

On motion—

Ordered, That said bills be referred to the President and Clerk, with power.

Bill requiring an appropriation before payment.

Davis & Cochran, extra work on Ward School-
House No. 28, in the Twenty-second Ward..... \$584 03

On motion—

Ordered, That said bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

Bill objected to, because a portion of the same was regarded as unusual expenditure.

Nathaniel Johnson, Furniture in Schools in the Twentieth
Ward..... \$192 98

On motion—

Ordered, That the President and Clerk be authorized to sign a warrant in favor of said Johnson for \$128 98, and that the balance of the bill, amounting to \$64, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Pay-rolls of School in the Fourth Ward—School closed in violation of the By-Laws.

On motion of Mr. SHINE—

Resolved, That the President and Clerk be authorized to sign checks for the payment of teachers and janitor of Ward School No. 1, for the month of March; also, for ten School sessions in the month of April, when said pay-rolls shall have been presented and properly audited by the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, said sessions having been omitted by the delay in fitting up a temporary location for said School.

The PRESIDENT stated his objection to signing a warrant in payment of the salary of Timothy W. Kennedy, acting principal of Ward School No. 43, said Kennedy holding only a grade B certificate.

Mr. MACKEAN moved to refer said subject to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

Ordered, That said subject be referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Mr. BENEDICT, Chairman of the Special Committee on

Albany Legislation, made a statement to the Board relative to his visit to Albany, respecting bills before the Legislature affecting the Board of Education, and for removing the control of the Free Academy from the Executive Committee on Free Academy to a Board of Trustees.

On motion of Mr. FITZPATRICK—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be, and they are hereby presented to Commissioner BENEDICT, for his persevering and successful efforts at Albany in defeating the passage of bills before the State Legislature, affecting the Board of Education, and especially the bill abolishing the Executive Committee on Free Academy, and placing said institution under the care of a Board of Trustees.

On motion of Mr. GUNTHER—

Resolved, That the nomination of Anna E. Moss as teacher in the Evening School of the Eighteenth Ward, for the term commencing on the 7th day of January last, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

The PRESIDENT announced as the next business in order the consideration of Document No. 4, being the report of the Committee on Libraries, relative to establishing Libraries in the several Wards, from the fund set apart for that purpose. (*Journal*, pp. 97,98.)

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

Ordered, That said report be recommitted to the Committee on Libraries, for the purpose of reporting a plan for the successful establishing of libraries in the several Wards, and that the Finance Committee report to the Board the available fund at the disposal of the Board for such purposes.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a report from the Executive Committee on Free Academy, in favor of memorializing the Common Council for an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), for the purpose of erecting a fire-proof building for the Library of the Free Academy.

JAMES MACKEAN,
JAMES M. TUTHILL,
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
DENIS MCCARTHY,
HUBBARD G. STONE,

} *Executive Com-
mittee on
Free Academy.*

On motion—

Ordered, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Michael Curran, Vice-Principal of Ward School No. 5, asking leave of absence from duty for the purpose of enlisting in the service of the United States, as Lieutenant of the New-York Volunteers, he having served as lieutenant under General Quitman, during the Mexican war.

On motion—

Ordered, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from John Wyberd, relative to heating Ward School-House No. 3, in the Ninth Ward.

On motion—

Ordered, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from sundry students in the Free Academy, stating that with the approbation of the President and Faculty of the Institution, they are organizing among themselves a company for the purpose of Home Service, and asking the Board to furnish them with such assistance as will qualify them, when equipped for such service as they may be called upon to render in the defence of our city.

On motion—

Ordered, That said communication be referred to the Executive Committee on Free Academy.

The PRESIDENT stated his objection to signing a warrant in payment of the following bill, for the reason hereinafter stated :

Bill incurred in violation of the By-Laws.

Ivison, Phinney & Co., Books for Schools in the Tenth

Ward.....\$72 00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1861.

STATED SESSION.

Present—Commissioners Fitzpatrick, Timpson, Buckley, Gould, Shine, Langdon, Tuthill, Dupignac, Brennan, Coger, Galvan, Lydecker, Tucker, C. E. Gildersleve, Farr, Slote, Miller, Rhoads, Metzgar, Gregory, Mackean, D. H. Gildersleeve, Brown, Byrne, Collins, Warren, Benedict, Vance, McGuire, Kennedy, Ford, McCarthy, Stone, Waterbury, Davenport, O'Keefe, Marriner—37.

Absent—William E. Curtis, Esq., President, and Commissioners Cavanagh, Crozier, Wade, Smith, Gunther, Stout—7.

On motion—

Mr. TUTHILL was appointed *PRESIDENT pro tem*.

The Journal of the sessions held on the 17th and 24th days of April, respectively, was read and approved.

The Journal of the session held on May 1 was read, and on motion of Mr. BENEDICT was amended so as to state, on page 138, that the communication from sundry students of the Free Academy, relative to organizing themselves into a military company as a Home Guard, was referred to the Executive Committee on Free Academy, "with power."

The Journal as amended was then approved.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee on Free Academy were also read.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, nominating George H. E. Lynch