Rachel Wallace," in a report signed by J. C. Garthwaite as "Survivor" of the original 1849 committee; the two spellings likely refer to the same benefactor, though the Minutes as transcribed do not reconcile the discrepancy, and it is given here exactly as each page renders it.*

Page 198 — Wallace Fund Committee Discharged; Governor Marcus Ward's Anonymous Scholarship Gift Revealed (numbered “158”)

8. Long Island Rail Road Bonds, 1st mortgage Sinking Fund Coupon, numbers 2161 to 2168 inclusive for $500 each, payable 189— [year not filled in]: $4,000. Cash $222.85.

Interest has been paid annually to beneficiaries upon the Bishop's order, the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars. The bonds and cash amounting to $4,222.85 accompany this report and the Committee ask to be discharged. Signed, A. Browning, Henry McFarlan, J. C. Garthwaite.

On motion the report was accepted, the Committee discharged, and the funds ordered to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Rt Rev President presented the following letter: Burlington N.J., July 20, 1871 [sic; the meeting is dated July 20, 1870].

To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College:

The undersigned takes great pleasure in laying before the Board a letter dated September 1868, from the Hon. Marcus L. Ward, Governor of New Jersey, from which it appears that acting for a generous lady whose name is withheld he has endowed two scholarships, one in Burlington College to bear the name of — Archibald Shaw Odenheimer. The other in St Mary's Hall to bear the name of Marcus L. Ward, the interest of which is to be given annually to some worthy pupil in each of the Institutions according to the pleasure of the President. The undersigned duly transmitted Governor Ward's letter and checks for two thousand dollars, $2,000, to the Executive Committee through the careful hands of Mr J. C. Garthwaite. The money was immediately and …

> *Editorial note: "Archibald Shaw Odenheimer" is very likely a son of Bishop William H. Odenheimer, the same bishop at the center of the 1860 St Mary's Hall governance dispute (pages 125–127); the naming of a scholarship in his honor, funded through an anonymous donor and Governor Ward, suggests a warmer relationship between Odenheimer and the College by 1868 than the earlier dispute might imply, though the Minutes as transcribed do not otherwise explain the connection. The date given on this letter, "July 20, 1871," appears to be an error for 1870, matching the meeting's actual date; it is transcribed here exactly as written, without silent correction.*

Page 199 — Odenheimer's Letter Continued: The Anonymous Donor and the "Marcus L. Ward" and "Archibald Shaw Odenheimer" Scholarships (numbered “159”)

…economically invested as will appear from the deposit book of the Newark Savings Institution within Newark N.J. in which the money was deposited bearing 7 per cent interest. From a misunderstanding as to the proper pastor to communicate to the Board this liberal donation to the cause of Christian Education the matter was not reported at the last annual meeting. The following notice of this very acceptable gift was made by the undersigned to the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey May 30th 1868, which I extract from the Diocesan Journal:

"I report, also, with grateful emotions, the donation from an unknown benefactor, through his Excellency Marcus L. Ward, Gov. of New Jersey, of two thousand dollars, to found two Scholarships, one in Burlington College, and one in St Mary's Hall. These foundations are to be known as the 'Marcus L. Ward Scholarship,' and the 'Archibald Shaw Odenheimer Scholarship.' As the generous lady, who has endowed these Scholarships, is unknown, I desire, for myself, and the Trustees of the Institutions, to make this public record of our grateful appreciation of her liberality and of her most acceptable contribution to the cause of Christian education. Our thanks are also due to the late Governor of New Jersey, who has forwarded the intentions of the donor, and manifested his interest in the Institutions of which he is ex officio the President."

— it will doubtless be the pleasure of the Board to acknowledge in a formal way as the undersigned as President has done in a brief letter at the time, this generous gift of an unknown benefactor. Through the hands of the Rev Mr Rev … [signed] Wm H. Odenheimer, Bp. of …

> *Editorial note: The scholarship names are reversed between this page and page 198's earlier summary of Governor Ward's letter (which had the Burlington College scholarship bearing Odenheimer's name and the St Mary's Hall scholarship bearing Ward's): the Bishop's own 1868 Diocesan Convention report, quoted verbatim here, confirms "Marcus L. Ward Scholarship" and "Archibald Shaw Odenheimer Scholarship" as the two foundations' names without specifying which institution hosts which; this transcription preserves both passages as written rather than silently reconciling them. The signature identifies the letter's author as Bishop Wm H. Odenheimer himself, confirming him as "the Rt Rev President" presiding over this meeting.*

Page 200 — May 1870 Suspension of the College Formally Repealed (numbered “160”)

On motion of Hon J. S. Cannon the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the President has laid upon the Board a letter from the Hon. Marcus L. Ward, late Governor of this State in reference to the endowment of two Scholarships — one in Burlington College and one in St Mary's — by a lady whose name is withheld, and whereas the Executive Committee of this Board acting in their behalf has accepted and invested the endowments thus made, RESOLVED, that the action of the Executive Committee in the premises is hereby approved; that the President of the Board be requested to make a suitable acknowledgment to Ex Gov. Ward for his kind agency in this matter and that the securities for said endowment be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board.

The following resolution was offered by Mr Browning, and adopted, RESOLVED:

That the Resolution passed at the Special Meeting of this Board held on the 27th day of May last for the temporary suspension of the operations of Burlington College at the close of the current term be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The resignation of Mr Ogden from the Executive Committee was announced and Mr Conover was elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Gen. E. B. Grubb, the Rt Rev President, W. H. Odenheimer, was — [word struck through] — added to the Executive Committee, the number of the Executive Committee was increased to seven …

> *Editorial note: This is the key reversal in this meeting: the College's temporary suspension, voted 10–1 only two months earlier at the May 27, 1870 special meeting (page 194), is here formally repealed, consistent with the markedly improved financial outlook reported at page 196. The struck-through word in the Odenheimer sentence (rendered here as an em-dash) could not be read with confidence from the manuscript; the surrounding text is transcribed as legible.*

Page 201 — Meeting of July 1870 Closes; Annual Meeting, July 19, 1871, Opens (numbered “161”)

…number of the Executive Committee was increased to seven, and Gen. E. B. Grubb was placed upon said Committee.

An election for Treasurer was then held, and Mr Grubb was elected, and the funds of the College — viz. eight bonds of the Long Island R.R., 1st mtg, for $500 each, $222.85 in cash, and a deposit book of the Newark Savings Institution with a credit upon it of $2,000, the Treasurer of Burlington College — were placed in his hands.

On motion the Board adjourned.

E. Burd Grubb, Sec.

Burlington College, July 19, 1871.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: the Rt Rev President; [the Rev Dr Williams, struck through]; Hon T. P. Carpenter, [Abraham Browning, struck through], J. C. Garthwaite, Henry McFarlan, Thos H. Whitney, Hon G. S. Cannon, [a name struck through], Messrs R. S. Conover, C. Leaming, W. Littell, G. Miller, Genl Torbert, and the Secretary.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business. The Executive Committee presented the following Report:

> *Editorial note: Gen. E. B. Grubb is elected Treasurer here in addition to his existing role as Secretary (established at page 190), consolidating two of the Board's principal offices in one person. The several struck-through names in this meeting's attendee list — the Rev Dr Williams, Abraham Browning, and one further illegible name — are transcribed as they appear in the manuscript, without speculating on why they were crossed out; they may reflect a clerical correction of members who were listed but did not actually attend.*

Page 202 — Badly Faded Page (numbered “162”)

> *Editorial note: This manuscript page is exceptionally faint throughout, far more so than ordinary aging or ink fading elsewhere in this volume, and could not be transcribed with any confidence even after image enhancement. Only scattered, disconnected fragments (isolated numerals and a few short strokes) are visible; no continuous sentence could be reliably reconstructed. Based on its position between the July 1870 meeting's close (page 201) and the continuation of the July 19, 1871 Executive Committee report at page 203, this page likely completes the attendee list and opening business of the July 19, 1871 meeting, but its content is not asserted here. This transcription follows its established practice of flagging illegible manuscript content rather than inventing text to fill the gap.*

Page 203 — Executive Committee's Report, July 1871: New Rector Rev. Charles J. Kellogg (numbered “163”)

The Committee proceed to a statement of the non-formal details by reporting that during the past year the administration of the two Institutions — Burlington College & St Mary's Hall — has been attended with circumstances of the most encouraging character. The College, which began the year without a Rector, has been supplied with the efficient services of the Rev Chas. J. Kellogg, who has manifested his adaptation to the responsible post by the success that has attended his efforts. During the year 33 pupils have been admitted and at the close of the term the examinations were satisfactory enough to justify the reorganization of the first, second & fifth forms. The prospect is that with God's blessing and the hearty co-operation of the Trustees the College will be full before the close of another year. The expenses of the College have been kept at the most economical rate consistent with the interests of the Institution, and the Board are indebted to two of their lay Trustees, Gen Grubb and Mr Conover, for defraying the excess of expenditures of the College by voluntary contribution as a sub-committee of the Executive Committee. These two gentlemen in connection with the Rt Rev President have from time constant and vigilant supervision of every department of the College.

St Mary's Hall has in some respects excelled during the past year its former years. The details of its wealth and academical status …

> *Editorial note: The Rev. Charles J. Kellogg is the first named Rector of Burlington College since the resignation-and-successor chain recorded at pages 171–172 (Gibson to Ten Broeck in 1866); the Minutes as transcribed do not record who, if anyone, held the Rectorship between Ten Broeck's temporary appointment and Kellogg's tenure, nor exactly when Kellogg began. The financial arrangement described here — two Trustees personally covering the College's operating deficit — is a new and notable departure from the institutional borrowing and bond issues seen throughout the 1870 financial crisis (pages 191–195).*

Page 204 — Report Continues: 209 Pupils Received; Bishop's Personal Oversight Praised (numbered “164”)

…will be found in the report of the Rev Principal, but it may be here stated that 209 pupils have been received in the course of the year, of the graduating class of 28.5 [sic] can [say] that has ever left at any previous Commencement with the honors of their Alma Mater. The Rt Rev President who is also Chairman of the Executive Committee in the fulfilment of his duties by conducting the examinations of both College and Hall is able to state from his personal observation that in both institutions the most cordial tokens of the ability of teachers and proficiency of pupils have been exhibited, and the Trustees may be congratulated on the blessings which continue to attend the history of these Institutions, founded and maintained for the express purpose never more needed than now for the stability of the Commonwealth as well as the Church, through Christian education. It results from all these considerations that the Board of Trustees in their corporate character & as individual members of the Church, should devote their conscientious energies toward giving their efficiency to the trust committed to their charge. The College is still unendowed. Until this essential particular in academical existence is provided for, the permanency & efficiency of Burlington College are not secured. The College is without a suitable endowment for a …

Editorial note: The "28.5" figure for the graduating class is uncertain in the original, possibly a fraction or a partly obscured number; it is transcribed here as written. The 209 pupils received across both institutions during the year, together with the earlier report of 33 new College admissions specifically (page 203), indicates St Mary's Hall accounted for the great majority of the year's enrollment.

Page 205 — Chapel and Endowment Needs; Curator's Trial Balance (numbered “165”)

Chapel. New funds for the actual preservation of the buildings, assistance and for the necessary additions in order to promote the health & comfort of its inmates. The Hall also needs a liberal and formal care in keeping the material departments up to the efficiency of its academical reputation. For all these purposes there is required a generous interest on the part of all who have been honored with a share of the responsibility of Trusteeship.

The usual financial statement is appended:

Statement

The accompanying trial balance taken from the books of the Corporation as they stood July 1, 1871, shows the mortgages at that date on the assets of the bonds issued to be $5,500, and in the annexed statement of the Curator it appears that the amount of unpaid bills on July 1 did not exceed $25.00 [likely $2,500]. The cash balance on hand July 1, it is proposed to reserve to meet these bills and other current expenses.

The Committee also submit an estimate of the financial condition of the Corporation on September 1st next, by which it appears that the whole indebtedness on that date will not exceed $3,000. The Committee recommend that the items on the books under the head of "Burlington College" and "Bad Debts" — the amounts $96,492 and $5,256.81 respectively — be charged to Profit & Loss.

> *Editorial note: This trial balance marks a striking turnaround from the crisis described in the May 1870 special meeting (pages 191–195): total indebtedness projected at a modest $3,000 by September 1871, compared to the $18,000 deficiency reported the previous year. The recommendation to write off $96,492 as "Bad Debts" is a very large sum relative to all other figures in this volume; it likely represents an accounting reclassification of long-outstanding, uncollectible pledges and subscriptions (of the kind recorded across the 1857 and 1863 relief-fund ledgers at pages 101–114 and 153–155) rather than a new loss, though the Minutes as transcribed do not explain the figure further. A number in this passage (the unpaid-bills figure) is difficult to render with confidence and is given as it appears, most plausibly $2,500.*

Page 206 — Rectors' Board Seats Formally Rescinded; Fire Company Thanked (numbered “166”)

On motion the Report was accepted.

On motion the reports of the Rector of the College and the Principal of the Hall were received and ordered on file.

On motion the Report of the Committee on the Organization of the Alumni was received and ordered on file and the Committee continued.

The statement of the Curator presented at the last meeting was referred back for correction.

There being two vacancies on the Board the following named gentlemen were nominated to fill them: Dr G. Conrad Pugh, Rev. G. M. Wills, Mr C. E. Milnor.

On motion of Mr Conover, the resolution giving seats on the Board to the Rector of the College and the Principal of the Hall, was rescinded.

On motion of Gen Torbert, the Rt Rev President was requested to appoint a day upon which the collections of all the churches in the diocese of New Jersey should be devoted to the assistance of Burlington College.

On petition of the Burlington Steam Fire Co for assistance was read and upon motion of Mr Garthwaite the sum of 100 was ordered to be donated to them.

On motion of Mr Cannon the thanks of the Board were tendered to Messrs Grubb & Conover.

On motion of Mr Cannon the recommendations contained in the report of the Principal of St Mary's Hall …

> *Editorial note: The By-Law amendment rescinding the seats granted to the Rector of Burlington College and the Principal of St Mary's Hall — noticed at page 195, following the College's second suspension — is formally adopted here, directly reversing the By-Law XI amendment of 1867 (page 178) that had first granted both officers a Board seat.*

Page 207 — Repair Fund Authorized; Bad Debts Charged Off; Odenheimer Scholarship Prizes Established (numbered “167”)

…were referred to the Executive Committee.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr Miller and on motion adopted:

Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to sell not to exceed ten (10) of the five hundred dollar Mortgage Bonds of the Corporation of 1870 and that the funds realized therefrom be appropriated by the Committee towards such repairs and improvements of the College buildings and furniture as they may deem necessary.

The recommendation of the Ex. Com. in regard to Bad Debts was then acted upon and on motion the two items $98,492 and $5,256.81 were ordered to be charged off.

Mr Littell then offered a resolution, looking to an amendment of the Constitution which was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Rt Rev President then offered the following which on motion adopted: the Rt Rev President of the College begs to state to the Board of Trustees that after careful deliberation he has decided to carry out the intention of the generous donor of the Archibald Shaw Odenheimer Scholarship at Burlington College by creating two prizes, one for the highest excellency, who according to the register marks shall have attained to the highest general average, and one for the student who according to the …

> *Editorial note: The two "Bad Debts" figures written off here are given as $98,492 and $5,256.81, slightly different from the $96,492 figure recorded for the same item at page 205; the discrepancy (98,492 vs 96,492) may be a copying error in either passage, and both figures are transcribed here exactly as the manuscript gives them rather than silently reconciled.*

Page 208 — Odenheimer Scholarship Prizes Detailed; Executive Committee Vacancy Filled; Meeting Adjourns (numbered “168”)

…highest excellency in Greek scholarship. The income from the endowment to be divided annually between the two, especially whichever the successful student.

The President would also state that he has also decided to divide the income of the Marcus L. Ward Scholarship in St Mary's Hall to the creation of two prizes, one to be given to the pupil whose register mark shall show that she has attained to the best general average, and the other prize to be given to the pupil whose register mark shall manifest the highest excellency in English Reading & Composition.

The report of the Treasurer was received and ordered on file.

Mr C. Willing Littell was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the death of Rev Dr Mahan.

After a short recess an election was held to fill the vacancies existing in the Board. The following gentlemen were declared elected: Dr G. Conrad Pugh, Mr Chas E. Milnor.

On motion adjourned.

E. Burd Grubb, Secretary of the Board.

> *Editorial note: The death of the Rev. Dr. Mahan, noted here only in passing as creating an Executive Committee vacancy, closes out the career of one of the most frequently recurring figures in this volume: M. Mahan has signed or co-signed Executive Committee reports at numerous points across the 1860s (e.g. pages 165, 176, 182, 193, 196), and his death appears to fall sometime between the July 1870 and July 1871 meetings. St Mary's Hall's two new prizes, funded from the Marcus L. Ward Scholarship income, mirror in form the two prizes just established for Burlington College from the Odenheimer Scholarship at page 207.*

Page 209 — Annual Meeting, July 27, 1872: Rector Vacancy and Sub-Committee Strain

Burlington College, July 27th, 1872.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Trustees of Burlington College, the following named members of the Board assembled in the College Buildings: His Excellency Governor Parker; the Rt Rev President; Mr Cannon, Mr Garthwaite, Rev Dr Hoffman, Mr Mecum, Mr Miller, Mr Pugh, Mr Milnor, and the Secretary.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business. The Executive Committee presented the following Report:

Immediately after the adjournment of the last annual meeting of the Board the Committee met for organization and in order to give efficiency to the interests entrusted to their care they resolved themselves into several sub-committees to whom the charge of the different departments of supervision were respectively committed. The Sub-Committee on the College, consisting of the Bishop, Gen Grubb and Mr Conover, have encountered unexpected difficulties in their responsible work from the necessity of changing the Rector, the recent head of the College in the midst of the academical year. The liberality of the two lay gentlemen on this sub-committee has been unfailing, and it is but just

that the Bishop and other members of the Committee should make this emphatic mention of the personal and large pecuniary sacrifice cheerfully borne by Messrs Grubb and Conover to sustain the College. Nor were these efforts unresponded to by the late Rector, as they …

Editorial note: This report indicates that Rev. Charles J. Kellogg, appointed Rector in 1871 (page 203), had already left the position by mid-1872 — "the necessity of changing the Rector…in the midst of the academical year" — continuing the pattern of frequent Rectorship turnover seen throughout this decade of the Minutes.

Page 210 — Report Concludes; Rev. Dr. J. S. Clare Elected Rector (numbered “172”)

…education were never more needed than now for the extension of the Church and the well being of the Commonwealth. Let us give a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and Burlington College as well as Saint Mary's Hall shall bring honor to the memory of the sainted dead, and bless the living with the culture that shall fit them for the duties of this life and the endless glories of the life everlasting. Signed by the Committee.

On motion the report was received and ordered on file.

On motion it was resolved that that portion of the report relating to opening and closing of the schools be referred to the Executive Committee with power; also that Rev Dr Hoffman be added to the Committee.

The Rev Dr J. S. Clare was then nominated by the Rt Rev President as Rector of Burlington College and was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Garthwaite the sum of $500 was appropriated to the use of the Sub-Committee in charge of the College.

On motion the Board adjourned.

E. Burd Grubb, Secretary of the Board.

> *Editorial note: This closes out the July 27, 1872 meeting in unusually brief compass compared to most annual meetings in this volume: the Rectorship crisis is dealt with directly, a new Rector (Rev. Dr. J. S. Clare, Kellogg's successor within the year) is elected on the spot, and the meeting adjourns without the extended financial and academic reporting typical of other years.*

Page 211 — Annual Meeting, July 16, 1873 (numbered “173”)

Burlington College, July 16th, 1873.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled at the College Buildings: the Rt Rev President; Messrs Garthwaite, the Rev Dr Stubbs, Mr Leaming, Mr Miller, Mr Littell, Mr Conover, Mr Milnor, Mr Pugh, and the Secretary.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business. The Executive Committee presented the following Report:

During the past year the condition of the two Institutions — Burlington College and St Mary's Hall — has been on the whole satisfactory, morally and economically and financially. The health of our pupils in general has been excellent, as the reports of the Rector of the College and of the Principal of the Hall will show. Notwithstanding the struggle which has attended the College and must attend it, so long as it is without an ample endowment, your Committee are happy to report that the current expenses of the Institution have been met by its current receipts, and that a small balance remains in the Treasury.

In St Mary's Hall the number of pupils during the past year has averaged about the same as during the previous year. In congratulating the Trustees on this manifestation of the divine blessing on these most important schools of Christian education the Executive Committee cannot but urge on every member of the Board the absolute necessity of continuous and persistent effort to increase the patronage of the Institutions. The multiplication of schools and colleges — the very success of St Mary's Hall in particular, whereby other like Halls have been established by Bishops in other Dioceses — requires that we should employ all legitimate means for holding our own as to numbers and …

Editorial note: The manuscript's own page numbering jumps directly from "173" (this page) to "176" on the next physical page, skipping two numbers. The report above breaks off mid-sentence at the bottom of this page, and the next page opens an entirely new meeting (July 1874) rather than continuing this sentence, so the report's conclusion — whatever filled the equivalent of pages 174–175 — is not present in the source material available for this transcription. This is flagged here rather than bridged with invented text; the gap appears to be in the underlying page images themselves, not an error in this transcription's page-by-page progression through them.

Page 212 — Annual Meeting, July 1874: Grubb Re-elected Secretary and Treasurer (numbered “176”)

Burlington, July, 1874.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled at the College Buildings: His Excellency Gov. Parker; the Rt Rev Wm H. Odenheimer; Mr Garthwaite, Mr Cannon, Mr Whitney, Dr Leaming, Dr Abercrombie, Mr Miller, Mr Conover, Mr Littell, Mr Milnor, Dr Pugh, Gen Carpenter, and the Secretary.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read, approved and ordered on file.

The Reports of the Rector of the College and of the Principal of St Mary's Hall were read and ordered on file.

The Report of the Treasurer was read.

The recommendations contained in the reports of the Rector and the Principal were referred to the Executive Committee with power.

E. Burd Grubb was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of Dr Abercrombie the present Executive Committee were continued.

Mr Milnor gave notice that he would at the next meeting propose a new By Law in reference to the annual election of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr Milnor the Secretary was directed to append By Law No. 10 to the notices of the next annual meeting.

On motion the Board adjourned.

E. Burd Grubb, Secretary of the Board.

> *Editorial note: This meeting, like July 1872, is notably brief: the Executive Committee, Rector's, Principal's and Treasurer's reports are all received without any of their content being read into the Minutes verbatim, a marked contrast to the detailed report transcriptions typical of most meetings in this volume. Bishop Wm H. Odenheimer, last seen as "the Rt Rev President" at pages 198–200 and 207–208, is here named directly for the first time in these Minutes.*

Page 213 — Annual Meeting, July 21, 1875: Bishop Scarborough Presides (numbered “177”)

Burlington College, July 21, 1875.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled at the College Buildings: Rt Rev John Scarborough, Mr Cannon, Mr Garthwaite, Gen Carpenter, Rev Dr Stubbs, Mr Leaming, Mr Miller, Mr Conover, Mr Littell, Mr Pugh, Mr Milnor, Rev Dr Abercrombie, Mr McFarlan.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The resignation of Mr Ogden as a member of the Board was presented and accepted.

In accordance with By Law No. X, the seats of Mr Halstead and Mr Wright were declared vacant.

The following nominations were made to fill the vacancies: Alfred Mills, Rev Dr McKim, Geo Thayer, Mr Hills, Mr Langhorne, Geo Voorhees, Mr Vanderpool, Rev Dr Garrison.

The reports of the Rector and Principal were read and ordered on file.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr Miller and adopted: Whereas, to meet the present indebtedness and the financial requirements of the two institutions during this year it will be necessary to borrow about the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, therefore Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000) and that for such…

Editorial note: Rt Rev John Scarborough presides here as "the Rt Rev President" in place of Rt Rev Wm H. Odenheimer, who was still named directly as president at page 212 (July 1874). Scarborough succeeded Odenheimer as Bishop of New Jersey in 1875; the Minutes as transcribed do not record the transition itself, only the changed name at the head of this meeting. The names of several nominees are faint in the source and are transcribed here as best read ("Geo Voorhees," "Mr Langhorne").

Page 214 — $25,000 Bond Resolution Completed; Endowment Committee Named (numbered “178”)

…purpose the bonds of this Corporation be issued for an amount not to exceed in the aggregate $25,000 — twenty five thousand dollars — payable in five years from their date with interest at 7 (seven) per cent per annum payable half yearly and secured by a mortgage to be made for said purpose on the premises purchased from Rebecca Christie and now occupied by the College, and the President and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to said bonds and mortgage for the purpose aforesaid.

On motion of Mr Garthwaite, Resolved that all matters contained in the reports of the Rector and Principal be referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr Littell it was Resolved that a Committee of five shall be appointed, of which the Bishop shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to devise means to raise a fund for the endowment of St Mary's Hall and Burlington College.

On motion of Mr Littell it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to attend the examinations at the end of the terms at the College and Hall. The Chair appointed Mr Pugh, Rev Dr Abercrombie and Mr Littell.

An election to fill existing vacancies in the Board was then held, and the following gentlemen were duly elected: Chas H. Boorum, Hammond, Rev. J. Leighton McKim of Medford, N.J., and the Rev Geo F. Sannom of Camden, N.J.

Mr Littell gave notice of a proposition to have a…

> *Editorial note: Several surnames in this passage are written in a compressed, faint hand and are transcribed with some uncertainty ("Boorum," "Sannom"); a short line above "Mr Littell gave notice" has been struck through in the original and is illegible beneath the cancellation. The sentence Littell's notice begins continues onto the next page, where it proves to concern the establishment of semi-annual meetings of the Board — the first such proposal recorded in this volume.*

Page 215 — Semi-Annual Meeting Closes; Annual Meeting, July 19, 1876, Opens (numbered “179”)

Marginal note in original: Semi-annual meeting of the Board.

On motion adjourned. E. Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 19, 1876.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College the following named members of the Board assembled at the College Buildings: Rt Rev Bishop Scarborough, Mr Cannon, Mr Garthwaite, Rev Dr Stubbs, Rev Dr Hoffman, Rev J. Leighton McKim, Mr Conover, Mr Littell, Mr Pugh, E. Burd Grubb.

After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted.

A mortgage proposed to be given in lieu of that already given was read and on motion the President was directed to execute the same together with the bonds mentioned therein.

The resignations of Dr Leaming and Rev Dr Abercrombie were received and accepted.

The Secretary announced the death of Judge Carpenter, and moved that a committee be appointed to take proper action thereon.

The following committee was appointed by the Rt Rev President: Dr Sammon, Mr Hoffman, Mr Pugh.

The following gentlemen were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Board: Rev Dr Hills, Mr Alfred Mills, Col. Voorhees, Rev M. Merritt.

Editorial note: This page opens with only the terse closing of a "Semi-annual meeting of the Board" — almost certainly the meeting proposed by Mr Littell's notice at the end of the previous page — before a full new Annual Meeting begins. The date at the head of this entry is faint and has been read closely: what first appears to be "1875" is "1876" on close examination, consistent with Judge Carpenter's death being announced here after he attended the July 1875 meeting recorded at page 213.

Page 216 — Miss Stanley's Resignation Regretted; Elections; Adjourned Meeting Opens July 26, 1876 (numbered “180”)

On motion it was resolved that the President be requested to convey to Miss Stanley the regret with which the Board has heard of her intended resignation, and the high appreciation it entertains of her long continued services at the Hall.

On motion a committee, Mr Littell, Gen. Grubb, Dr Hoffman, was appointed to consider and report any alteration in the By-Laws that may be necessary.

The reports of the Rector of the College and the Principal of the Hall were read.

On motion the Board proceeded to an election to fill vacancies, and after a ballot the following gentlemen were declared elected: Rev Geo Morgan Hills, D.D., Rev Mr Merritt, and Mr Alfred Mills.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, July 26th, at 10 o'clock. E. Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Burlington College, July 26th, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this day at Burlington College. There were present the Rt Rev President, Mr Garthwaite, Mr Cannon, Judge Voorhees, Rev Dr Garrison, Mr Browning, Mr Conover, Dr Pugh, Rev Dr Fuller, Rev Dr Hills, Rev Mr McKim, Mr Littell, Gen. Torbert, and Gen Grubb. After the customary religious exercises the Board proceeded to business. The minutes of the last meeting…

> *Editorial note: Miss Stanley, thanked here for her long service at St Mary's Hall on the occasion of her resignation, has not been individually named elsewhere in the Minutes as transcribed; her role at the Hall is not further specified on this page.*

Page 217 — Three-Member Committee Replaces Executive Committee for the Year; Special Meeting, May 3, 1877, Opens (numbered “181”)

…were read and approved. Gen Grubb moved that for the ensuing year, a committee of three, instead of the regular Executive Committee, be appointed. This was adopted, and Mr Garthwaite, General Grubb, and Dr Pugh were elected to serve as such committee.

The Board then proceeded to an election to fill vacancies, and a ballot taught at Freehold, N.J., and Mr Geo. H. Kirkham of Philadelphia, were duly elected.

On motion of Rev. Dr Garrison, it was Resolved, that the Executive Committee be requested to consider the expediency of any change of the rate of admission to the Hall, with power to act.

On motion the Board adjourned. E. Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Burlington College, May 3rd, 1877.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this day at Burlington College. There were present the Rt Rev President, Mr Garthwaite, Rev Dr Stubbs, Rev Dr Hoffman, Mr Miller, Mr Conover, Dr Pugh, Rev Dr Hills, and Mr Smith.

The Rt Rev President stated the object of the meeting to be, to consider whether under the present circumstances the College should…

> *Editorial note: "A ballot taught at Freehold, N.J." is transcribed as written; the phrase is awkward and the name of the gentleman elected alongside Mr Geo. H. Kirkham of Philadelphia is not legible in this copy of the sentence, which may itself preserve an error or omission in the original manuscript.*

Page 218 — Special Meeting Continued: Overdue Note, St Mary's Hall Rates, Bishop Added to Executive Committee (numbered “182”)

…be carried on.

The financial statement of the Curator was received and read.

The Treasurer made a verbal report, in regard to his action in satisfying the overdue note which, at the last meeting of the Board, was being pressed for payment — and, after some discussion, on motion of Rev Dr Hoffman it was resolved that the Treasurer be requested to report, at the annual meeting, upon the condition of the trust funds in his hands.

On motion of Mr Conover the subject of the conduct of the College was referred to the Bishop and the Executive Committee as a special committee with power to act.

The Executive Committee, through the Bishop, presented a report recommending a rate of term charges for tuition, boarding and text-books at St Mary's Hall to be substituted for the general rate of $450 per annum.

On motion this report was referred to the Bishop and the Executive Committee with power to act, with the recommendation that it be considered favorably.

It was moved that the Bishop be added to the Executive Committee. This motion was carried.

Rev Dr Hills gave notice that at the proper time he should move the following: Resolved, that By-Law No. XII be amended by inserting after the word "office" the words "including the Bishop of the Diocese who shall be ex officio Chairman."

On motion this resolution was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

> *Editorial note: This is the second instance in the Minutes of a proposal to reduce St Mary's Hall's flat general tuition rate ($450 per annum, as also referenced implicitly in earlier financial tables) in favor of itemized term charges; the outcome of the Bishop and Executive Committee's consideration is not yet recorded on this page.*

Page 219 — $35,000 Mortgage of 1876 Confirmed; Full Copy of the Mortgage Begins (numbered “183”)

The Executive Committee reported as follows: The Executive Committee report that the mortgage to secure $35,000, authorized to be made at the meeting held July 10th, 1875, has been duly executed and recorded, and the bonds which it was given to secure have been issued to those subscribing for the same or in payment of the debts of the Corporation.

Whereupon it was Resolved that the action of the Officers of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee respecting such mortgage and bonds is approved, and such mortgage is ordered to be entered in full upon these minutes.

On motion adjourned. E. Burd Grubb, Secretary.

Copy of the Mortgage

This Indenture made this first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six between the Trustees of the Burlington College, a Corporation existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, parties of the first part, and J. Howard Pugh, M.D., and General Edward Burd Grubb, of the said State of New Jersey, parties of the second part,

Whereas, the said parties of the first part, being indebted to various persons in divers sums of money of which they are desirous to secure the payment, have made their certain Bonds or Obligations bearing even date with these presents, with coupons for interest attached, numbered from one (1) to seventy two (72) inclusive, whereby they acknowledge themselves indebted to said parties of the second part, (or to the bearers of said bonds respectively) in the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100) each upon twenty of said bonds; in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250) each upon twelve of said bonds; in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) each upon twenty of said bonds; and in the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000)…

> *Editorial note: The Board here orders a mortgage instrument — securing the $35,000 authorized at the July 1875 meeting (page 214) — entered verbatim into the Minutes, naming J. Howard Pugh and Gen. Edward Burd Grubb as mortgagees (trustees for the bondholders) rather than the College's usual outside lenders. This transcription follows the legal document closely for its opening recitals; the remaining boilerplate covenants and the property description that follow on subsequent pages will be summarized rather than reproduced in full, consistent with this project's practice for dense formulaic legal or financial material, except where terms differ materially from the standard form.*

Pages 220–224 — Copy of the Mortgage, Continued: Terms, Property, Covenants, Execution (numbered “184”–“188”)

The bond terms are completed: the $35,000 in bonds are payable at the City of Burlington on July 1, 1886, with interest at seven per cent per annum payable semi-annually each January 1st and July 1st against surrender of coupons, and carry an acceleration clause making the whole principal due at the bondholders' option after thirty days' default on any interest payment.

The mortgaged real estate is then described by metes and bounds in three parcels: (1) a twelve-acre tract at the corner of Reed and Pearl Streets in the City of Burlington, bounded east by Reed Street, south by Pearl Street, west by other land of Rebecca Chester, and north by low water mark in the River Delaware — the College's main premises; (2) a thirteen-and-one-half-acre tract of meadow lots on the

southerly side of Pearl Street, excepting about two acres taken for the Camden and Amboy Rail Road and about seven-eighths of an acre previously conveyed to sundry persons; and (3) an adjoining four-acre tract on the north side of the railroad, being the same two parcels conveyed to Charles M. Harker by deed from Thomas M. Fletcher dated May 23, 1860.

The mortgage also covers, by name, "all the personal property, furniture, chemical and philosophical apparatus, pianos, music books, library, chattels, fixtures and effects" belonging to or contained in the College ("boys school") and in St Mary's Hall ("their girls school"), together with all farming tools and utensils.

Standard mortgage covenants follow: a defeasance clause (the mortgage to be void on full payment); a covenant by the Trustees to pay the bonds and interest as they fall due; a power of sale exercisable by the mortgagees after thirty days' default, upon the written request of holders of at least half the outstanding bonds, at public auction, with the Trustees appointing the mortgagees as their attorneys to execute a deed to the purchaser; and a covenant requiring the Trustees to keep the mortgaged buildings and personal property insured for at least $20,000, with the policies assigned to the mortgagees as collateral security, the mortgagees empowered to insure themselves and charge the premium back to the Trustees on default.

The instrument is signed and sealed "John Scarborough, President" and "E. Burd Grubb, Secretary," witnessed by Henry S. Haines, and closes with a New Jersey/Burlington County notarial acknowledgment sworn by Edward Burd Grubb before Henry S. Haines, Commissioner of Deeds, on August 9, 1876, confirming the corporate seal and John Scarborough's signature as President.

Editorial note: Pages 220 through the top of 225 (manuscript pages "184"–"188" and the opening lines of "189") copy this mortgage instrument verbatim into the Minutes, running to roughly the length of six manuscript pages of dense legal boilerplate. Consistent with this project's practice for such material, the recitals, granting language, property description, covenants and execution are condensed here to their substantive terms rather than reproduced clause by clause; no financial, property, or procedural detail has been omitted, only the formulaic legal phrasing that connects them. The mortgage is dated July 1, 1876, and secures the $35,000 in bonds authorized at the meeting of July 10, 1875 (see pages 214 and 219); the mortgagees, J. Howard Pugh, M.D. and General Edward Burd Grubb, act as trustees for the bondholders rather than as lenders in their own right.

Page 225 — Mortgage Recorded; Annual Meeting, July 11, 1877, Opens (numbered “189”)

Marginal note in original: Mortgage.

Endorsed: The Trustees of Burlington College to J. Howard Pugh, M.D., General Edward Burd Grubb. Mortgage, Received Dec. 4th, 1876, and recorded in Book U.2 of Mortgages, page 36 &c., in the Clerk's Office of the County of Burlington, at Mount Holly, N.J. (Signed) R. B. Naylor, Clerk. Miller & Peckham, Attys. & Counsellors, 29 Wall Street, New York.

Burlington, N.J., 11 July, 1877.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held this day, pursuant to notice, in the College Buildings, at 11 A.M.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Stubbs, Hoffman, Garrison & Hills, Messrs. Garthwaite, McFarlan, Conover, Littell & Dr. Pugh.

In the absence of the Governor of the State, the Bishop took the chair, & opened the meeting with prayers.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Hoffman was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The minutes of the meetings of July 19th & 26th, 1876, & of May 3rd, 1877, were read & approved.

The Committee on By-Laws reported a digest of the old By-Laws…

Editorial note: The mortgage's recording endorsement, naming the New York law firm of Miller & Peckham as counsel, closes out the instrument copied into the Minutes beginning at page 219. The July 1877 meeting that follows is the first in this volume for which the Secretary (E. Burd Grubb, occupied as Treasurer business below) is absent and a pro tem substitute is elected in his place.

Page 226 — Treasurer Explains Reinvestment of Scholarship Funds in the New Mortgage Bonds; Officer Elections (numbered “190”)

Marginal note in original: New By Laws.

…with various amendments, which, after full discussion, were approved for final action at the next meeting of the Board.

Marginal note in original: Report of Treasurer.

The following report was presented by the Treasurer, Gen. E. B. Grubb: "To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College: — The Treasurer respectfully reports — That immediately after the last Annual Meeting of the Board, being fully aware of the gravity of the financial condition of the Institutions as it then existed, & being assured by the other members of the Provisional Executive Committee that unless $7,000 of their bonds were placed, it would be impossible to place the rest, he took the advice of counsel as to the propriety of his so doing, & thereupon changed the investment of the Wallace Fund & of the Odenheimer & Ward Scholarships, with their accruements, and invested the proceeds in the first Mortgage Bonds of Burlington College, which bonds ($7,000, with the coupons attached) are deposited in the Mechanics National Bank, in Burlington, N.J. Respectfully submitted, (Signed) E. B. Grubb, Treasurer." "Edgewater, July 10th, 1877."

On motion of Mr. McFarlan, it was Resolved, that the Report of the Treasurer be referred to a Committee of three, of which Mr. G. M. Miller shall be chairman, to consider & take such action as in their judgment may be necessary to protect the Trust funds of this Board.

The Chair appointed G. M. Miller, Col. Voorhees, & Rev. Dr. Hoffman as such Committee.

Marginal note in original: Elections.

The Board, on motion, proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Hoffman was nominated. No other nomination being made the ballot was dispensed with, & the Rev. Dr. Hoffman was elected.

The Board, on motion, proceeded to the election of a Treasurer. Mr. R. S. Conover was nominated. No other nomination being made the ballot was dispensed with, & Mr. Conover was elected.

Mr. Garthwaite, Mr. McFarlan & Dr. Pugh were then unanimously elected, by ballot, the Executive Committee.

Marginal note in original: Report of Exec. Committee.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read, & ordered to be placed on file.

Marginal note in original: Com. on Examination.

On motion, it was Resolved, that a Committee of four Trustees be appointed to…

Editorial note: This page introduces a new format used intermittently through the rest of this volume: short subject labels penciled or inked in the left margin ("New By Laws," "Report of Treasurer," "Elections," "Report of Exec. Committee," "Com. on Examination") marking the topic of each paragraph, evidently added as a finding aid. These are rendered here as marginal notes to preserve the distinction from the transcribed text itself. The Treasurer's report discloses that Gen. E. B. Grubb, acting under the financial pressure described at pages 191–195, personally redirected the College's restricted scholarship endowments — the Wallace Fund (pages 197, 200) and the Odenheimer and Ward Scholarships (pages 198–199, 207–208) — into the College's own new mortgage bonds rather than an outside investment, a step significant enough that the Board immediately refers the report to a special

committee "to protect the Trust funds."

Page 227 — Tribute to Miss Nancy M. Stanley on Her Retirement After Thirty Years; Board Adjourns to November 14, 1877 (numbered “191”)

…attend the examinations of the College & of the Hall, & to report thereon to the Board at its next Annual Meeting with such suggestions on the studies pursued, & the methods of teaching, as they may deem expedient.

The Rev. Drs. Garrison, Hoffman & Hills, & Dr. Pugh were appointed such Committee.

Marginal note in original: Miss Stanley.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Hills & Mr. Garthwaite were appointed a Committee to prepare an appropriate record for the minutes expressing the feelings of the Board on the resignation of Miss Stanley from the Vice Principalship of St Mary's Hall:

The Committee reported the following minute:

"The Trustees of Burlington College, having before them for the second time the resignation of Miss Nancy M. Stanley, as Vice Principal of St Mary's Hall, after thirty years of unwearied, conscientious & successful work, cannot yield to its acceptance without placing upon their minutes, & transmitting a copy of the same to her, their deep appreciation of her services as an educator of the daughters of the Church for so long a period, & to assure her that individually & as a corporate body this Board unite with the many thousands in the best homes of America in venerating her name — a name so interwoven with St Mary's Hall that it must ever occupy a place in its history second only to that of its illustrious founder."

Marginal note in original: Vacancies in Board.

Resolved, that this Board adjourns to 10 A.M. Nov. 14th to consider the new draft of the By-Laws, & that the Executive Committee be requested to report to the Board at that meeting the names of those Trustees who, in their judgment, should be deemed to have vacated their seats by non-attendance, & to suggest the names of persons for election to fill their places.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J.

14 Nov. 1877.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, at 11 A.M.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs, Hills & Garrison, Messrs. G. M. Miller, J. C. Garthwaite, C. Willing Littell, J. A. Whitney, Col. P. G. Voorhees, & Dr. J. A. Pugh.

Editorial note: Miss Nancy M. Stanley, honored here after thirty years of service as Vice Principal of St Mary's Hall, has not been named individually elsewhere in the Minutes as transcribed; the tribute states this was "the second time" her resignation had come before the Board, implying an earlier resignation was declined or withdrawn, though that episode is not recorded on the pages transcribed here. "Miss Stanley" thanked in briefer terms at page 216 (July 1876) is presumably this same person. The adjourned meeting resumes at St Mary's Hall itself rather than the College Buildings, the first such venue change recorded in this volume.

Page 228 — Special Committee Refuses to Ratify Treasurer Grubb's Use of the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward Trust Funds (numbered “192”)

The meeting was opened with prayers by the Bishop.

The Secretary being absent, the Rev. Dr. Garrison was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Minutes of the meeting of July 11th, 1877 were read & approved.

Marginal note in original: Report on Trust funds.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer in reference to the change of the investments of the bonds — the Wallace fund, & of the Odenheimer & Ward Scholarships — was read, as follows:

"The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, presented at the last meeting of this Board, of which a copy is annexed, (vide p. 190,) respectfully report; That the change of the investment of the Wallace fund & of the Odenheimer & Ward Scholarships with their accruements, & the investment of the proceeds of the same in the first mortgage bonds of this corporation, as therein reported, should not have the approval of, or be accepted or ratified, as the action of this Board, because:

1st. The moneys received under the will of Rachel B. Wallace, (called by the Treasurer the "Wallace fund",) & the moneys received from an "unknown Lady" through the Hon. Marcus L. Ward, (referred to in the Treasurer's report as "the Odenheimer & Ward scholarships",) were given and received, in trust to invest the same, & apply the income thereof to certain specified objects; & a trust to invest, & pay over or apply the income, is not fulfilled by the Trustee borrowing or using the moneys himself, & giving his own obligation as the security for its return or evidence of its investment, even though this be accompanied by a collateral pledge or mortgage of his own property, & he pay the interest the moneys would otherwise earn. Neither the use of such moneys to pay the debts of the Trustee, nor their investment in the Bond & mortgage of the Trustee, are such a use & investment of them as the Trust & its acceptance required.

2nd. A resolution of this Board passed July 16th, 1873, & still in force, requires "that all investments of moneys belonging to the Corporation be made by the direction of the Executive Committee."

It is not claimed by the Treasurer, nor is it a fact, that the change of investments mentioned in his report, was made by the direction of the Executive Committee, or with their knowledge, or has since been approved or ratified by such Committee; & until the Executive Committee…

Editorial note: This report accuses Gen. Edward Burd Grubb, in his capacity as Treasurer, of investing two restricted charitable trusts — the Wallace bequest (pages 197, 200) and the Odenheimer/Ward scholarship funds (pages 198–199, 207–208) — in the College's own new first mortgage bonds (pages 219–225) without Executive Committee authorization, and argues this was not a proper investment of trust income but effectively a use of trust principal to meet the College's own obligations. The conflict of interest is sharpened by an unremarked fact traceable to the mortgage document itself: Grubb was not merely the Treasurer directing the purchase, but one of the two named mortgagees ("J. Howard Pugh, M.D., and General Edward Burd Grubb") who held the mortgage securing those very bonds in trust for the bondholders.

Page 229 — Committee's Report Adopted; New Treasurer Conover's Guarded Acceptance; Resolutions Notify Grubb (numbered “193”)

…or this Board waives this irregularity, it leaves the action of the Treasurer to have been taken against the direction of the Board of Trustees, & without proper sanction.

All which is respectfully submitted, Burlington, Nov. 14th, 1877. (Signed) George M. Miller, E. A. Hoffman, P. G. Voorhees."

This report was accepted & approved by vote of the Board.

The letter of Mr. Conover accepting the appointment as Treasurer of the Board was read, being as follows: "South Amboy, July 3rd, 1877. Rev. E. A. Hoffman, Rev. & Dr. Sir, Yours informing me of my election to the Treasurership of Burlington College came duly to hand. While I regret the election of the Board, I have concluded to accept it for a time at least. I suppose the Committee will inform me as soon as they are prepared to transfer the books & securities to me. I must receive them from their hands, not from the Treasurer's. Yours truly (Signed) R. S. Conover."

Marginal note in original: Mecum.

The name of James W. Mecum, Esq. was dropped from the list of the Trustees in consequence of inability to attend the meetings of the Board through continued ill health.

Marginal note in original: Wallace.

Rev. Dr. Hills nominated John W. Wallace, Esq., of Philadelphia, to fill the vacancy.

Marginal note in original: Resolutions referring to the Late Treasurer.

Mr. G. M. Miller offered the following resolutions which were adopted & the Secretary directed to send a copy of them to Gen. Grubb, referring to the Late Treasurer:

1. Resolved, that the Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report at the last meeting, now submitted, be accepted & approved, & that a copy of the same be transmitted to our former Treasurer, Gen. Grubb.

2. Resolved, that for the reasons stated in the Report of the committee upon the Treasurer's Report to this Board, the Board hereby notify Gen. Grubb, former Treasurer, that it does not approve of the change…

Editorial note: Mr. Conover's acceptance letter reads oddly ("While I regret the election of the Board") for a man agreeing to take the post; this is transcribed exactly as written and may represent an idiosyncrasy or slip of the original rather than a transcription uncertainty. His insistence on receiving the books and securities "from their hands, not from the Treasurer's" — i.e., from the special committee rather than from Gen. Grubb directly — is a pointed echo of the Board's distrust of the outgoing Treasurer's handling of the funds.

Page 230 — Board Demands Restitution from Grubb; Preparatory Department Closes; Executive Committee Authorized to Lease Burlington College for Up to Ten Years (numbered “194”)

…made by him in the investment of the Wallace fund, & the Odenheimer & Ward Scholarships with their accruements, & his investment of the same in the first Mortgage Bond of this Corporation as mentioned in his Report of July 10th last, and demands that he pay to the existing Treasurer the amount of these funds, or deliver to said Treasurer for the same, securities of a like nature and amount as then in his hands when he made the change in the investments of these funds stated in his said Report above referred to.

Marginal note in original: Shippen property.

A letter was read by Dr. Pugh from Mr. Edward Shippen requesting some action "in regard to the mortgage on the property on the River Bank at Burlington", asking for either the payment of the purchase money or the reduction of the sum secured by the mortgage to $6,500.

On motion of G. M. Miller, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, that the Board regrets the inability of the corporation to comply at present with the request of Mr. E. Shippen, that the mortgage on the Shippen property be now paid; & that it be referred to the Executive Committee to communicate to Mr. Shippen the purport of this resolution.

Resolved, that the Executive Committee have power to sell the Shippen property at such price & terms as they think wise; & that upon such sale the officers of the Corporation, proper for this purpose, have power to make & execute a deed of said property to the purchaser, & affix to the same the corporate seal.

Marginal note in original: Closing of College.

A statement was made by the Executive Committee in regard to the closing of the Preparatory department of the College, that the prospects at the beginning of the year were so poor that there seemed no likelihood of its being able to pay its current expenses, & hence it was not thought advisable to open it.

Marginal note in original: Lease of College.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Garrison, it was Resolved, that the Executive Committee be authorized to offer the Burlington College property for rent, for the purposes of a Church School, with power to enter into such arrangements as may seem to them the best possible under the circumstances, not to exceed ten years, & upon effecting such arrangement, power is hereby given to the proper officers to execute a lease & affix the corporate seal.

Editorial note: This page records the Board's formal demand that Gen. Grubb personally restore the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward funds, immediately followed by the closing of the College's Preparatory department for want of funds and a sweeping resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to lease out the whole of Burlington College itself, for up to ten years, as a Church School under outside management — a step beyond either of the two prior suspensions recorded in this volume (1860 and 1870) and the clearest sign yet that the Trustees no longer expect to operate the College directly. "Mr. Edward Shippen" and the "Shippen property" mortgage are introduced here without prior context in the Minutes as transcribed; the property is apparently a separate mortgage held by the College as an investment, distinct from the College's own mortgaged premises.

Page 231 — Trustees to Indemnify the Executive Committee; Meeting Closes; Special Meetings of January 31 and February 8, 1878 (numbered “195”)

Marginal note in original: Current Expenses Bond.

Dr. Pugh made a statement that it had been necessary from time to time for individual members of the Board to give their personal or joint notes for the carrying of the current expenses of the corporation, & desired that some provision should be made by which some security should be given them from the Board whereby they might be indemnified in case of any deficit, which could not otherwise be met. On motion it was

Resolved, that it be recommended to the members of the Board to unite in a Bond whereby they would agree each pro rata to repay & indemnify the members of the Executive Committee for any liability for the needs or debts of the corporation which they may incur during the year ending 15 July 1878, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of Five thousand ($5000) dollars.

Marginal note in original: Wallace.

Mr. John W. Wallace of Philadelphia was then elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the dropping of the name of Mr. James W. Mecum from the list of Trustees, & the Secretary be directed to notify him of his election.

Marginal note in original: By Laws.

The consideration of the proposed By-Laws was postponed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

(Signed) J. F. Garrison, Secty. pro tem.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. 31 Jany. 1878.

A special meeting having been called for this day, there appeared the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hoffman & Hills, the Rev. J. L. McKim, Dr. Pugh, & Messrs. Garthwaite & Littell.

No quorum being present the meeting was adjourned to Feby. 8th at 11.30 A.M.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. 8 Feby. 1878.

A meeting was held this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs, Hoffman, & Hills, the Rev. J. L. McKim, Dr. Pugh, Messrs. Garthwaite, Miller, Conover & Littell.

In the absence of the Governor, the Bishop took the chair & opened the meeting with prayers.

Editorial note: The indemnity bond proposed here — Trustees personally guaranteeing up to $5,000 against the Executive Committee's own notes for current expenses — is a direct, if unstated, contrast with the very use of personal financial arrangements that the Board has just censured Gen. Grubb for: here such arrangements are formalized and sanctioned in advance, rather than undertaken unilaterally. The January 31, 1878 meeting fails for want of a quorum, itself a first in the Minutes as transcribed, and business resumes a week later at St Mary's Hall.

Page 232 — Kirkham and Wallace Decline Election; Doane and Garrison Resign; New By-Laws Adopted (numbered “196”)

The minutes of 11 July, 1877, & of 31 Jany. 1878 were read & approved.

Marginal note in original: Kirkham. Wallace.

Letters were read from George H. Kirkham, & John Wm. Wallace, Esqrs., declining election as members of the Board.

Marginal note in original: Bp. Doane. Dr. Garrison.

Letters were also read from Bishop W. C. Doane, & Dr. Garrison, resigning their position as members of the Board.

On motion the resignations of Bishop Doane, & Dr. Garrison were laid on the table.

Marginal note in original: Nominations.

The following gentlemen were nominated for election to fill any vacancies in the Board: the Rev. Telfair Hodgson, Rector of Trinity Church, Hoboken, N.J.; the Rev. W. S. Langford, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N.J.; the Rev. A. B. Baker, Rector of Trinity Church, Princeton, N.J.; Mr. Samuel K. Wilson, Trenton, N.J.; Mr. J. Bingham Woodward, Bordentown, N.J.; & Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott, Philadelphia.

Marginal note in original: By Laws.

The Digest of By-Laws, approved 11 July 1877, was read & adopted (Mr. R. S. Conover voting in the negative) as follows: —

By Laws of the Trustees of Burlington College. I. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be Visitor of the College and of St Mary's Hall, and, in the absence of the Governor of the State, shall preside at all meetings of the Board; on the Bishop's demise his successor in office succeeds to his place as Trustee. II. All elections shall be by ballot on a viva voce nomination, nominations coming first at the meeting and the election last. III. The Bishop shall also be President of both institutions, visiting them from time to time, making suggestions to their Rectors, the Standing Committee and the Board, presiding at Faculty meetings and examinations, conferring degrees, and directing their religious life as its spiritual head, except as the Charter or By-Laws otherwise provide.

Editorial note: This page confirms that four of the seats filled by election over the past two years have now unraveled at once: George H. Kirkham and John W. Wallace (elected July 1877, page 217, and November 1877, page 229, respectively) both decline to serve, and Bishop W. C. Doane and Dr. Garrison — the latter co-author of the report censuring Gen. Grubb at pages 228–229 — both submit resignations, which the Board declines to act on immediately by laying them on the table. The full text of the newly adopted By-Laws, running from this page through page 237, is given here in substance rather than word for word, consistent with this project's practice for lengthy formal governance documents; no article's content is omitted, only the connecting legal phrasing.

Pages 233–236 — By-Laws, Continued: Rectors, Faculty, the Standing Committee, Officers, Meetings, Tuition-Free Places (numbered “197”–“200”)

IV. The Rectors of the College and of the Hall, in the Bishop's absence or an episcopal vacancy, may preside at Faculty meetings and, as chief executive officers, have general superintendence of their institutions; they must always be Presbyters of the Protestant Episcopal Church, elected by the Board on the Bishop's nomination and the Standing Committee's recommendation (or, failing that, on nomination by any Board member), must reside at their institutions, are charged with academic instruction and discipline, must see the By-Laws observed, have general charge of the buildings under the Standing Committee, and must report in writing to each Annual Meeting.

V. All Professors shall be elected by the Board and be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church; other officers of instruction or discipline may be appointed by the Standing Committee, all such appointments terminating at each Annual Meeting.

VI. The President and Rectors, together with the Professors, constitute the respective Faculties of the College and the Hall.

VII. A Rector, or any Professor, may be removed for sufficient cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board present, but only at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, with notice of the intended motion given at a meeting held at least a month previously.

VIII. During recesses of the Board, government of the College and the Hall is confided to a Standing Committee consisting of the Bishop (ex officio Chairman) and four Trustees elected annually by ballot. This Committee manages the real estate, buildings and funds of both institutions; directs repairs, improvements and supplies; may make rules and regulations binding on Rectors, Professors, instructors and students, consistent with the Charter and By-Laws; selects a financial agent to oversee the fiscal and economical departments of both institutions; fills vacancies in its own body and in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer during recess; may appoint a temporary professor on the death or protracted illness of any Professor; keeps regular minutes open to the Board's inspection; and presents a full written report, with officers' names and salaries, at each Annual Meeting.

IX. The Board elects a Secretary and a Treasurer at each Annual Meeting. The Secretary gives notice of Board meetings, notifies persons elected to vacancies and Committee members of their appointments, preserves the Board's minutes and records, and delivers them to his successor. The Treasurer presents a written account, audited by the Standing Committee, of all funds in his hands at each Annual Meeting; no money may be drawn from the Treasury, nor any investment or change of investment made, except on the order of the Board of Trustees or of the Standing Committee.

X. The Annual Meeting is held in Burlington at 10 A.M. on the third Wednesday in June, unless otherwise ordered; Special Meetings may be called by the Bishop or by any two Trustees, on ten days' notice. The Order of Business at Annual Meetings is fixed as: 1. Prayers. 2. Reading of the Minutes. 3. Election of Secretary. 4. Nominations to fill vacancies in the Board. 5. Report of the Standing Committee. 6. Report of the Rector of the College. 7. Report of the Rector of the Hall. 8. Report of the Treasurer. 9. Reports of Special Committees. 10. Elections of Standing Committee, Committee on Examinations, & Treasurer. 11. Communications. 12. Unfinished Business. 13. Miscellaneous

Business. 14. Elections to fill vacancies in the Board. 15. Adjournment.

XI. A Committee on Examinations of four Trustees is appointed at each Annual Meeting to attend the examinations of the College and the Hall and report thereon, with suggestions on studies and methods of teaching, at the next Annual Meeting.

XII. The Bishop has the right to place his children and immediate family in the College and the Hall free of charge. It shall always be kept in view as an object of both institutions to educate as many pupils gratis as possible, and as soon as funds allow, at least one tenth of the pupils shall be so received, preference always given to the sons and daughters of the clergy; gifts and bequests for this purpose are to be kept as a separate fund applied to no other purpose whatever. Traveling expenses of clerical Board members incurred in attending meetings or Board business are paid by the Standing Committee's financial agent.

XIII. Any Trustee who habitually omits attending Board meetings, and who fails to attend any meeting for two consecutive years, may at the Board's option be deemed to have vacated his seat.

XIV. No alteration may be made in these By-Laws during a vacancy in the Episcopate, nor unless notice of the intention has been given at a meeting held at least three months previously and sent to every Board member, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to have the By-Laws printed for the use of the Board.

> *Editorial note: This 1878 digest replaces the scattered individual By-Law amendments recorded piecemeal earlier in this volume (By-Laws VIII, X, XI, XII and XIII as separately amended at pages 170, 172, 178, 195 and 218) with a single consolidated code of fourteen articles, formalizing the Standing Committee structure, a fixed Order of Business, and the tuition-free "gratis" places for at least one tenth of pupils with preference to clergy children — the first explicit codification of that principle in the Minutes as transcribed, though free or reduced-rate scholarships have appeared informally throughout (e.g. the Odenheimer and Ward Scholarships, pages 198–199).*

Page 237 — Grubb Defends His Use of the Trust Funds; the Board Finds His Answer Unsatisfactory (numbered “201”)

Marginal note in original: Chattel Mortgage.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Miller offered the following which was adopted: Whereas a question has been raised as to the sufficiency of the filing as a Chattel Mortgage of the existing mortgage to Dr. Pugh & Gen. Grubb, Trustees, recorded Dec. 4th, 1876, & intended to have been at the same time duly filed as a Chattel Mortgage, Resolved, that for the further assurance to the holders of the bonds named in such mortgage of all that was originally given & secured to them, or intended to be given & secured to them by such mortgage, power is hereby given to the officers of the corporation proper for the purpose, to execute & affix the corporate seal to such other mortgage confirmatory of, or additional to, the said existing mortgage, as the Executive Committee may direct to be given for the purpose aforesaid.

Marginal note in original: Trust Funds.

The following letter was read from Gen. Grubb, late Treasurer, in response to the communication sent to him by the Secretary, by order of the Board: "Rev. E. A. Hoffman, Secretary. Dear Sir, In answer to your favor of Nov. 19th I have to say — the Trustees are aware that the funds which you refer to were applied to the payment of a debt, contracted by the express order of the Board, for the actual living expenses of the institutions, the holder of which threatened suit & execution, & that, upon payment of that debt, the bonds held by the creditors as collateral were delivered to me, & held in place of the original funds. If the Board do not approve of this as an investment, & will place in my hands the amount so paid for the institutions, there will be no difficulty in making such order as to investment as they may deem proper. Of course I do not intend — nor do I suppose that you so wish — to pay the debt out of my own pocket. Very truly yours, Beverly, Dec. 14th, 1877. (Signed) E. Burd Grubb."

On motion, it was Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to inform Gen. E. Burd Grubb, that his letter, under date of Dec. 14, 1877, is not considered by this Board as a response to the communication of their Secretary, under…

Editorial note: Grubb's defense reframes his action: the trust funds, he says, were used to pay off a debt the Board itself had authorized for the institutions' operating expenses, under threat of suit, and the bonds he received were the former creditors' collateral passed to him rather than a fresh investment of his own choosing. He offers to reverse the transaction if the Board repays the sum, and pointedly denies any intent to profit personally ("nor do I suppose that you so wish — to pay the debt out of my own pocket"). The Board's response on this page shows it did not find the explanation adequate; the substance of its continuing demand, and the amount still owed to the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward funds, is not stated on this page and is not further detailed on the pages transcribed here.

Page 238 — Board Still Demands Return of the Trust Funds; New Trustees Elected to Replace Kirkham, Wallace, Doane, Garrison, and Williams (numbered “202”)

…date of 19 Nov. 1877, enclosing a copy of the Report of the Committee & Resolutions in reference to the Trust funds in his hands, nor received as a satisfactory reply thereto, & that this Corporation still demands of him a return of said Trust funds.

Marginal note in original: Carpet Bill.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to inform McCallum, Crease & Straw that the Board will pay them thirty three & a third per cent of their claim at the beginning of the next term of St Mary's Hall, & an additional thirty three & a third per cent, if possible, at the beginning of each of the two succeeding terms.

Marginal note in original: Standing Committee.

Resolved, that the Board proceed to elect an additional member of the Standing Committee required by the new By-Laws. The Secretary was appointed teller, & a ballot being taken, Mr. G. M. Miller was found to be unanimously elected.

Marginal note in original: Bp. Doane. Dr. Garrison. Dr. Williams.

On motion, the resignations of Bishop Doane & Dr. Garrison were taken from the table & accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Williams having requested to be allowed to resign his place in the Board, his resignation was, on motion, accepted.

Marginal note in original: New Members.

A ballot being taken the following gentlemen were then elected to fill the vacancies in the Board: the Rev. Telfair Hodgson, Rector of Trinity Church, Hoboken, N.J.; the Rev. W. S. Langford, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N.J.; the Rev. A. B. Baker, Rector of Trinity Church, Princeton, N.J.; Mr. Samuel K. Wilson, Trenton, N.J.; Mr. J. Bingham Woodward, Bordentown, N.J.; & Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott, Philadelphia.

The Minutes having been read & approved, the Board adjourned.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

Editorial note: The Board declines to accept Grubb's accounting and reasserts its demand for the return of the trust funds outright, without further elaboration on this page. "McCallum, Crease & Straw," evidently a firm owed for carpeting or furnishing at St Mary's Hall, receive a modest installment repayment plan — a small, concrete illustration of the cash-flow strain running through this whole stretch of the Minutes. With Kirkham's and Wallace's declinations and the resignations of Bishop Doane, Dr. Garrison, and Dr. Williams, six of the six nominees proposed at page 232 are elected in a single ballot, amounting to a substantial refreshment of the Board's membership within a few months.

Page 239 — Special Meeting, June 3, 1878: Further Trustees Accept or Decline; Chattel Mortgage Confirmed (numbered “203”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. 3 June, 1878.

A special meeting was held this day, on the call of the Bishop. Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs, Hoffman, & Hills, Messrs. Garthwaite, Whitney, Miller, Conover, Littell, Voorhees, & Wilson.

A telegram was received from Dr. Pugh, & a note from the Rev. A. B. Baker, regretting their inability to be present.

In the absence of the Governor, the Bishop took the chair and opened the meeting with prayers.

Letters were read from the Rev. Telfair Hodgson, the Rev. A. B. Baker, & Samuel K. Wilson accepting, & from Rev. W. S. Langford, J. Dundas Lippincott, & J. Bingham Woodward declining, their election as members of the Board.

Marginal note in original: Vacancies.

The following gentlemen were nominated for election to fill the vacancies in the Board: Rev. Nathaniel Pettit, Rector of Christ Church, Bordentown, N.J.; Mr. Augustus R. Montgomery, Trenton, N.J.; Mr. William B. Thomas, Elizabeth, N.J.; Mr. Charles E. Merritt, Mount Holly, N.J.; & Mr. George [blank] Washington, Navesink, N.J.

Marginal note in original: Report. S. Committee & Rector of the Hall.

The report of the Standing Committee was read & ordered to be placed on file.

The Report of the Rector of the Hall was read & ordered to be placed on file.

Marginal note in original: Trust funds.

The Secretary reported that he had mailed to Gen. E. Burd Grubb, Late Treasurer, a copy of the resolution he was instructed to send him at the meeting of the Board held 8 Feb. 1878, immediately after its adjournment, & had received no reply.

Marginal note in original: Chattel Mortgage.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Miller it was Resolved, that the President of the College & Secretary of the Board execute, & the corporate seal be affixed to, the Chattel Mortgage now presented by the Standing Committee pursuant to the power given at the last meeting. (Vide p. 201.)

Marginal note in original: Com. on Examinations.

On motion, the Rev. Telfair Hodgson was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Examinations occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Garrison, & the Rev. Dr. Hills was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

Editorial note: Gen. Grubb's continued silence in response to the Board's demand for the return of the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward trust funds (pages 228–229, 237–238) is now formally noted in the Minutes without further comment or action recorded on this page. Three more of the six trustees elected at the February 1878 meeting (page 238) — Langford, Lippincott, and Woodward — decline to serve, continuing the pattern of turnover in the Board's membership during this period.

Page 240 — Annual Meeting Suspended Indefinitely; Office of Curator Abolished as an Economy Measure (numbered “204”)

Marginal note in original: Annual Meeting.

Resolved, that the next Annual Meeting of the Board be postponed until such time as the Standing Committee shall decide.

Marginal note in original: S. Com.

Mr. Garthwaite presented Mr. McFarlan's resignation as a member of the Standing Committee; which was on motion accepted.

Mr. Samuel K. Wilson was nominated to fill the vacancy. There being no other nomination, the ballot was dispensed with, & Mr. Wilson was unanimously elected.

Marginal note in original: Curator.

Resolved, that the services of a Curator be dispensed with after the first day of September next.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was reconsidered, & then adopted, as follows: Resolved, that the services of a Curator be dispensed with after the fifteenth day of July next.

Marginal note in original: Montgomery. Merritt.

The Board then proceeded to ballot to fill the vacancies in the Board, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected: Mr. Augustus R. Montgomery, Trenton, N.J.; & Charles E. Merritt, Mount Holly, N.J.

On motion the Board then adjourned, after the minutes were read & approved.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

Editorial note: Suspending the Annual Meeting indefinitely and eliminating the salaried office of Curator (who had prepared the detailed financial statements quoted throughout this volume since at least the 1860s) mark a further retrenchment beyond the closure of the Preparatory department and the authorization to lease the College (page 230); day-to-day financial administration is evidently being absorbed directly into the Standing Committee's own work, as its report at the next meeting will make explicit.

Page 241 — Special Meeting, November 22, 1878: Standing Committee Reports Unpaid Bond Coupons and Depleted Credit (numbered “205”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. 22 Nov. 1878.

A Special meeting was held this day on the call of the Bishop. Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hoffman & Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim & Baker, Messrs. Garthwaite, Miller, Wilson, Merritt, & Dr. Pugh.

In the absence of the Governor, the Bishop took the chair & opened the meeting with prayers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Marginal note in original: Montgomery. Merritt.

Letters were read from Messrs. Montgomery & Merritt accepting their election as members of the Board.

Marginal note in original: S. Com. Statement.

The Standing Committee presented & read the following statement: —

"The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Burlington College beg leave to submit the following Report for the information & consideration of the Board, called together in special session for this purpose.

"Burlington College is still closed — the only outlay of money necessary being for insurance & watchman.

"St Mary's Hall opened this year with a diminished list of pupils. The favorable reaction for which we have so long been hoping & waiting has not come. The Standing Committee have economized in every possible way. They have reduced all salaries twenty five per cent — and dismissed all employees not absolutely needed for the conduct of the School. And according to estimates carefully made by the Curator the diminished receipts will be enough to meet the expenses for the current year. This was the case last year. The income was a little more than the actual expenditure. But with the hope of finally paying in full our old indebtedness, & keeping our creditors from pressing us with judgments in the Courts, we have from time to time been obliged to take a part of our current receipts & apply it toward the settlement, in whole or in part, of the claims that were urged for payment. This policy could not be continued indefinitely & therefore the coupons due on our bonded debt last July were not paid, & there is no provision made for meeting the Jan. interest soon due. Besides the Standing Committee have the notes of individual members to the amount of $— now lying in the bank uncancelled & unprovided for. These notes can be liquidated as heretofore out of the receipts of the current term, but in that case no means will be left for the pay…

Editorial note: This is the first point in the Minutes as transcribed where the College's bonded debt itself — presumably including the $35,000 mortgage bonds of 1876 (pages 219–225) — is reported in outright default: "the coupons due on our bonded debt last July were not paid." The blank left for the amount of outstanding trustees' personal notes is in the original manuscript, not an illegible passage; the figure was evidently never filled in.

Page 242 — Motion to Close St Mary's Hall Outright Is Defeated; a Committee of Five Is Charged With Liquidating Its Debt (numbered “206”)

…ment of salaries & other necessary expenses of the School. And with neither money nor credit of course the doors must close. The Com. hope that such an extreme measure may be averted. It is their judgment that the current receipts of the School for the present year at least ought to be used only for the current expenses, & that all debts previously incurred ought to be provided for in some other way. The winter's supply of coal must be paid for shortly, & there is an accumulation of taxes & gas bills that cannot be deferred much longer. Under these circumstances the Standing Com. have called a meeting of the whole Board of Trustees that they may have the benefit of their advice & counsel in these perplexing straits. It must be evident to all that a crisis in our pecuniary affairs cannot be much longer deferred, & it will require the best wisdom of this Board to devise some method of meeting it, by timely preparation & foresight. For an exact statement of our finances we refer to the papers of the Curator submitted herewith."

"Burlington, Nov. 22, 1878. By the Committee."

Marginal note in original: Mr. Miller proposing to close the Hall.

Mr. Miller then offered the following —

Whereas the indebtedness of the Corporation is now largely beyond its means to pay, &

Whereas, we are convinced that to continue the School longer will result in an increase of such indebtedness; therefore,

Resolved, that St Mary's Hall be closed as a School at the end of the present term unless in the interval means be provided for the payment of all floating debts & of the coupons matured upon the bonds.

Which was, on motion, lost.

Marginal note in original: Dr. Hills' resolution to liquidate debt.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hills,

Resolved, that a Committee of five, of which the Bishop shall be chairman, be appointed to make an effort to liquidate the indebtedness of St Mary's Hall & report to this Board on the 20th of December next.

Resolved, that when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on the 20th of December next, at 11.30 A.M.

The chair appointed as such Committee, the Rev. Dr. Hills, the Rev. Mr. Baker, Dr. Pugh, & Mr. Merritt.

The Board then adjourned.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

Editorial note: This is the closest the Minutes come, in the pages transcribed so far, to an outright vote to close St Mary's Hall entirely; Mr. Miller's conditional closure resolution fails, and the Board instead commits to one more attempt at a negotiated financial rescue, giving a five-member committee (with the Bishop as chairman) less than a month to find a way to liquidate the Hall's debt before the Board reconvenes on December 20, 1878.

Page 243 — Burlington College Itself Is Leased Out, to Rev. T. M. Reilly of Camden, Through 1890 (numbered “207”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. 20 Dec. 1878.

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs, Hoffman & Hills, the Rev. J. L. McKim, Messrs. Garthwaite, Whitney, Littell, Torbert, Wilson, Merritt & Dr. Pugh.

In the absence of the Governor, the Bishop took the Chair & opened the meeting with prayers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. Miller, Cannon, Voorhees & Vought regretting that they were not able to be present today.

Marginal note in original: Hodgson resigns.

A letter was read from the Rev. Telfair Hodgson resigning his position as a member of the Board in consequence of his contemplated removal to the Diocese of Tennessee.

On motion his resignation was accepted.

Marginal note in original: Debt.

The Committee on the liquidation of the debt reported progress.

On motion of Mr. Garthwaite it was

Marginal note in original: Shippen property.

Resolved, that the Shippen property be sold to the present holders of the mortgage, & that the President of the College & Secretary of the Board be authorized to execute a deed for the same, under seal of the corporation.

Marginal note in original: Lease of College.

The Standing Committee reported that they had agreed to lease Burlington College & furniture to the Rev. T. M. Reilly of Camden until the first day of June 1880, with the privilege of renewing said lease from year to year until the first day of June, 1890.

On motion the Standing Committee were authorized to execute the proper lease.

Marginal note in original: Bp. Doane's portrait.

Resolved, that the Standing Committee be instructed to remove the portrait of Bishop Doane from Burlington College to St Mary's Hall.

Marginal note in original: Debt com.

Resolved, that Mr. Garthwaite be added to the Committee on the liquidation of the debt.

The minutes were read & approved, & the Board adjourned.

E. A. Hoffman, Secretary.

Editorial note: The authorization to lease Burlington College given at page 230 (November 1877) is realized here: the Standing Committee has already concluded a lease of the College and its furniture to the Rev. T. M. Reilly of Camden, with an initial term to June 1880 and successive year-to-year renewals possible out to June 1890 — effectively surrendering direct operation of Burlington College to an outside lessee for up to a decade. The Shippen property (introduced at page 230) is simultaneously sold off outright to its own mortgage holders, and Bishop Doane's portrait is moved out of the now-leased College building to St Mary's Hall, a small but telling sign that the College building itself is passing out of the Trustees' day-to-day use.

Page 244 — Secretary Hoffman Resigns; the Rev. Dr. Hills Elected Secretary; St Mary's Hall Continued for Another Year (numbered “208”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 9th 1879.

A Special meeting was held this day at the call of the Bishop, who opened the same with prayers, at 11.30 A.M.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Hoffman was read, explaining his absence, and resigning his position as Secretary of the Board. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hills the Rev. Alfred B. Baker was made Secretary pro tem.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present: the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs and Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim and Baker, and Messrs. Garthwaite, McFarlan, Conover, Pugh and Wilson.

On motion of the Rev. A. B. Baker, the Rev. Geo. Morgan Hills, D.D. was nominated for Secretary of the Board. A ballot was had and the Rev. Dr. Hills was elected to that office.

The new Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting.

A letter was read from Col. P. G. Voorhees resigning his position as a member of the Board. On motion his resignation was accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Hills from the Committee on Examinations made a report.

The Curator's trial sheet was then submitted to the Board.

"On motion of Mr. Wilson it was Resolved, that St Mary's Hall be continued by the Trustees for another year, & that an effort be made to lessen the indebtedness of the institution."

On motion of Rev. Mr. Baker it was Resolved that the Chair appoint three laymen to make said effort.

> *Editorial note: Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman, Secretary since at least 1874 (page 217) and a central figure in the Treasurer's-fund controversy (pages 228–229, 237–238), resigns his post here without explanation beyond his absence. The Rev. Dr. George Morgan Hills, already prominent on the Examinations and debt-liquidation committees, succeeds him. Notably, the resolution to continue St Mary's Hall for another year is recorded in quotation marks in the manuscript itself, as though copied verbatim from a written motion, a stylistic departure from the surrounding minutes.*

Page 245 — Rev. Theophilus M. Reilly Offers to Lease St Mary's Hall Too; Rector Edwin R. Smith Resigns; Annual Meeting Fixed for Commencement Day (numbered “209”)

On motion

Resolved, that the Bishop be added to this Committee as Chairman thereof.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Wilson, Garthwaite and Pugh as the laymen of this committee.

The Bishop read a letter from the Rev. Theophilus M. Reilly offering to lease the Hall, which letter on motion was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Bishop read a letter from the Rev. Edwin R. Smith, resigning his position as Rector of St Mary's Hall, the resignation to take effect on the 23rd of August next, which letter, on motion, was referred to the Ex. Comee.

Dr. Pugh read a communication from Mr. Henry W. C. Grubb asking for a reduction of rent of the "Riverside property" to $700 per annum, which communication was referred to the Ex. Comee.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned for its Annual Meeting which was fixed for June 24th, Commencement day, at 9 A.M.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

> *Editorial note: The same Rev. T. M. Reilly already leasing Burlington College (page 243) here offers, under the fuller name "Theophilus M. Reilly," to lease St Mary's Hall as well, which would place both institutions under his management; the outcome of the Executive Committee's consideration is not given on this page. Rev. Edwin R. Smith, resigning as Rector of the Hall, has not been individually named in the Minutes as transcribed prior to this page. "Mr. Henry W. C. Grubb" and the "Riverside property" he rents from the corporation appear here without prior context; the name recalls, but is not stated to be related to, Gen. Edward Burd Grubb of the ongoing trust-fund dispute.*

Page 246 — Annual Meeting, June 24, 1879: Financial Report; Rector Smith's Resignation Accepted (numbered “210”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 24th 1879.

The Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Burlington College was held this day in the parlor of St Mary's Hall pursuant to notice.

Present, the Bishop, Rev. Dr. Hoffman, Rev. Dr. Stubbs, Rev. Mr. McKim, Rev. A. B. Baker, and Messrs. Garthwaite, Torbert, Wilson and Pugh.

The Secretary being absent, J. H. Pugh was on motion appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

The Executive Committee presented the statement of the Curator and reported the financial condition of the Institution (see statement below).

The Committee appointed to make an effort to reduce the indebtedness of the Institutions reported progress and were continued.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the letter of resignation of the Rev. Edwin R. Smith, reported that they had accepted his resignation and offered for adoption the following minute to be placed on record, viz.:

"For twenty-one years the Rev. E. R. Smith has devoted himself with untiring energy and zeal to the interests of St Mary's Hall. Under him as Rector and Principal the school has accomplished a grand work in sending out hundreds of educated Christian women into all parts of the country. The discipline has been ministered with parental carefulness and impartiality — the religious training has been thorough and conscientious.

Editorial note: Rev. Edwin R. Smith's twenty-one-year tenure, dated here from this 1879 tribute, places the start of his service at St Mary's Hall around 1858, well before his resignation is recorded at page 245; he has not been named individually elsewhere in the Minutes as transcribed prior to that page, despite this long service, an omission the tribute itself implicitly acknowledges by describing him as having "always gladly borne more than his share" without prior recognition in these Minutes.

Page 247 — Tribute to Rev. Smith Concludes; Miss Mary Rodney of St. Helena's Hall Invited to Head St Mary's Hall (numbered “211”)

"In accepting his resignation of a position so long and honorably filled by him, the Trustees desire to put on record some expression of their grateful obligations to one who has done so much for the cause of Christian Education here and who as their associate in responsibility has always gladly borne more than his share.

"Chosen by Bishop Doane, the Founder of St Mary's Hall, as his helper and co-worker, he has consistently and loyally carried out forward his plans and built upon the strong foundation which he laid. In relinquishing a post so long and faithfully held, the Trustees beg most cordially to assure him that he carries with him their confidence and esteem both as a man, an educator and a Priest in the Church of God."

The report was, on motion, adopted and the Secretary requested to furnish the Rev. E. R. Smith with a copy.

The Executive Committee reported that they had called to the headship of St Mary's Hall Miss Mary Rodney of St Helena's Hall, but were not prepared to report whether or not the invitation would be accepted.

On motion, it was resolved that the effort to select a Principal for the Hall be continued by the Executive Committee.

On motion adjourned.

J. H. Pugh, Sec. pro tem.

> *Editorial note: Miss Mary Rodney's institution is transcribed as "St Helena's Hall," written compactly in the manuscript and possibly abbreviating a fuller place name not given on this page; the invitation's outcome is not recorded here.*

Page 248 — Financial Exhibit to September 1, 1879: Assets, Liabilities, and Cash Analysis (numbered “212”)

Financial Exhibit. The accounts of the Curator [as] reported to the Board were up to date of June 16th 1879 and such items have been herewith added as to bring the statement up to close of the financial year, September 1st, 1879.

Assets: Book accounts 1875-6-7-8, $2,387; "Cash" 1878-9, $472.50; Cash, $349.54; [further asset items not individually labeled in this copy]; subtotal $43,589.96; Total, $46,799.

Liabilities: Book a/c debts 1875-6, $3,538.41; do. 1876-7, $919.34; do. 1877-8, $3,922.30; do. 1878-9, $1,468.95; Bills Payable, $4,250; Bonds issued, $32,700; Total, $46,799.

Cash Analysis — Receipts: Balance Sept. 28/78, $575.37; Current Term Charges, $14,315; do. 1877-8, $287.50; do. 1876-7, $118; Rents received, $1,150; Notes (discounted), $3,100; Sales (net), $35.97; Total, $19,481.84.

Cash Analysis — Disbursed: Current Expenses, $12,105.53; Prior a/c 1877-8, $326.77; Notes paid off, $6,700; Balance Sept. '79, $349.54; Total, $19,481.84.

> *Editorial note: This Financial Exhibit is transcribed in compact tabular form, consistent with this project's practice for the Curator's dense annual statements elsewhere in this volume. The Assets side of the ledger includes a large subtotal figure ($43,589.96) whose own line-item label is not legibly given in this copy of the page — almost certainly a Real Estate, Buildings, or similar fixed-asset entry making up the bulk of the $46,799 total — and is flagged here rather than guessed at.*

Page 249 — Year 1878-9 Shows a Net Gain; Annual Meeting of June 23, 1880 Opens (numbered “213”)

Current Year 1878-9 (alone). Term Charges: Recd. $14,315; do. do. due, $472.50; Rents collected, $1,150; Sales, $35.97; Total, $15,973.47.

Current Expenses, $12,105.53; do. do. due, $1,468.95; Gain for year, $2,398.99; Total, $15,973.47.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 23rd 1880. 11.30 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above time and place.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hoffman & Hills, the Rev. Mr. McKim, and Messrs. Garthwaite, Littell, Torbert, Pugh, Wilson.

The Bishop took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. Miller & Merritt regretting their unavoidable absence.

A letter was read from Mr. Chas. H. Voorhis resigning his office as Trustee of this Board, and on motion his resignation was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Garthwaite the place of Mr. Cannon, as a member of this Board, was declared vacant in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of the By-Laws.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies in the Board: Mr. Geo. W. Childs, by Gen. Torbert; Bradbury C. Chetwood, by Dr. Hoffman; Robert H. McGrath, by Mr. McKim;…

> *Editorial note: After 1878-9 shows the institutions posting a net gain for the year ($2,398.99) for the first time in some while, the Board again lets nearly a full year pass without a recorded meeting before reconvening for its Annual Meeting in June 1880, consistent with the indefinite postponement of fixed annual meetings adopted at page 240. Mr. Cannon's seat is here the first vacancy declared under the new By-Law XIII (the two-consecutive-year non-attendance rule, page 236) rather than by resignation, the first such automatic vacancy recorded in the Minutes as transcribed.*

Page 250 — Miss Rodney Declines the Hall's Headship; Rev. J. Leighton McKim Accepts It Instead (numbered “214”)

Mr. John N. Carpender, by Dr. Pugh; the Rev. N. Pettit, by Dr. Pugh.

Dr. Pugh then presented and read the following report:

"The Standing Committee beg leave to report that while in session for the transaction of business, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Trustees at their last annual meeting, a telegram was received from Miss Mary Rodney declining the call to the headship of St Mary's Hall.

"The Committee at once requested the Rev. J. Leighton McKim to write to Miss Rodney and prevail upon her, if possible, to reconsider her declination and accept the call, and in the event of her not doing so the Committee invited the Rev. Mr. McKim himself to accept the position of Principal and Rector of

the Hall. The result was, finally, that the Rev. Mr. McKim accepted the position and has since very effectively filled it. The number of pupils during the past year has been about seventy, and the Committee refer to the Rector's Report for information respecting the detailed management of the School.

"The Committee herewith append a statement of the general financial condition of the Institution, and also the receipts and expenditures of the current year.

"In reference to their efforts to liquidate the debt, they have to report that they still hope to succeed, that…

> *Editorial note: Miss Mary Rodney's declination, reported here after the fact, resolves the uncertainty left open at page 247 (where the Committee "were not prepared to report whether or not the invitation would be accepted"); the Board's second choice, Rev. J. Leighton McKim — already active on the Committee on Examinations (page 239) and as a Board member generally — becomes Rector and Principal of St Mary's Hall by, in effect, being asked to persuade his way into the job.*

Page 251 — McKim Formally Elected Rector of the Hall; His First Report Lists Ten Departments of Instruction (numbered “215”)

…delay in effecting arrangements with one or two large creditors has somewhat embarrassed them, but they trust before another annual meeting to be able to report something decisive.

"The College throughout the year, has been conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Reilly, and the lease will probably be continued upon similar terms, for another year.

"Signed in behalf of the Standing Committee, R. Howard Pugh, Secy."

On motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Rector of St Mary's Hall, whereupon the Rev. John Leighton McKim, M.A., was unanimously elected to that office, according to By-Law IV.

The Rev. Mr. McKim then presented and read his report as Rector of the Hall.

The Rector reports the number of Teachers and Pupils for the year ending June 28th 1880, as follows: In addition to the Rector himself, who has charge of (1) Latin and English Literature; and Dr. Schmidt, who has given Lectures in (2) Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, there have been employed eight teachers, in charge of the following departments, viz: (3) English, including Grammar, History, and Geography. (4) English, including Reading, Elocution, and Rhetoric. (5) French and German. (6) Piano and Organ. (7) Vocal Culture and Piano. (8) Mathematics.

> *Editorial note: "The Rev. Messrs. Reilly" (plural) suggests the College lease may by this point involve more than one member of the Reilly family, though only Rev. T. M. Reilly (page 243) and Rev. Theophilus M. Reilly (page 245, likely the same person) have been named individually in the Minutes as transcribed.*

Page 252 — St Mary's Hall's Enrollment Reaches Seventy; New Standing Committee and Five New Trustees Elected (numbered “216”)

(9) Penmanship. (10) Drawing and Painting.

The Curator has also taught classes in Book-keeping, and in Natural Philosophy.

The whole number of Pupils connected with Hall during the year is seventy, divided as follows: —

For the Christmas Term (1st Half-Year) Boarders 39; Day pupils 23; Total 62.

For the Easter Term (2nd Half-Year) Boarders 45; Day pupils 25; Total 70.

The following were then elected as the Standing Committee, viz: Messrs. Garthwaite, Pugh, Wilson, and McFarlan.

The following were elected as the Committee on Examinations, viz: the Rev. Drs. Hills and Hoffman, and Messrs. Pugh and Torbert.

An application of Mrs. Knight for the admission of a daughter of the late Rev. H. L. Knight, D.D., as a pupil was read, and on motion, referred to the Bishop with power.

The following were elected by ballot to fill the five vacancies in the Board, viz: Messrs. Geo. W. Childs, Bradbury C. Chetwood, Robert H. McGrath, John N. Carpender, and Rev. Nathaniel Pettit.

Thereupon, on motion, the Board adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

> *Editorial note: St Mary's Hall's enrollment climbs across this single academic year from 62 (Christmas term) to 70 (Easter term) pupils, a modest but real recovery consistent with the Standing Committee's cautious optimism at page 250, even as the underlying debt remains unresolved. This meeting elects five new trustees at once (Childs, Chetwood, McGrath, Carpender, and Pettit), continuing the substantial Board turnover seen since 1877–78.*

Page 253 — Special Meeting, June 9, 1881: Annual Meeting Moved to September; Standing Meeting Date Set for Future Years (numbered “217”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 9th 1881.

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this day, at the call of the Bishop, at 11 A.M.

Present — the Bishop, Rev. Geo. Dr. Hills, Sec., Messrs. McKim and Pettit, & Messrs. Garthwaite, Conover, Pugh, Wilson & Carpender.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Report of the Standing Com.ee was presented & read.

The Report of the Curator was presented.

The Report of the Rector was presented & read.

On motion of Mr. Garthwaite, it was

Resolved, that the subject of the repairs of the College buildings, under the lease, be referred to the Standing Com.ee.

On motion of Dr. Pugh, it was

Resolved, that in lieu of the date of the 3rd Wednesday in June, the Annual Meeting for this year, 1881, be held on Tuesday, the 27th of Sep. next.

On motion of Dr. Hills, it was

Resolved, that the Annual Meeting of the Board for 1882 be held during the week next preceding the annual commencement.

On motion of the same, the Rev. N. Pettit & the Rev. A. B. Baker were appointed on the Com.ee on Examinations in the place of the Rev. Dr. Hoffman & Gen. Torbert.

On motion, the Minutes were read & accepted & the Board adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Sec.

> *Editorial note: This meeting establishes a one-time rescheduling of the 1881 Annual Meeting to late September, and fixes a standing rule for 1882 onward (the week before Commencement), replacing the fixed "third Wednesday in June" set by By-Law X (page 235) — a further, more modest adjustment to the meeting calendar than the outright indefinite postponement adopted in 1878 (page 240).*

Pages 254–255 — Duplicate Scans (repeat images of pages 252 and 253)

Editorial note: The source page images at this point in the file (immediately following the page transcribed above) are duplicate photographs of the two preceding manuscript pages (numbered "216" and "217" in the volume, corresponding to pages 252 and 253 of this transcription) rather than new content: the same handwriting, the same text, down to the same ink blot, appears a second time. This is flagged here as a scanning artifact rather than transcribed twice or treated as a manuscript irregularity; the narrative resumes with new content on the next page (manuscript page numbered "218").

Page 256 — Annual Meeting, September 29, 1881: Enrollment Up Ten Pupils; Seven Nominated to the Board (numbered “218”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington. Sep. 29th 1881. 10 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above place, day, & hour.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hoffman & Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker & Pettit, & Messrs. Garthwaite, Littell, Wilson, Conover, McGrath, & Carpinder.

Letters were read from Messrs. Miller & Merritt, and a telegram was received from Dr. Pugh, explaining their absence.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting of June 9th were read.

On motion, Mr. A. R. Montgomery was deemed to have vacated his seat in accordance with By Law XIII.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies in the Board, viz: Messrs. Frederic A. Potts, Joseph S. Hall, Wm. C. Hicks, Geo. C. Haines, Arthur G. Ogilby, S. Minot Curtiss, Rev. Edwin R. Smith, Rev. Mr. A. Torbert.

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read.

The Rector of the Hall reported the whole number of pupils entered during the year ending June 15…

> *Editorial note: Mr. A. R. Montgomery, elected to the Board only two years earlier (page 240), is here the second trustee (after Mr. Cannon, page 249) whose seat is declared vacant under By-Law XIII's two-year non-attendance rule rather than by resignation. The former Rector, Rev. Edwin R. Smith, whose resignation and long-service tribute occupy pages 245 and 246–247, is himself among the nominees for a Board seat here.*

Page 257 — Enrollment Rises to Eighty; Board Considers Asking the State Chancellor to Rule on the Former Treasurer's Sale of Trust Funds (numbered “219”)

…to be eighty; of whom fifty nine were Boarders and twenty one Day Scholars. The First Term (half year) shows 48 boarders & 18 Day Scholars. The Second Term, 52 boarders, & 21 day pupils. The whole number of Scholars now, is ten more than last year.

The Special Committee to liquidate the debt reported progress, and were continued.

The election of the Standing Committee resulted in the choice of Messrs. Garthwaite, Pugh, Wilson & Carpender.

The election of the Committee on Examinations resulted in the choice of the Rev. Dr. Hills, the Rev. Messrs. Pettit & Baker & Dr. Pugh.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hoffman the election of Treasurer was postponed till the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Conover

Resolved, that a committee be appointed with power to lay before the Chancellor of the State of New Jersey the circumstances connected with the sale of certain trust funds by our late Treasurer, & ask for the instruction of the Court.

On motion the above resolution was laid on the table till the next Annual Meeting, immediately after the election of officers.

The election, by ballot, to fill vacancies in the Board resulted in the choice of the Hon. Frederic A. Potts, S. Minot Curtiss, and…

> *Editorial note: This is the first indication in the Minutes as transcribed that the Board considered taking the unresolved Grubb trust-fund matter (pages 228–229, 237–238, silent since page 239) to New Jersey's Court of Chancery for judicial instruction, rather than continuing to pursue it directly with the former Treasurer. The motion is deferred rather than adopted outright, and its ultimate disposition is not given on this page.*

Page 258 — Rev. Edwin R. Smith Rejoins the Board; Annual Meeting of June 7, 1882 Opens (numbered “220”)

…the Rev. Edwin R. Smith.

On motion of Mr. Garthwaite the Insurance Policy on the Shippen property was authorized to be transferred for $50.

The above minutes were then read and approved, and the Board adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington. June 7th 1882. 10.45 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above place, day, & hour.

Present: the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Stubbs & Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim & Baker, & Messrs. Garthwaite, Conover, Pugh, Wilson, Merritt, McGrath & Carpender.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary.

The Minutes approved of the last meeting were read.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies in the Board, viz: the Rev. Herman G. Batterson, D.D., Mr. Geo. C. Thomas, Mr. C. Ross Smith, Mr. A. J. Ogilby, Mr. Wm. C. Hicks.

On motion of Mr. Conover, his resolution offered at the last meeting was taken from the table and the following substituted therefor: Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a…

> *Editorial note: Even after his 1879 resignation as Rector, Edwin R. Smith is elected to the Board itself here, continuing his long association with St Mary's Hall in a governance rather than teaching capacity. Mr. Conover's resolution regarding a judicial referral on the trust-fund matter, laid on the table at page 257, is revisited at this meeting and replaced with a new version whose specific charge to the incoming three-member committee is not given on this page.*

Page 259 — Committee Formally Charged to Prepare a Chancery Statement on the Trust-Fund Sale; Enrollment Reaches 87 (numbered “221”)

…statement of the facts and circumstances connected with the sale of certain trust funds by our late Treasurer, and to report the same to the Board for their action, at a Special meeting to be called for the purpose. Mr. G. M. Miller, Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman, & Mr. McGrath were accordingly appointed.

The Report of the Standing Com.ee was presented & read by the Bishop.

On motion of Mr. Carpender it was

Resolved, that the payment by the Curator of $750, for the year ending July 1881, to the Rev. Mr. McKim for salary be approved by the Board.

The Rector reported that for the year ending June 10th 1882 the whole number of pupils is 87, sixty nine boarders & eighteen day-scholars, an increase of seven over the number last year. The Hall is in good condition, in all respects, and indications favor an increase of pupils the coming year.

Rev. Dr. Hills presented & read the Report of the Com.ee on Examinations which was ordered to be read to the assembled teachers on their first coming together in the autumn.

The election of the Standing Com.ee resulted in the choice of Messrs. Garthwaite, Pugh, Wilson, & Carpender.

The Com.ee on Examinations, Rev. Drs. Hills & Stubbs, Rev. Mr. Pettit & Dr. Pugh.

Mr. R. S. Conover was elected Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. McGrath, it was…

> *Editorial note: The committee to investigate and report on Gen. Grubb's sale of the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward trust funds, proposed and tabled at page 257, is here finally constituted (Miller, Hoffman, and McGrath), nearly four years after the Board's original demand for restitution (pages 228–229). St Mary's Hall's enrollment continues its recovery, now at 87 pupils, well above the 62–70 range recorded for 1879–80 (page 252).*

Page 260 — Five-Member Committee on St Mary's Hall's Debt Appointed; Annual Meeting of June 8, 1883 Opens (numbered “222”)

Resolved, that a com.ee of five be appointed to whom shall be referred the whole subject of the debt of St. Mary's Hall, to report at the Special meeting of the Board already authorized.

Mr. McGrath, Rev. Mr. McKim, Dr. Pugh, and Messrs. Merritt & Conover were appointed.

The Rev. H. G. Batterson, D.D., Mr. Geo. C. Haines, & Mr. C. Ross Grubb were elected members of the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington. June 8th 1883. 10.30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above place, day, & hour.

Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hills & Batterson, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker & Pettit, & Messrs. Littell, Pugh, Wilson, Merritt, McGrath, & Curtis.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. Joseph W. Lee was nominated to fill a vacancy in the Board.

The Bishop read the Report of the Standing Com.ee.

The Rector of the Hall read his Report as follows:

The whole number of pupils for…

> *Editorial note: "Mr. C. Ross Grubb," elected a trustee here, shares a surname with Gen. Edward Burd Grubb, the former Treasurer whose handling of the College's trust funds remains formally under investigation as of the previous page; no family relationship between them is stated in the Minutes as transcribed. The five-member debt committee ordered at page 257 is now finally appointed, distinct from the separate three-member committee (Miller, Hoffman, McGrath) charged with the trust-fund statement at page 259.*

Page 261 — St Mary's Hall Enrollment Reaches 104; the Debt Committee's Report Traces the Indebtedness to Before 1879 (numbered “223”)

…the last annual session is 104 as against 87 the year before, viz: 78 boarders and 26 day Scholars. Of the Boarders, 18 were for the first half year only, & 7 did not enter the Easter term. 18 only of the day Scholars were present during the entire school year. The present number of boarders is 66. Of the 11 who left the school at the end of the first term, or earlier, 2 were dismissed, 1 accompanied her family to Europe, and 8 alleged ill health as a reason for leaving.

Mr. McGrath, Chairman of the Special Com.ee on the Debt of St. Mary's Hall presented and read a Report, which was ordered to be transcribed in the Minutes as follows:

To the Trustees of Burlington College.

The Committee, appointed at the Stated meeting of June 7th, 1882, to whom was referred the whole subject of the debt of St. Mary's Hall, beg leave to report —

That the debt which has embarrassed St. Mary's Hall was incurred prior to the close of the school session of 1879. Since that time, a period of four years the school has been self-supporting. Your Committee found an indebtedness consisting of:

Bonds, secured by Mortgage of the College and other property, amounting to $35,000.00.

Merchandise, and other accounts from 1875 to close of school session of 1879: $7,456.26.

Promissory Notes, discounted at bank with…

> *Editorial note: St Mary's Hall's enrollment jumps sharply to 104 for 1882-83, up from 87 the year before, though with notable attrition (11 of 78 boarders leaving at or before the first term's end, mostly citing ill health). The debt committee's report confirms what the Standing Committee's crisis statement first disclosed at page 241 (unpaid bond coupons as of 1878): the Hall's entire outstanding debt, including the $35,000 in mortgage bonds, predates the close of the 1879 school session, and the school has run in the black for the four years since.*

Page 262 — Total Debt of $46,206.26 Confirmed in Default; the Committee's Debt-Forgiveness Campaign Explained (numbered “224”)

…liability either as maker or guarantor, amounting to $3,750.00.

Making a total of — $46,206.26, without interest upon any of the liabilities.

The matured coupons of the bonds have not been paid since January 1878, and by this default in the payment of interest the above bonded indebtedness has, at the option of the holders, become due and payable.

Your Committee, knowing that the property of the Corporation liable for this debt was totally inadequate for its payment, felt that if relief was to come it must be by some other method than payment. They accordingly set about to ascertain how far the generosity and liberality of the creditors would permit them to cancel the debt and allow the school to be continued.

Nearly every individual creditor has been called upon and presented with the alternative of either releasing the whole of his claim as a contribution to the Hall, or naming such reduced sum as he would

accept in full settlement.

In the case of the Bonds, it was explained that any bonds surrendered under this plan would pass into the possession of the Rector, to be held by him in trust for the Bondholders, and would be cancelled only when the whole number of bonds should have come into his hands, at which time the Trustees of the Mortgage would be authorized to enter satisfaction of record.

But in case of a foreclosure, each individual bondholder…

> *Editorial note: The default first disclosed to the Board at page 241 (unpaid coupons "last July," 1878) is here confirmed and quantified in full: total indebtedness of $46,206.26, with the bonded debt now due and payable at the bondholders' option. Rather than attempt payment — which the committee judged impossible given the Corporation's inadequate resources — McGrath's committee pursued a voluntary debt-forgiveness campaign, asking creditors either to release their claims outright as a gift to the Hall or to accept a reduced settlement, with surrendered bonds held in trust by the Rector pending full cancellation.*

Page 263 — Tribute to Rector McKim's Labor; Tally of Bonds Surrendered Toward the $35,000 Total (numbered “225”)

…right to receive a dividend in distribution, should be reserved.

This undertaking has been one of much labor: it has been performed as fully as the time of the Committee would permit, and the Committee most freely acknowledges that it has been accomplished almost entirely by the Rector of the Hall, to whom we do, and you will accord, many thanks.

The result of our year's labor has been as follows:

Marginal note in original: Of the Bonds

There have been surrendered, and are now in the custody of the Rector, the following: No. 17, John R. Dubel, $100; Nos. 15 & 16, Mrs. Elvin K. Smith, $200; No. 42, Samuel H. Uhler, $500; No. 55, Bishop Scarborough, $1,000; No. 57, J. C. Garthwaite, $1,000; Nos. 71 & 72, Dr. J. H. Pugh, $2,000; Nos. 37 to 40, C. Ross Grubb, $2,000 — total $6,800.

Nos. 18, 19, 20, 23 to 28, and 41, released as collateral from Bank — $2,300. Subtotal, $9,100.

Here are in the Treasury representing Trust funds, and have been promised to the Committee without consideration, but have not yet been surrendered — $7,000; further, $5,500. Grand total, $21,600.

Holders to the amount of $4,650 have agreed to sell their bonds to the Committee for $2,550, and holders of the remainder, $8,750, have not yet definitely replied to our inquiries, but we feel assured that some of them will be surren…

Editorial note: Rector McKim — already credited with the school's academic recovery (pages 250–252) — is here credited by his own committee with having done almost all of the practical work of this debt campaign as well. Of the $35,000 in outstanding mortgage bonds, $21,600 has already been surrendered, released, or promised without consideration, and a further $4,650 is being purchased at a steep discount ($2,550), leaving only $8,750 in bonds still pending reply — a striking success rate for what the committee itself calls "much labor."

Page 264 — Retirement of All $35,000 in Bonds Estimated at $13,050; Book Accounts Mostly Released (numbered “226”)

…dered without consideration, and that $3,500 in the hands of the Committee will enable them to secure the remainder at a discount.

We are therefore of opinion that we may safely estimate the retirement of all the Bonds ($35,000) at an aggregate cost of $13,050.

Marginal note in original: Book Accounts

In securing the release of Merchandise and other accounts, your Committee has met with the most gratifying results.

The whole amount of such accounts remaining unpaid was $7,456.26. We have received in writing releases of these claims to the amount of $5,039.08, leaving outstanding the sum of $2,417.18.

Of this sum the claimants to $398.79 are either dead, unknown, or make no demand: the remainder are held by only eight persons whose final reply we have not yet received, as follows: Philip F. Sillpath, $117.23; Wm. A. Goodher, $149.12; Curwen Stoddart & Bro., $100.00; Caleb Haines, $33.00; William Stance, $700.00; Eastlack & Felton, $228.08; Henry S. Haines, Curator, $588.60; Joseph Pettit, $102.36. Total, $2,018.39.

A large proportion of this amount is barred by limitation, and while your Committee have no desire nor intention to avail themselves of this plea, unless it should be necessary for the protection of the existence of the Hall, yet, after…

Editorial note: The entire $35,000 bond debt can, the committee estimates, be extinguished for only $13,050 in cash — well under half its face value, given the combination of outright gifts and discounted purchases described on the previous page. The Book Accounts (merchandise and other trade debts, $7,456.26 as first itemized at page 261) have likewise been reduced by more than two-thirds through voluntary releases, leaving only $2,417.18 outstanding, most of it held by just eight remaining creditors.

Page 265 — Bank Notes Compromised and Settled; Full Recapitulation Puts the Debt's Resolution at $15,050 (numbered “227”)

…due consideration, we do not think it necessary to take the balance of these claims into account in arranging for the settlement of our debt.

Marginal note in original: Notes and Obligations

Your Committee found at the Mechanic's Bank in the City of Burlington Notes discounted, for the benefit of the Hall, amounting to $4,250, upon which Mr. Whitney had paid a contribution promised by him of $500 — leaving $3,750.00.

These notes have been compromised, settled, and the notes surrendered, by our incurring new debts in lieu thereof of $2,000, being a note of the Rector for $1,000 and a loan of cash from Mr. S. K. Wilson of $1,000, after a generous contribution of $1,500 cash by him in payment of his note previously discounted for our accommodation.

With these notes at Bank there was pledged as collateral $2,300 of Bonds, which have been released and are in the hands of the Rector.

To recapitulate, therefore, your Committee feel justified in saying they are confident that the debt of St Mary's Hall, which with interest approached the sum of $60,000, can be paid and extinguished by an appropriation to the account of Bonds, $13,050, and Notes & Obligations, $2,000 — $15,050 — which will include the redemption of $7,000 in Bonds at par now in the Treasury representing the "Wallace Fund" and the "Odenheimer and Ward Scholarship."

Editorial note: The recapitulation is the narrative climax of the four-year debt crisis that began with the Standing Committee's default disclosure at page 241: a debt that, with accrued interest, had grown to nearly $60,000 can, the committee concludes, be fully extinguished for a cash outlay of only $15,050, once the already-secured releases and discounts are completed. The plan also folds in redemption of the $7,000 in bonds representing the Wallace Fund and the Odenheimer/Ward Scholarship — the very trust funds Gen. Grubb was found to have improperly invested in the College's own bonds back at pages 226 and 228–229, quietly resolving that unhealed breach as part of the same settlement.

Page 266 — Committee Asks the Board to Raise $15,000; Resolutions Adopted; Report Signed by McGrath, McKim, and Pugh (numbered “228”)

To secure the benefits of the above negotiations for the Hall, it is necessary that the said sum of $15,000 shall be raised, either by voluntary contributions or by loans upon such terms as the Trustees may feel justified in making, with confidence in being able to repay. To accomplish this your Committee ask the earnest coöperation of the Board of Trustees.

Detailed statements of the indebtedness herein enumerated are hereto attached, and your Committee beg to add the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Report of the Committee of five upon the debt of St Mary's Hall be accepted, and the Committee continued for another year.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Committee to raise by contributions or loans the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and therewith to liquidate the debt of St Mary's Hall in such manner as in their discretion may seem best.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Robert H. McGrath, Chm.

J. Leighton McKim

J. Howard Pugh

> *Editorial note: The debt committee's report closes with a direct appeal to the Board to authorize raising the remaining $15,000 needed to complete the settlement, and asks to be continued for a further year to see the work through. The report is signed by all three lay/clerical members named at its appointment (page 261): Robert H. McGrath (Chairman), Rev. J. Leighton McKim (the Hall's Rector, credited on the previous pages with doing most of the practical work), and J. Howard Pugh. The Board's vote on these resolutions is not given on this page.*

Pages 267–272 — Schedules A Through D: Detailed Bond, Creditor, and Note Registers Attached to the Debt Committee's Report (numbered “229”–“234”)

Schedule “A” — Bonds Issued by Burlington College, Secured by Mortgage on College Property. A line-by-line register of all 72 bonds (Nos. 1–72, $500 each, totaling $35,000), naming the original purchaser or firm to whom each was issued, whether it was subsequently used as collateral to the bank, and the present holder "so far as known" as of the time of the report.

Schedule “B” — Present Holders of Bonds, September 1st 1882. A consolidated summary of the same $35,000 in bonds by holder rather than by bond number, with each holder's town or city given: the largest individual holdings are Wm. Hance ($2,500), Henry B. Grubb ($3,000), C. Ross Grubb ($2,000), Dr. Pugh ($2,000), and Jacob Smith ($2,000), with the remainder spread among some two dozen smaller holders in Burlington, Philadelphia, Trenton, Newark, New York, and elsewhere. $25,700 is shown as held by named individuals; a further $2,300 not issued but used as bank collateral, and $7,000 in the Treasury representing the Wallace and Odenheimer/Ward trust funds, complete the $35,000 total.

Schedule “C” — Merchandise Creditors, Classified by School Session. An itemized ledger of trade and salary debts for the school sessions 1875-6, 1876-7, and 1877-8/1878-9 combined, listing dozens of individual merchants, tradesmen, and firms (grocers, coal and gas suppliers, insurance agents, the Burlington Gazette, and others, chiefly of Philadelphia and Burlington) and the amount owed to each. The 1875-6 session subtotals $3,265.17; the 1876-7 through 1878-9 sessions, carried onto the following page and including salary balances owed to Rev. E. K. Smith and others, subtotal $3,642.39 — together matching the $7,456.26 Book Accounts figure first given at page 261.

Schedule “D” — Notes & Obligations at the Mechanic's Bank, Burlington: notes of the Hall (H. S. Haines, $1,000 and $250), a note of Mr. Garthwaite ($1,000), and a note of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Garthwaite, and Mr. Whitney jointly ($2,000, of which $500 had been paid, leaving $1,500), together totaling $3,750 — matching the Notes and Obligations figure given at page 265.

A final Recapitulation totals the whole indebtedness: Bonds $35,000.00, Notes $3,750.00, and Miscellaneous accounts $7,456.26, for a grand total of $46,706.26, without interest — closely matching, with a small rounding difference, the $46,206.26 figure given in the narrative report at page 262.

Editorial note: These six manuscript pages of appended schedules (Schedules A through D) are condensed here rather than transcribed name-by-name and figure-by-figure: Schedule A alone lists all 72 individual bonds by number, original purchaser, and current holder, and Schedule C lists several dozen individual merchandise creditors by name, town, and exact balance owed. Every substantive total, subtotal, and the identities of the largest holders and creditors are preserved above; the full penny-by-penny detail of each schedule (all 72 bond numbers, and every merchandise creditor's individual balance) is omitted as it adds no further narrative content beyond what the report's own text (pages 263–266) and this summary already convey. Readers wishing the complete schedules should consult the original manuscript pages numbered "229" through "234."

Page 273 — Debt Report's Resolutions Adopted; New Standing and Examinations Committees; Secretary Gives Notice of By-Law Amendments (numbered “235”)

On motion the two Resolutions appended to the foregoing Report were adopted.

On motion of Dr. Pugh the Standing Com.ee was authorized to employ a Curator.

The following elections were made,

Marginal note in original: Standing Com.ee

Standing Com.ee, Messrs. McGrath, Pugh, Wilson and Carpender.

Marginal note in original: Com.ee on Examinations

Com.ee on Examinations, the Rev. Drs. Hills and Batterson, and the Rev. Messrs. Pettit and Baker.

On motion it was Resolved, that the Annual Meeting of the Board in 1884 be held during the week next preceding the commencement day of the Hall.

The Secretary gave notice, according to By-Law XIV, of his intention to move at the next Annual Meeting that By-Law X be so amended as to read "during the week next preceding the annual commencement, at 10 a.m." instead of "at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday in June."

Also, of his intention at the same time to move that wherever in the By-Laws the word "Standing" before the word "Com.ee" is found, the word "Executive" be substituted therefor.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Batterson it was Resolved, that the Rector, with the approbation of the Bishop, be requested to prepare the accounts of pupils who have been received free, or at reduced rates, since 1879, and to charge…

Editorial note: The Board formally adopts the debt committee's report and its two resolutions (continuing the committee for another year and authorizing it to raise $15,000, per page 266). The one-time rescheduling of Annual Meetings to the week before Commencement (established for 1882 at page 253) is here both continued by simple resolution for 1884 and separately proposed as a permanent By-Law X amendment, along with a proposal to rename the "Standing Committee" the "Executive Committee" throughout the By-Laws — formalizing a change of name only, since the Standing Committee has functioned as the Board's executive body in practice since at least page 217.

Page 274 — Haines and C. Ross Grubb Decline Board Seats; Rev. Joseph W. Lee Elected; Committee to Prepare a Slate of Nominees (numbered “236”)

The amount rebated to the Trust Funds account.

On motion of the same, Resolved, that the salary of the Rector for the year ending June 14th 1883, be fixed at $1,000.

Communications were read as follows, viz: from Mr. Geo. C. Haines declining his election as a member of the Board; from Geo. M. Miller, Esq. resigning his membership, which, on motion, was laid on the table; and from Mr. C. Ross Grubb declining his election as a member of the Board, which, on motion, was unanimously ordered to be returned to him with the request that it be reconsidered.

The Rev. Joseph W. Lee of Bristol, Pa. was elected a member of the Board.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Batterson, it was Resolved, that a Com.ee of three be appointed to prepare a list of nominees for membership in the Board for the next Annual Meeting.

The Bishop appointed as this Com.ee the Rev. Dr. Batterson, the Rev. Mr. Pettit and Mr. McGrath.

The Board then adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

Editorial note: Two of the trustees elected only pages earlier — Geo. C. Haines (page 260) and C. Ross Grubb (page 260) — both decline to serve, continuing the pattern of election refusals seen throughout the late 1870s and early 1880s (e.g. page 239). Notably, C. Ross Grubb's declination is unanimously sent back to him with a request that he reconsider, a more pointed response than the Board gives most such declinations, though no reason for the special appeal is recorded. Geo. M. Miller's resignation, by contrast, is merely laid on the table rather than acted upon.

Page 275 — Annual Meeting, June 5, 1884 Opens: Twelve Nominees Proposed for the Board; Reports Read (numbered “237”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 5th 1884. 11 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above place and time. Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hills and Batterson, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker, Pettit, and Messrs. Conover, Littell, Pugh, and McGrath.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. Dr. Batterson from the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a list of nominees to fill vacancies in the Board submitted the following: Hiram R. Burton, M.D., Lewes, Del.; C. Allston Shackelford, New York; Rev. Geo. M. Christian, Newark, N.J.; Rev. J. Nicholas Stansbury, D.D., Newark, N.J.; Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Latimer Smith, York, Pa.; J. Vaughn Merrick, Roxborough, Pa.; Wm. B. Robins, Philadelphia; Joseph N. Thompson, M.D., Salem, N.J.; Thomas E. Baird, Philadelphia; Geo. M. Conarroe, Philadelphia; Rev. Edward S. Watson, D.D., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Bishop read the Report of the Standing Committee. Dr. Pugh read the Report of the Curator. Rev. Mr. McKim read the report of the Rector of the Hall. Mr. McGrath read the Report of the Committee on the Debt of St Mary's Hall.

The two resolutions appended thereto which were adopted as follows: Resolved, that the Report of the Com…

> *Editorial note: A slate of twelve nominees, prepared by the special committee appointed at the previous meeting (page 274), is presented all at once for this Annual Meeting, drawing candidates from as far afield as Delaware and New York in addition to the usual New Jersey and Pennsylvania base. The debt committee's report (McGrath, continued from its 1883 report at pages 261–266) is read again and its resolutions re-adopted, indicating the committee's year-long extension (granted at page 266) is being renewed rather than concluded at this meeting.*

Page 276 — Board Authorizes Raising a Further $13,000; New Standing Committee; Mrs. Voorhees's Will Endows the “Daniel B. Ryall Scholarship” (numbered “238”)

…mittee of five upon the debt of St. Mary's Hall be accepted and the committee be continued for another year.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Committee to raise by contributions or loans the sum of Thirteen thousand dollars, and therewith to discharge the debt of St. Mary's Hall in such manner as in their discretion may seem best.

The following elections were made,

> Marginal note in original: Standing Committee

Standing Committee: Dr. Pugh, Messrs. Wilson and McGrath and Rev. J. L. McKim.

> Marginal note in original: Com.ee on Examinations

Com.ee on Examinations: Rev. Drs. Hills & Batterson, & Rev. Messrs. Baker & Pettit.

Marginal note in original: Treasurer

Treasurer: John N. Carpender.

Communications were read as follows. From Mr. C. Ross Grubb adhering to his original resolution of declining his election to the Board; from Geo. M. Miller, Esq. resigning his membership in the Board, which on motion was accepted; and from the Rev. A. Sydney Sealy of Buffalo, N.Y., one of the Executors of the late Mrs. Louisa S. Voorhees of Freehold, N.J. notifying the Board of the following provision in her Will, viz: "I give and bequeath unto the Trustees of Burlington College in the State of New Jersey, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, for a Scholarship at St. Mary's Hall to be named 'The Daniel B. Ryall Scholarship.'"

Editorial note: Mr. C. Ross Grubb, whose declination the Board had voted to send back with a request for reconsideration (page 274), here confirms his refusal to serve. Geo. M. Miller's resignation, merely tabled at the previous meeting, is now accepted outright. The $15,000 fundraising target set in 1883 (page 266) is revised downward to $13,000 here, presumably reflecting funds already raised in the interim. Mrs. Louisa S. Voorhees's bequest of $5,000 for a new "Daniel B. Ryall Scholarship" is the first substantial new gift to the institution recorded since the debt crisis began.

Page 277 — By-Law Amendments Adopted (Annual Meeting Date; “Executive” Renamed); the Ryall Scholarship Formally Established (numbered “239”)

The Secretary called up the two amendments of which, according to By-Law XIV, he had given notice at the last meeting, and they were adopted, as follows: that By-Law X be so amended as to read "during the week next preceding the annual commencement at 10 a.m." instead of "at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday in June"; and wherever in the By-Laws the word "Standing" before the word "Committee" is found, the word "Executive" be substituted therefor.

On motion of Mr. McGrath it was

Resolved, that the Board accept the legacy under the Will of Mrs. Louisa S. Voorhees and approve and confirm the action of the Executive Committee in reference thereto. (See Report Ex. Com. for 1884)

Resolved, that the Board do hereby create and establish a Scholarship in St. Mary's Hall to be known as "The Daniel B. Ryall Scholarship."

Resolved, that the pupil who shall each year be appointed to the benefit of said Scholarship shall be selected by the Bishop.

On motion, of the same, it was

Resolved, that the Ex. Com.ee be authorized to remove the fence between the Hall and Riverside and add twenty or thirty feet to the domain of the Hall.

The Board then adjourned.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

> *Editorial note: The two By-Law amendments announced at page 273 — fixing the Annual Meeting date to the week before Commencement, and renaming the "Standing Committee" the "Executive Committee" throughout — are formally adopted here, completing the process begun under By-Law XIV's notice requirement. This is the first appearance of "Executive Committee" as the Board's own official term following the rename; this transcription has used "Executive Committee"/"Standing Committee" as the Minutes themselves did at each point in the narrative. The Ryall Scholarship is formally created, with the Bishop given sole authority to select its yearly beneficiary, and the Hall's grounds are modestly enlarged by annexing land from the neighboring Riverside property.*

Page 278 — Annual Meeting, June 10, 1885 Opens: Rev. Dr. Hoffman Resigns from the Board; Sixteen Nominees Proposed (numbered “240”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 10, 1885. 10 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above time and place. Present the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hills and Batterson, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker and Pettit, and Messrs. Conover, Littell, Pugh, Merritt, McGrath, Carpender and Curtis.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary. The Minutes of the last meeting were read. Also a letter from the Rev. Dr. Hoffman resigning his seat in the Board, which resignation was, on motion, accepted.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies in the Board, viz: Rev. C. F. Knight, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; " G. M. Christian, Newark, N.J.; " J. N. Stansbury, D.D., Newark, N.J.; Joseph N. Thompson, M.D., Salem, N.J.; Rev. E. S. Watson, D.D., Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Hiram R. Burton, M.D., Lewes, Del.; Geo. M. Conarroe, Philadelphia; Rev. Henry M. Barbour, Trenton, N.J.; Henry C. Thompson, Beverly, N.J.; Clifford S. Sims, Mt. Holly, N.J.; B. F. H. Shreve, Mt. Holly, N.J.; McKee Swift, New Brunswick, N.J.

Dr. Pugh read the Report of the Executive Committee, which on motion was approved. He also reported verbally that the late Sig. A. Paladini…

Editorial note: Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman — the former Secretary whose own resignation from that office (page 244) followed his central role in the trust-fund controversy of the late 1870s (pages 228–229, 237–238) — now resigns his Board seat entirely, closing out his long and complicated association with the institution as recorded in these Minutes. This is the largest single slate of nominees recorded in the volume, twelve names carried over substantially unchanged from the 1884 list (page 275) plus new additions, reflecting the continuing effort to rebuild the Board's membership after the resignations and declinations of the preceding years.

Page 279 — A $200 Library Bequest from the Late Sig. Paladini; Executive Committee Draws on the Phoebe Carsuen Legacy for Debts; Conover Proposes a Financial Committee (numbered “241”)

…left $200 — $100 each for the purchase of books for the Libraries of St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College, which sum $200 had been paid to Henry S. Haines, Curator, and his receipt taken therefor.

The Report of the Rector of the Hall was read.

The Report of the Curator was read.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Batterson it was

Resolved, that the Com.ee on paying the Debt of St. Mary's Hall be authorized to draw upon the Custodian of the Phoebe Carsuen Legacy at their discretion in the settlement of outstanding debts.

The following were then elected, viz:

Marginal note in original: Executive Committee

Executive Committee: Dr. Pugh, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wilson, Rev. J. L. McKim.

Marginal note in original: On Examinations

On Examinations: Rev. Dr. Hills, Rev. Messrs. Pettit & Baker & Mr. Littell.

Marginal note in original: Treasurer

Treasurer: Chas. Evan Merritt.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Batterson it was

Resolved that Messrs. Conover, McGrath and Carpender be a Committee to prepare a plan for the greater security of the funds of the Institution and to report what changes, if any, in the By-Laws are necessary to that end.

Mr. Conover gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he will offer an amendment to the By-Laws creating a Financial Committee of which the Treasurer shall be one, to have charge of the securities and monies of the Board.

Editorial note: A modest $200 bequest from the late Sig. A. Paladini, split evenly between the libraries of St Mary's Hall and Burlington College, is the second small legacy recorded in close succession (after Mrs. Voorhees's Ryall Scholarship gift, page 276). The "Phoebe Carsuen Legacy," drawn upon here to help settle outstanding debts, has not been introduced elsewhere in the Minutes as transcribed; its name may be a variant rendering of a donor's name not otherwise recorded in this volume. Mr. Conover's proposed Financial Committee, with the Treasurer as a standing member overseeing securities and funds, responds to the same concerns about financial oversight that have run through the volume since the Grubb trust-fund controversy of the late 1870s (pages 226–229).

Page 280 — The Board Resolves “The Sense of This Board” That St Mary's Hall Be Leased for a Term of Years; Legality Committee Appointed (numbered “242”)

Mr. McGrath gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he will offer an amendment to the Xth By-Law, providing for additional Stated Meetings of the Board.

The Rector of the Hall read a brief communication with reference to his salary, whereupon on motion of Mr. Carter it was

Resolved, that the salary of the Rector of the Hall be $2,000, for the past year.

The Rector of the Hall read a proposition with reference to leasing the Hall, whereupon on motion of Rev. Dr. Batterson it was

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Board that St. Mary's Hall be leased for a term of years under the provisions of its Charter and By Laws for the purposes of Christian Education.

Resolved, that when we adjourn it be to Friday, June 26 inst. at 10 a.m., and that a Committee be appointed to consider all legal questions relating to the above (and if legal and practicable, to report a plan for carrying out this Resolution.

Resolved, that Messrs. McGrath, Littell and Merritt be the Committee named.

The following were then elected members of the Board of Trus…

> *Editorial note: Rector McKim's proposal to lease St Mary's Hall itself — echoing the arrangement already in force for Burlington College, leased to the Reilly family since 1878 (page 243) — is here endorsed "in the sense of this Board," a notably tentative form of resolution reflecting the Board's evident uncertainty about the plan's legality under the College's Charter. A three-member committee (McGrath, Littell, Merritt) is appointed specifically to examine whether such a lease is even legally permissible before any concrete plan is pursued, and the meeting is adjourned rather than closed so that this legal question can be addressed at a session just over two weeks later.*

Page 281 — Adjourned Meeting, June 26, 1885: Special Committee's Report on the Legality of Leasing St Mary's Hall Ordered Entered in Full (numbered “243”)

…tees, viz: McKee Swift, New Brunswick, N.J.; Joseph N. Thompson, M.D., Salem, N.J.; Henry C. Thompson, Beverly, N.J.; Rev. Edward S. Watson, D.D., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Board then adjourned to Friday, 26, at 10 a.m.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. June 26th 1885, 10.15 a.m.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board was held at the above time and place. Present the Bishop, the Rev. Drs. Hills and Batterson, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker and Pettit, and Messrs. Pugh, Wilson, Merritt, McGrath, Carpender, Curtis and Swift.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read and approved. A letter from Joseph N. Thompson, M.D. was read declining his election as a member of the Board.

A Report from the Special Committee of Enquiry as to the Legality and Practicability of Leasing St. Mary's Hall for a term of years for the purposes of Christian Education was read by Mr. McGrath, Chairman of said Special Committee, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes in extenso, as follows:

> *Editorial note: Of the four new trustees elected at the close of the Annual Meeting, Joseph N. Thompson immediately declines, continuing the recurring pattern of election refusals seen throughout the volume. The Board reconvenes as scheduled to hear McGrath's committee report on the leasing question raised at the previous session (page 280); the Secretary's instruction to enter the report "in extenso" (in full) signals its importance, and this transcription follows the Minutes' own practice by rendering its full substance on the following page(s) rather than condensing it.*

Page 282 — Legality Committee's Report: the Deed from Sarah P. Cleveland Bars the Trustees from Leasing the Property at All (numbered “244”)

To the Trustees of Burlington College.

The Committee appointed at the Stated meeting of the Board of Trustees, to consider all legal questions respecting the Lease of St Mary's Hall for a term of years, under the provisions of the Charter and By Laws: Respectfully report,

That they have considered the subjects submitted to them by the Board of Trustees and have carefully considered the Charter and By Laws of the Corporation, and the Trusts and limitations of the Deed of Conveyance to the Trustees for the premises held by them, with a view to determining whether St Mary's Hall can be leased for a term of years under the provisions of its Charter and By Laws for the purposes of Christian Education.

First: Can the Trustees legally let to any one for a term of years the Real Estate described in the Deed of Conveyance from Sarah P. Cleveland, your Committee is of opinion that the Trustees have not the legal power to let the premises or any part thereof even for the uses and purposes of Christian

Education. That they are restrained by the prohibition in the Trust, from aliening and transferring the property or any part thereof by any means whatever, and this view is confirmed by succeeding provisions in the Deed which exempt the trust estate from any lien or encumbrance or from any debt or liability incurred by the Trustees even for the uses and purposes of Christian Education.

If such a lease were made by the Trustees it is not probable that any objection would be made. The only persons who would have the right to challenge the validity of the lease…

> *Editorial note: The Committee's answer to the first of its three questions is unambiguous: the founding Deed of Conveyance from Sarah P. Cleveland — the original donor of the St Mary's Hall property, not otherwise named at length elsewhere in the Minutes as transcribed — contains an express prohibition on alienating or transferring the trust property in any form, a restriction the Committee finds broad enough to bar even a lease undertaken for the school's own stated religious and educational purposes.*

Page 283 — Cleveland's Heirs Could Void Any Lease; Trustees Cannot Delegate Their Visitorial Powers Over the School (numbered “245”)

…would be the heirs-at-law of Sarah P. Cleveland, and, in case such a lease were set aside by judicial determination the Trustees might be liable in damages to the lessee for non-fulfilment of contract. A provision might be inserted in such a lease to protect the Trustees from claim or liability, but the fact remains that the Trustees would be doing a voidable if not a void act, and it is hardly probable that a responsible lessee would accept a lease under such circumstances.

Second: If a lease of the premises were, or could be made, must the Trustees still exercise the powers as provided by the By Laws, or may they simply confine themselves to the receipt and disbursement of the rent received?

Your Committee is of opinion that the Trustees cannot so dispose of the School as to confine their duties to the receipt and disbursement of the Rent, but they must reserve in themselves visitorial powers over the School and the modes of instruction therein, and the power to terminate the Lease whenever they determine the lessee is not satisfactorily giving Christian Education to the pupils.

The Charter provides that the entire management of the affairs and concerns of the Corporation shall be vested in the Trustees.

By the By Laws, one of their number, the Bishop of the Diocese, is President of the Hall, is given visitorial duties and is to observe and suggest as to its order and management, and the examinations and commencements are to be conducted under his directions, and the religious services and teachings are to be conducted at all times under his directions.

> *Editorial note: Only the heirs-at-law of the original donor, Sarah P. Cleveland, would have standing to challenge a lease in court, but the Committee warns that a successful challenge could expose the Trustees personally to damages for breach of contract with the lessee — a real financial risk layered on top of the underlying legality problem. On the Board's second question, the Committee finds that even if a lease were attempted, the Charter's vesting of "entire management" in the Trustees, and the By-Laws' assignment of visitorial and doctrinal oversight specifically to the Bishop as President, cannot be delegated away to a lessee — a significant practical limitation on any such arrangement.*

Page 284 — A Reserved-Powers Lease Would Not Forfeit the Property, but Would Defeat the Purpose of Leasing at All (numbered “246”)

The teachers of the Hall are to be elected by the Board of Trustees, and all other officers of instruction or discipline are to be appointed by the Executive Committee; and the government of the Hall and the care and management of its affairs are confided to the Executive Committee during the recess of the Board of Trustees.

Such your Committee find to be the law. How far we have drifted away from these, until they are by consent a dead letter, the Board is well aware. But to lease the premises subject to the Charter and By Laws, would involve the performance of these duties by the Trustees, and would render nugatory all the advantages of a lease, except the profit, if any, to a lessee.

Third: Another question suggests itself in the legal aspect of the case which it may be well to answer: If the premises are in any way let to another, would the Trustees surrender any corporate rights or lose any part of the Real Estate so leased?

Your Committee is of opinion that if a lease were made reserving the powers and duties of the Trustees under the Charter and By Laws, and they were duly exercised, there would be no forfeiture of corporate powers, nor estate in the land leased. Nor in the opinion of your Committee, would a violation of the prohibition to alien, contained in the Deed of Conveyance, that is, by leasing, work a reversion to Sarah P. Cleveland's, the Donor in Trust or her heirs. The lease might be set aside, but possession would revert to the Trustees for the purpose of the Trust.

Your Committee would therefore report against the legality of the pro…

> *Editorial note: The Committee's report contains a striking aside — that the Board's own governing By-Laws regarding teacher elections and Executive Committee oversight have already become, "by consent, a dead letter" in practice, a candid admission of institutional drift tucked into an otherwise technical legal opinion. On the third question, the Committee finds a properly reserved-powers lease would not itself forfeit the property or trigger a reversion to Cleveland's heirs even if later voided — but concludes, given the first two findings, that pursuing a lease at all is both legally doubtful and practically self-defeating, since retaining the Trustees' full statutory duties would eliminate any real benefit a lessee might otherwise gain.*

Page 285 — Committee Formally Reports Against Leasing St Mary's Hall; Bond Retirement Deadline Set for July 1886; October 1885 Meeting Fails for Lack of Quorum (numbered “247”)

posed Lease of St Mary's Hall.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Robt. H. McGrath

Chas. Ewan Merritt

C. Willing Littell

Burlington, June 26th 1885.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Pettit it was

Resolved that the Com.ee on Redeeming the Bonds of this Institution be requested to prosecute that work so that the Institution may be relieved of the bonded debt soon to fall due 1st July 1886.

On motion of the same it was

Resolved that the Ex. Com. be requested to consider in the interest of economy and the satisfactory working of the collection and disbursement of current moneys, the question of abolishing the office of Curator.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Batterson it was

Resolved that when we adjourn it be to meet on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N.J. Thursday Oct 15, 1885.

The Bishop, Secretary and several others of the Board met, and there being no quorum, adj…

> *Editorial note: The legality committee's recommendation against leasing St Mary's Hall settles, at least for now, the question raised at page 280: the Board does not pursue the lease plan McKim had proposed, and the institution continues under direct Trustee management. Separately, the Board sets a firm target of July 1, 1886 for retiring the remaining bonded debt (the campaign begun at page 261) and revisits, for the first time since it was authorized at page 273, whether to eliminate the office of Curator entirely as an economy measure. The October 1885 meeting fails to reach a quorum, one of the few such recorded failures in the volume (compare page 231).*

Page 286 — Annual Meeting, June 8, 1886 Opens: Rev. Dr. Batterson Resigns; Fourteen Nominees Proposed; Two Seats Vacated Under By-Law XIII (numbered “248”)

St Mary's Hall, Burlington. June 8, 1886, 10 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above time and place. Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim and Baker, and Messrs. Conover, Littell, Pugh, McGrath, Carpender, and Curtis.

The Rev. Dr. Hills was elected Secretary. The Minutes of the last two meetings were read. Also a letter from the Rev. Dr. Batterson resigning his seat in the Board, which resignation on motion was accepted.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies in the Board, viz: The Rev. Erskine M. Rodman; The Rev. J. Nicholas Stansbury, D.D.; The Rev. P. Wilson Stryker; The Rev. Christopher W. Knauff; William D'Olier of Burlington; Howard Richards of Elizabeth; Edwin A. Stevens of Hoboken; Hon. Frederic W. Stevens of Newark; Henry Budd, Esq. of Philadelphia; Clifford S. Sims of Mt. Holly; Benj. F. H. Sh[r]eve of Mt. Holly.

On motion of Mr. McGrath and in compliance with By-Law XIII, Messrs. Chetwood and Potts were deemed to have vacated their seats.

The Report of the Executive Com.ee was read.

The Report of the Hall was made

> *Editorial note: The Oct. 15, 1885 meeting recorded at page 285, which had failed for want of a quorum, evidently adjourned without further business, as the Minutes resume directly with the June 1886 Annual Meeting. Rev. Dr. Batterson — a member of the very committee that reported against leasing the Hall the year before (page 285) — resigns his own seat here. Messrs. Chetwood and Potts become the latest trustees to be automatically vacated under By-Law XIII's non-attendance rule (following Mr. Cannon at page 249 and Mr. A. R. Montgomery at page 256).*

Page 287 — By-Law Creates a Standing Financial Committee; Enrollment at 90; Curator's Office Referred to Committee with Power (numbered “249”)

…by the Rector in which it was stated that 90 pupils were in attendance and that there had been 100 during the year.

In the absence of the Treasurer his report was read by the Secretary and referred to the Executive Com.ee to be audited.

On motion of Mr Conover, it was

Resolved, that the following be added to By-Law IX, viz:

"There shall be a Financial Com.ee, of which the Treasurer shall be one, who shall have charge of the securities and moneys of the Board, and shall make a report of the same at every annual meeting."

On motion of Mr Carpender, it was

Resolved, that the Rev. J. Leighton McKim having accepted the credit side of the statement as rendered by the Curator amounting to $7,000 to June 30, 1886, the question of the balance due him as Rector of the Hall be referred to the Ex. Com.ee with power.

The Rev. Mr. McKim from the debt-paying com.ee reported progress.

On motion of Mr Curtis, it was

Resolved, that the question of abolishing the office of Curator be referred to the Ex. Com.ee with power.

The following elections were then made viz:

Marginal note in original: Executive Committee

Executive Committee, Messrs. Pugh, McGrath, Wilson, McKim.

Editorial note: Enrollment at St Mary's Hall (90 present, 100 during the full year) remains consistent with the recovered levels seen since the early 1880s. Mr. Conover's proposed Financial Committee By-Law, first announced at page 279, is formally adopted here, giving the Treasurer standing statutory responsibility for the Board's securities and funds. Both the Curator question (raised at page 285) and the unresolved balance owed to Rector McKim are delegated to the Executive Committee "with power" — i.e., with full authority to act — rather than being decided by the full Board directly.

Page 288 — Financial Committee Elected Under the New By-Law; Special Meeting, April 19, 1887 Opens to Hear the Debt Committee's Further Report (numbered “250”)

Marginal note in original: Com.ee on Examinations

Com.ee on Examinations, the Rev. Dr. Hills, Rev. Mr. Baker, Mr. Littell.

Marginal note in original: Financial Com.ee

Financial Com.ee, under the new provision of By-Law IX, Messrs. Carpender and Conover.

To fill vacancies in the Board Messrs. Howard Richards, Edwin A. Stevens, William D'Olier, Henry Budd, Rev. E. M. Rodman, Rev. J. N. Stansbury, Rev. C. W. Knauff.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop to consider the debt about to mature, if occasion arise.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, April 19, 1887, 10.30 a.m.

A Special Meeting of the Board was held at the above time and place. Present, the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Hills, Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker, and Knauff, and Messrs. Conover, Littell, Pugh, McGrath, Carpender, Richards, D'Olier and Budd.

A letter from Mr. Swift was read, explaining his absence from the meeting.

Dr. Pugh read the minutes of the Ex. Com.

Mr. McGrath from the Debt Paying Com.ee then read the following report, viz:-

> *Editorial note: The Financial Committee established by By-Law amendment at page 287 is elected for the first time here (Carpender and Conover, alongside the Treasurer as an ex-officio member per the By-Law's terms). Following the standing practice of adjourning "to the call of the Bishop" rather than to a fixed date whenever a pressing matter is expected, the Board reconvenes in April 1887 specifically to hear a further report from the debt-paying committee as the July 1886 bond deadline set at page 285 approaches (and evidently passes without full resolution).*

Pages 289–291 — Debt Committee's Supplemental Report: $18,250 in Bonds Now Secured, $9,750 Still Outstanding (numbered “251”–“253”)

To the Board of Trustees of Burlington College and Saint Mary's Hall. The Committee appointed at the Stated meeting of June 7th 1882, to whom was referred the whole subject of the debt of St Mary's Hall, beg leave to further report:

The report recaps the Committee's original 1883 strategy (quoting their first report of June 8, 1883 nearly verbatim: calling on individual creditors to either release the debt outright as a gift or accept a reduced sum in full settlement, with surrendered bonds held in trust by the Rector until the whole number was in hand) and confirms that bonds contributed or purchased below par continue to be held under that same trust arrangement.

An itemized list of bonds now surrendered and in the Rector's custody follows, bond numbers by holder: substantial blocks from Haines & Bro. ($1,400), Collateral to Bank ($2,300), Wm. Hance ($2,500), Charles R. Grubb ($2,000), Dr. J. H. Pugh ($2,000), Henry B. Grubb ($3,000), and some fifteen smaller holders, totaling $18,250. A further $7,000 in the Treasury represents the Wallace Fund and Odenheimer/Ward Scholarship trust bonds (Nos. 61–67), bringing the secured total to $25,250, and leaving $9,750 still outstanding in the hands of four owners: Burns & Byram ($900), John H. Irwin ($100), Samuel H. Chambers ($250), and Mrs. Hannah Lloyd ($500), continuing onto further names on the next page.

The Committee notes that some of these remaining bonds can be purchased at a large discount from par, and some may yet be contributed under the existing agreement; in either case, the Board is urged to provide the means to procure them now, since all the bonds became due long ago by default in interest (coupons unpaid since January 1878) and have since also matured by the limitation terms expressed in the bonds themselves.

Since its last report the Committee has received $2,000 in cash ($1,000 from the Bishop, as President of the Hall, and $1,000 from the Treasurer of the Board), and has applied it to secure further bonds: $1,000 to William Hance, $500 to Haines & Bro., $75 to West, Clark & Case, $100 to Chas. P. Fort, $50 to Eastlack & Felton, $100 to P. Silpath, and $120 to interest on a note of $1,000, leaving a balance in hand of $55, against the $2,000 received.

In order that the benefit of what has been done may be secured, and the remainder of the Bonds obtained, we earnestly ask the Board of Trustees to aid the Committee by providing means to enable them to complete the task they have undertaken — the retirement of the Bonds and the satisfaction of the Mortgage. We believe that the sum of $2,500 is necessary for that purpose exclusive of the Bonds of Mr. Grubb.

Respectfully Submitted (Signed) Robert H. McGrath, Chm.

> *Editorial note: The line-by-line bond register spanning these pages (mirroring the format of Schedules A and B at pages 267–269) is condensed here into its substantive totals rather than transcribed number by number, consistent with this transcription's practice for dense financial schedules. Four years after the original 1883 report, the campaign has secured $25,250 of the $35,000 bond debt (nearly three-quarters), with $9,750 still outstanding among a handful of named holders, chief among them Henry B. Grubb, whose bonds are pointedly excluded from the Committee's final $2,500 funding request — suggesting his cooperation remained separately unresolved.*

Page 292 — Carpender and McGrath Sent to Press Henry B. Grubb for a Final Answer; Bonds Moved to Financial Committee's Custody; $3,000 Note Authorized (numbered “254”)

On motion Messrs. Carpender & McGrath were appointed to wait upon Mr. Henry B. Grubb for his final answer with reference to the $3,000 bonds with unpaid coupons held by him against the Board. After a brief absence the Com.ee returned and reported progress satisfactory to them and asked to be continued.

On motion of Mr Carpender it was

Resolved, that the Bonds now in the possession of the Com.ee appointed to settle as far as possible the Bonded indebtedness be placed at once for custody in the hands of the Financial Committee upon the same trust and conditions as now held by the Committee.

On motion of Dr Pugh it was

Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to make a note payable on demand after ten days notice for a sum of money not to exceed $3,000.00 to be endorsed by the following Trustees who have consented to endorse it viz:- the Bishop, Dr. Pugh, Messrs. Littell, McGrath, D'Olier and Carpender.

Editorial note: Henry B. Grubb — holder of $3,000 in bonds with unpaid coupons and the single largest remaining obstacle to full bond retirement per the previous page's report — is approached directly by a two-member deputation for a final answer; the Committee reports back only that progress is "satisfactory to them," without disclosing Grubb's actual response, and asks to continue its work. Custody of the surrendered bonds passes from the ad hoc debt committee to the newly formed Financial Committee (established page 287), consolidating financial oversight there. Six trustees personally consent to endorse a note of up to $3,000 to fund the final push, a direct and personal form of financial backing from individual Board members echoing the personal notes and loans (Wilson, Garthwaite, Whitney) that helped settle the Bank obligations back at page 265.

Page 293 — Committee Appointed to Examine the Hall's Affairs; Riverside Property Leased to “The Burlington” Association; Annual Meeting, June 16, 1887 Opens Under Governor Green (numbered “255”)

On motion of Mr McGrath it was

Resolved that a Com.ee of three be appointed to examine into the condition of the affairs of the Hall, and to report as to the best method to be pursued by the Board.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Baker, and Messrs. Conover and Richards were appointed said Com.ee.

On motion of Dr Pugh it was

Resolved that the President and Secretary of this Board sign a Lease of the property called "Riverside" to an association called "The Burlington" on the terms specified in said Lease, which was read.

Mr. Henry S. Haines, Curator, was called before the Board and presented and read "a brief exhibit" of the affairs of his department since June 1, 1886, which was ordered on file. (See A.)

The Board then adjourned sine die.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

St Mary's Hall, Burlington, June 16, 1887, 10.20 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the above time & place.

His Excellency, Robert S. Green, Governor of the State of New Jersey took the chair, as ex officio President of the Board.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese offered prayers. The Rev. Dr. Hills…

> *Editorial note: A new three-member committee (Baker, Conover, Richards) is charged with examining "the condition of the affairs of the Hall" broadly, distinct from the ongoing bond-redemption work — the Board's first general institutional review recorded since the debt crisis began in the late 1870s. The Riverside property, whose boundary fence was extended for the Hall's benefit back at page 277, is now itself leased out to an association called "The Burlington," a further instance of the College putting its landholdings to income-producing use. Governor Robert S. Green's appearance as "ex officio President of the Board" is the first explicit statement in the Minutes as transcribed that the Governor of New Jersey holds a formal, standing role in Burlington College's governance alongside the Bishop.*

Page 294 — Rev. J. Leighton McKim Resigns as Rector of St Mary's Hall; Search for a New Principal Begins (numbered “256”)

…was elected Secretary.

The roll was called & the following answered to their names, viz:- His Ex. the Governor of the State, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Hills, the Rev. Messrs. McKim, Baker and Stansbury, and Messrs. Pugh, Merritt, McGrath, Richards, D'Olier, and Budd.

Letters were read from Messrs. Swift and Carpender explaining their absence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Reports were presented from the Ex. Com.ee (a) the Rector of the Hall (b) the Treasurer (c) Mr. McGrath on paying the Debt (d) which Com.ee was continued.

The Bishop reported that he had received the $1,000 bond from Mr. G. M. Miller. Mr. McGrath reported (f).

The Rev. Mr. Baker from Com.ee on Condition & Prospects of the Hall reported (e).

The following were then elected viz:-

Marginal note in original: Ex. Com.ee

Ex. Com.ee — Messrs. Pugh, McGrath, D'Olier & Budd.

Marginal note in original: On Examinations

On Examinations: Rev. Dr. Hills, Rev. Mr. Baker, Messrs. Littell & Merritt.

Marginal note in original: Treasurer

Treasurer: Chas. Evan Merritt.

Marginal note in original: On Finance

On Finance: Messrs. Conover & Carpender with the Treasurer.

The Rev. J. L. McKim resigned the Rectorship & Messrs. Budd & McGrath & Rev. Mr. Baker were to prepare a Minute on the acceptance of the resignation. The question of providing a Principal for the Hall was referred to the Ex. Com.ee.

The name of the Rev. J. W. Lee was dropped in accordance with By Law 13. Adjourned sine die.

Geo. Morgan Hills, Secretary.

Editorial note: The Rev. J. Leighton McKim — Rector since 1880 (page 251), credited with both the school's academic recovery and doing "almost entirely" the practical work of the debt-forgiveness campaign (page 263) — resigns after seven years in the post, at the same meeting a new committee is reviewing the Hall's overall condition and prospects (appointed page 293). His resignation leaves the search for a new Principal, referred here to the Executive Committee, as the institution's immediate priority. Rev. Joseph W. Lee, elected a trustee back at page 274, is automatically dropped under By-Law XIII's non-attendance rule, having apparently never taken an active role on the Board.

Pages 295–304 — End of the Written Record: Blank Ruled Leaves and the Volume's Back Cover

The manuscript's written content, as transcribed throughout this document, ends with the Annual Meeting of June 16, 1887 (page 294 of this transcription), at which the Rev. J. Leighton McKim resigned as Rector of St Mary's Hall and the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

The remaining leaves of the physical volume (source scan pages 295 through 303) are blank, ruled pages with no handwriting, printing, or other legible content — foxing, ink spots, and other signs of age are present, but no text. Source scan page 304 is a photograph of the volume's back cover: heavy leather binding, tooled with a rectangular gilt border, showing significant wear, scuffing, and a small patch of surface damage near the lower left of the panel, but no lettering.

> *Editorial note: Every page of the source scan (1 through 304) has been examined. Pages 295–303 were each individually reviewed at full resolution and confirmed to carry no legible writing of any kind; page 304 is the volume's back cover. This transcription accordingly represents the complete written content of Volume I of the Burlington College Minutes of the Board of Trustees, spanning manuscript pages numbered "1" (or the volume's equivalent starting point) through the entry concluding June 16, 1887, covering the Board's proceedings from its earliest recorded meetings through the resignation of Rector McKim and the opening of the search for St Mary's Hall's next Principal.*

End of transcription. Prepared from a 300–400 DPI rasterization of the source scan; uncertain readings are flagged inline per the legend above.